

This Week's News!

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

It was fantastic to see so many of our families and lots of new faces at the FOFS Firework Display last Saturday. The evening was sold out and the feedback from everyone was amazing. A massive 'thank you' to FOFS for such a well organised evening and for raising such an **amazing** amount of money for us.

We have had a busy week with so many important events in school. On Monday we started the week with a special Remembrance Day assembly ending with a 2 minute silence. Thanks to Maisie in Year Six who placed a wreath from Flamstead Village School at the memorial in the village last Sunday. We raised £269.62 for the RBL in school. On Tuesday we launched 'Anti Bullying Week'. All the children received a 'Respect' wristband, have been involved in 'Odd Socks Day' and have been learning in class how everyone is unique and equally important. Earlier in the week a parent pack was sent home to help you support your child's understanding on 'Anti Bullying Week' at home. All classes had immense fun during the Indian Dance workshops on Wednesday and we also enjoyed the music. It is important for all children to experience diversity and the richness that other cultures bring. After the workshop one child said he hadn't just had a good day at school, but it had been a GREAT day as he enjoyed the workshop so much! Wednesday was also 'World Kindness Day' which linked in very well with our focus on respect for all. The children were able to share many ways in which they can be kind to others. On Thursday we had visitors from the Luton Foodbank. Liz Stringer and Salma Khan came to talk to the children about where the food goes and how many parcels they were able to distribute. The children were also asked to thank their own families for bringing in in such kind donations to our harvest collection earlier this term. We ended the week with 'Children in Need Day' today. It was lovely to see the children in Pudsey Paraphernalia and thank you for your online donations, we will pass these directly to the Children in Need Charity and share some photos with you next week.

In English, Maple Class have been enjoying their new book 'Last Stop on Market Street' and learning all about nouns and verbs. They went for a walk around their playground to see if they could collect everyday nouns and then turn them into something more fantastical with expanded noun phrases. They have also been exploring the UK in Geography and discovering the names of the capital cities of each country that make up the United Kingdom. Finally, they joined their friends in Cherry Class to start practising the much-awaited Nativity play.

Chestnut Class have been inventing a flying machine in English as part of their new unit on explanation texts. They have been thinking of ways to engage the reader using amazing facts and rhetorical questions. In Maths they have been identifying patterns in times tables and working hard to secure all multiplications up to 12. In History they were identifying writing from the Phoenician alphabet, one of the earliest forms of writing. For Anti-bullying Week they have been writing collaborative acrostic poems for this years theme, Respect.

Bonsai Class thoroughly enjoyed this week. To commemorate Remembrance Day, the pupils published and illustrated In Flanders Fields revisiting the poem explored in their last Art unit. As a class they then created an acrostic poem spelling out 'We Remember'. The Indian and Bollywood dance workshop was a favourite for many as they worked in groups to perform and choreograph their dances. For World Kindness Day Bonsai wrote notes of appreciation and affirmation to their chosen adult in school before discreetly leaving them to be found spreading smiles and some happy tears.

Can we gently remind parents that lunch accounts also need topping up if your child is receiving school meals. I wish you all a very pleasant and restful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Walton-Jones

Nov / Dec Reminders

20th—Y6 height / weight checks

29th - Y5/6—Tower of London

6th—Parent Council Meeting

6th—Santa at St Leonards

7th—Christmas Tree Festival

9th—Cherry Class Cathedral trip

10th—Panto in school

12th—Christmas Jumper / Dinner

12th—North Pole shop

13th—School Disco

Bright Stars

Friday 11th November 2024

Nursery	Amelia	For her fabulous participation and effort in all learning. Amelia has been a shining star this week by challenging herself.
Reception	Eddie	For her wonderful progress in her handwriting and letter recognition. Eddie has put in a lot of effort and it hasn't gone unnoticed.
Year 1	Milan	For settling into his new class routines so well.
Year 2	Alfie	For listening to and actioning feedback to help make his written learning even better.
Year 3	Mia	For working hard on her Maths and times tables, she is gaining confidence day by day.
Year 4	Alice	For consistently working hard on her times tables and presentation in all subjects.
Year 5	Beau	For his focus and participation during our dance workshop.
Year 6	Eddie	For his dedication and enthusiasm during the dance workshop.

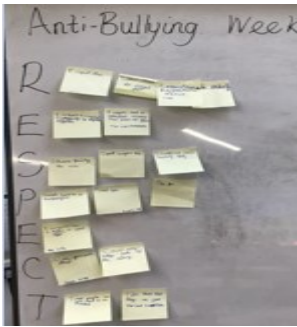
Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 11th November
Nursery	100%
Reception	88%
Year 1	86%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	88%
Well done to Nursery!	

TTRS and Numbots

<p>We would really like to see the percentage of children engaging with Numbots/TTRS increase. Please encourage your child to log on at least 3 times a week for 5-10 minutes.</p> <p>There has been a England Rocks competition this week and the results for Key Stage 2 will be emailed out this evening!</p> <p>Good luck everyone!</p> <p>Every child needs to log on each week please as part of their home learning.</p>
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This Week's Photos



We Remember

**We remember them,
Everyone who played their part.**

**Remembering the lives lost,
Every contribution, big or small.**

**Memories of the mighty and the brave,
Every generation since freedom was won,**

**Mourning those we lost,
Because they sacrificed their tomorrow for our today,**

Enduring hope and freedom.

Remembering today, tomorrow and forever.

Bonsai class poem



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2025

The online system for parents to apply for a Reception place opens on **Friday 1st November 2024** and **closes on 15th January 2025**. Please follow the link below to see a full list of important dates for the Primary Admissions Process.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/important-dates-primary-junior-and-middle-school-admissions.aspx#>

Please can we remind all parents of Nursery children who will be moving into Reception in September that they **still have to apply for a Reception place at Flamstead Village School via the Herts County Council Schools Admission Process.**

Essex Fire Museum

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, enter a haunted house, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water ☺).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please email us at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell us the number in their party and the time they would like to arrive (we are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm). This is just because we have to keep the main station informed of numbers throughout the day.

World Diabetes Day

This Thursday was World Diabetes Day.

The theme for this year is on **Diabetes and wellbeing**. Putting well-being at the heart of diabetes care and start the change for a better **#DiabetesLife**.

For more information please see the websites below.

<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/guide-to-diabetes/podcasts/world-diabetes-day-research-special?>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diabetes/>

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES?

TOILET
THIRSTY
TIRED
THINNER

We call them the 4Ts. If you or your child are weeing more often, constantly thirsty, more tired than usual, or losing weight for no reason, it could be a symptom of type 1 diabetes. If left undiagnosed, type 1 diabetes can be fatal. If you're experiencing any of the 4Ts, ask your doctor for a test immediately.



Scan the QR code or visit diabetes.org.uk/the4Ts

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FOFS News

Fireworks

Flamstead Village Fireworks!



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Fireworks on Saturday night. We smashed our previous attendance records with over 250 people joining in! The atmosphere was relaxed and family-friendly and the fireworks were just brilliant.

We are still finalising our figures but are delighted to share that we raised over £3300 for the school!

It takes a small army of volunteers to make this event happen and I'd like to thank the following people for their time and effort:

Will Franklin, Mark McGreavy, Dave Humphries, Dave Carter, Chris Goor (our Firing team), Anna Franklin, Sam Pirie, Sarah Percy, Louise Russell, Gareth Barrett, Mark Ford, Marc Russell, Becky Gisborne, Rachel Coffey, Sarah Peacock, Mrs Greenaway, Tania Guinand, Nicola Pollard, Ali Coulter, Kathryn Coulter, Eve McCall, Kris Collins, Chris Smith, Sam Carter, Steve Harris, Carlos Guinand, Angela Robinson and Andrew, Mrs Hobbs, Jordana Robinson, Sandra Hone, Sally Wagon and finally to Mrs Walton-Jones, for trusting us to put this event on.

Also thank you to everyone who sponsored the event - Everyone Active, M6 Diesel (the Watling St Truck Stop), Flamstead Parish Council, Fine and Country, The Plume of Feathers - Markyate, Shaws Recovery, Majestic Trees and the Three Blackbirds.

And finally, we had a lot of Raffle prizes donated but my special thanks goes to Deryane Tadd for donating an incredible star prize from The Dressing Room in St Albans.

The money raised from the Fireworks will all be spent on the school and enhancing our children's educational experience.

Christmas Easyfundraising

With Christmas around the corner, it's the perfect time to join Easyfundraising and turn your festive shopping into free donations for the school! Over 8000 retailers are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. It's quick and easy and will really give our fundraising a boost. Plus if you join today, we could win a £500 donation!

Check out: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-flamstead-school/vcq140/c2s/ivmwxk6U/CE989/facebook/>

This year FOFS are celebrating Christmas with a unique event in St Leonards church: Craft With Santa!

The event will be held after school on **Friday the 6th of December (3-5pm)**.

Children will have a selection of Christmas Craft stations to move between before meeting Santa for a professional photo and receiving a gift. Drinks, snacks, cakes and mulled wine will be available to buy.

Tickets cost **£10 online** and there will **only be 50 tickets available**, so be sure to secure yours!

Simply post this link in your browser: <https://bit.ly/craftsanta>. We look forward to seeing you!

* Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friends of
Flamstead
School

FRIDAY 3-5 PM **6TH** DECEMBER

Craft with Santa

@ St. Leonard's Church

ONLY
£10
per child

Includes a photo with Santa



Kids meet Santa, receive a gift
and take part in Christmas Crafts

<https://bit.ly/craftsanta>





Essex Fire Museum November

Free entry, but
booking is essential as
we are on an active fire
station site.

Contact us to book:
[museum@essex-
fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) or 01376
576847.

Open Day

10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last entry: 2.30pm)

Date: 24th Of November

