



This Week's News

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a good week in school for all classes with some super learning. We have been pleased to see more children accessing Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots at home, your child has their log in details in their reading log so please encourage and support them as much as you can. I would like to thank the adults who come into school to read with your children. Our thanks goes to Mrs Reyner, Ms Gibson, Mrs Russell, and Mrs Waterstone for their dedication and support in reading with the children each week. If anyone can spare any time each week to join our reading helpers please do pop in and let the office know, we would love to welcome you.

This week, Cherry Class has been busy building! From mansion and superhero bases with magnet tiles to LEGO Disney creations, their imaginations have been fantastic. Reception have comparing numbers in Maths this week and looking at which number is bigger and why, as well as how much bigger the numbers are compared to others. For example, 3 is 1 bigger than 2 but 8 is 6 bigger than 2. They have enjoyed some bits of sunnier weather this week and the children enjoyed climbing, building, and exploring the water wall and trays outside. A fantastic week of creativity and fun! In KS1 Maple Class were very excited to discover their new story book in English this week. They are learning all about Rapunzel and are looking forward to writing their very own version of the traditional tale. This week they have been acting out and retelling the story. In PSHE they practised working in a team to create our dream bird to live in the Jigsaw Garden of Dreams. In KS2 Chestnut Class have worked really well with Mrs Goodman who has been teaching the class this week and will continue to do so until half term. They have been working hard on consolidating their fraction knowledge and been writing their own stories. Bonsai Class have continued to explore vases in Art lesson and have begun to design their own vase. In Geography they continue to explore South America selecting a country to explore in further detail. In maths they have consolidated their knowledge on multiplication and in English they are entering the planning stage of their final written piece.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be focusing on developing key skills with the children so they become more resilient and they know how to maintain good mental health. I hope you are enjoying the myHappyMind App. Please do talk to your child about what they are learning and discovering in their myHappyMind lessons, especially next week.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Reminders

3rd Feb—Children's Mental Health Week

3rd Feb - Electric Umbrella in school

6th Feb—KS2 Bob Marley Assembly

7th Feb—NSPCC Numbers day - Non uniform

10th Feb— Y3/4 to Chiltern Open Air Museum

10th Feb—Parents Evening 5.00 -7.30pm

11th—Safer Internet Day

12th—Parents Evening—3.30—5.30pm

13th - Half Term break. 3.15pm finish

14th—INSET Day

Photos of the week



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Thanks to Dave Morrissey, Christy Lee and Chris Goor for working over the weekend, digging out the slabs along the edge of the pond ready for the next stage of the pond rejuvenation.

Everyone is excited that the work on the pond is set to begin on Wednesday next week, thanks to the grant from the National Grid Electricity Transmission's Community Grant Programme. It is going to be a beautiful and welcoming addition to our school.

A sketch of the pond design is below. There will be a water feature, planters and natural borders to enhance the pond and make it into an inviting habitat for the frogs and newts who live there. With the removal of the old flower bed there will also be more space for children to use the pond area to observe the pond life and include it in their curriculum work.



Bright Stars

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Nursery	Leo	For meeting his personal targets at school! Well done Leo.
Reception	Axel	For his progression in segmenting and writing words as well as his handwriting.
Year 1	Ella	For being a respectful and kind member of Maple class, who is always ready to lend a hand to help others in the classroom.
Year 2	Rosie	For having a great week in English, challenging herself with her sentence writing and contributing well in class.
Year 3	Darcy	For perseverance in Maths. Darcy has been working hard to understand fractions this week.
Year 4	George	For applying his ideas and skills in writing an excellent narrative in English.
Year 5	Beau	For his independent fact file in English. Beau embedded taught skills and challenged himself to achieve his personal best.
Year 6	Tristan	For his teamwork and the fact file he produced in English.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 27th January
Nursery	95%
Reception	85%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	84%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	94%
Well done Year 2 !	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Jessica	20%
Reception	Axel	14%
Year 1	Austin and Cordelia	50%
Year 2	Jasper and Leo	18%
Year 3	Harrison	100%
Year 4	Rafael	91%
Year 5	William and Lottie	27%
Year 6	David	20%
Well done everyone!		

Close Encounters of a Musical Kind!

David Beaman Quartet

Musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra



Sunday 9 March 2025
2:30pm AND 4pm
St Leonard's Church
Flamstead

SCAN ME!



Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets: £5 per Child / Parents FREE
Donations welcome
Suitable for Children age 4+

Close Encounters of a Musical Kind!

Looking for something interesting to occupy your children or grandchildren on a Sunday afternoon?

Would you like to introduce your children to classical music in a fun and interactive way?

Musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra join us to present an amazing concert introducing primary school aged children to the String section!

A chance to get up close, meet the players and their instruments and embark on an exciting musical journey!

To include children's film music (including Harry Potter and Jurassic Park) TV themes (including Wallace and Gromit) and plenty of other musical surprises.

The bar will be open after each concert to allow you to enjoy some refreshments afterwards. We will have a different seating plan for this concert allowing our children to be on cushions around the musicians.

Tickets £5 per child and parents go free!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/flamstead/flamstead-st-leonards/close-encounters-of-a-musical-kind/e-eymkbv>

Please see the leaflets sent home in book bags today.

Half-term music making days!

Our Half-term music making days are the perfect opportunity for children aged 6 –11 to explore the magic of music in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

Scan the QR code to access the booking link and reserve your spot.



Monday 17 Feb - Friday 21 Feb 2025



9.30am - 3.30pm



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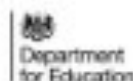


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Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and
Sunday 23 February
2025

10:30AM
To
4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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).

Interested families can email at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk with the number of people and the time they would like to arrive (from 10.30am to 4.00pm).

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm.