

This Week's News

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very exciting week in school with so many book activities and also our annual Pancake Flip. On Monday we were delighted to welcome Author Steven Vinacour to school who spent the day with the children, thrilling them with an exciting assembly and then working with the children in each class. Steven finished the day with a book signing, thank you to all those children who purchased books and we hope you enjoy reading about the 'Time Travelling Toilet!' We have purchased a whole set of Steven's books for our school library for the children to borrow. Our Book Fair and all our other World Book Day activities have been amazing this week and it was so lovely to see the costumes the children wore today in celebration of their favourite books and favourite characters.

On Tuesday we had so much fun with our Pancake Flip. Thank you to FOFS for planning the event. There were smiles and laughter for everyone and plenty of encouragement. Well done everyone and thank you to all our families for your sponsorship. We ended the week with 'West End into Schools' workshops in which all the children took part in workshops to act out well loved books and stories.

Cherry Class has had a fantastic and busy week! They been diving into their favourite books from home, putting them head-to-head in an exciting battle to discover which one is the favourite. It's been wonderful to see everyone so enthusiastic about reading. Reception has been getting creative with poetry, exploring rhyming words and even crafting their own poems. Their imaginations have been shining through their writing.

This week in D&T, Maple Class have been learning about axels, wheels and chassis. They experimented with model making to show how three components might work together. In Maths, Year Two have been exploring difference and in English the whole class worked together to perform a poem about a very changeable hamster!

Chestnut Class have been designing their greenhouses as part of DT and have started to make their prototypes to test the stability. In RE they are continuing to learn why Easter is important to Christians. It was lovely to see Chestnut Class parents in school this week for Parent Consultation with Miss Russell. We hope you found the meetings informative.

Bonsai have thoroughly enjoyed World Book Week. The children learnt a lot about the local author Steven Vinacour's career and the actors he's met alongside the skills needed to be an author. In English they finished and published their scenes with dialogue whilst in Maths they continue to deepen their knowledge of fractions. They are eagerly awaiting Monday's graffiti workshop. Year Six were also allocated their secondary schools this week and are starting that transition to the next phase of their education, we wish them all well.

Next week is British Science Week and the children will be involved in outdoor activities. Please ensure they have wellies or outdoor shoes on our new welly boot racks.

Have a great weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine.

Kind regards

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Reminders for Spring

- 10th — British Science Week starts
- 10th — Graffiti workshop at Church for Bonsai
- 11th — Space Dome in school
- 13th — Y5/6 residential meeting 3pm
- 14th — Herts catering in — Healthy Workshops
- 17th — last Day to accept secondary places
- 20th — Quick sticks Hockey at Oaklands — KS2
- 21st — Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
- 24th - Assessment Week in school
- 24th — Graffiti workshop at Church for Chestnut
- 25th — Y5/6 Tag Rugby Event at Harpenden RFC
- 27th — Quick Sticks Hockey at Oaklands — Y5/6
- 28th - National Skipping Day - workshops
- 31st — EYFS trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park
- 1st April — Easter Bonnet Parade — 2.30pm
- 3rd April — FOFS Fish and Chip Quiz Night
- 4th April — End of Spring term at 1.30pm

Cherry Class and Maple Class have been exploring our outdoor learning areas and enjoying the sunshine!



Thank you to Marlee, Leo T, Cordelia, Tilly, Lenny, Isla, William and Rupert C who purchased books from the Book Fair from the Class wish lists for their Class libraries—your generosity is much appreciated.





Pancake Flip Winners



Congratulations to our Pancake Flip winners

Well done to Marlee, Edie, Ella, Alfie, Evie, Rupert, Theo, William and Daniel





World Book Week 2025



On Monday we kicked off World Book Week with an author visit from local author Steven Vinacour. Tuesday we came together as classes to share our favourite books. Bonsai and Cherry met together and finished their meet up by listening to Lottie read her favourite book about Mary Anning whilst Chestnut met with Maple class. Wednesday we met in houses to complete a book quiz while Thursday was reserved for songs from the books/musical adaptations. We finished the week dressed up in our best costumes with some common themes before bringing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to life with West End Live. We you lucky enough to find a book hidden around the village?



FoFS News!

Pancake Flip

Thank you to everyone who took part in the FOFS Pancake Flip on Tuesday!
The children had a fantastic time and the winners from each year group received a prize!
We're still adding up the donations but will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.

Easyfundraising

Thanks also to those who've been using Easyfundraising to raise money for the school.
On the last payday, FOFS received **£25.64** with even more due on the next scheduled payday.
If you'd like to join, head to easyfundraising.org.uk and choose **Friends of Flamstead School** as your charitable beneficiary. It doesn't cost anything and Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents can get involved too.
Regular donations like this really help so thanks for your continued support!

Fish and Chips Quiz Night

It's that time of year again, when we all gather to be reminded how little we actually know.
The Quiz night is always a lot of fun, with delicious fish and chips and a range of drinks available.
Quizmaster Andy Baradell is readying the questions as we speak so why not get a team together and join us?

Date: Thursday 3rd April, 7:30pm (for 8pm start)

Price: £16 per person (teams of 8)

Location: Flamstead Village School Hall

Purchase tickets by copying this link into your browser: <https://bit.ly/fishchipquiz>

Come along, meet some new people and support our school! If you don't have 8 people, let us know at friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com and we can help.

FISH 'N CHIPS
QUIZ NIGHT
A FRIENDS OF FLAMSTEAD SCHOOL EVENT
THURSDAY
3RD APRIL 2025
7:30PM FOR 8PM START
FLAMSTEAD VILLAGE SCHOOL

Tickets are £16pp and include **Quiz entry** and **Fish & Chips** or **Halloumi & Chips**

To book your table (max 8 per team) scan the QR code or visit:
<https://bit.ly/fishchipquiz>

Bar available on the night.
All proceeds will go towards supporting Flamstead Village School.

Friends of Flamstead School

ADMIN and FINANCE

Consent for trips/workshops

It is important that consent is received for all trips and workshops organised by the school. These events are available for you to view (and pay for) on Arbor.

If you experience any problems doing this on Arbor, please email your consent to the school office.

CONSENT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT TAKING PLACE.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Rise and Shine Club

Please remember to book your child's attendance for Rise and Shine Club before 4 pm the previous day.

If you require a slot on a Monday morning, please ensure you book your place by 4pm on Friday.

Finance

Please can we ask all parents to check that they are up to date with payments for trips and workshops and to top up their lunch accounts if necessary.

Thank you.

EASY FUNDRAISING

It's peak-time for holiday bookings, and when a getaway is booked with TUI this month, it could raise **£100 donation** thanks to TUI and [easyfundraising!](#)

TUI's Classroom Commitment

Only available **until 31st March**, and exclusive to schools, **every holiday booked with TUI via easyfundraising will raise a £100 donation***. So, if 5 parents book a TUI holiday, that's £500 raised!

What is easyfundraising?

Easyfundraising is a free, easy, and accessible way for parents to support us. Simply shop online with your favourite retailers, including **ebay, Tesco, TUI, Etsy, Argos, M&S**, and 8,000 others via the easyfundraising app. Its so simple!

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Roman	For his progression in his name writing and wonderful entry into Colin the Counting Chameleons diary.
Reception	Cayleb	For his beautiful short rhyming poem about the tree in our Early Years garden.
Year 1	Daisy	For persevering with phonic blending and chunking which is helping you read more fluently.
Year 2	Heidi	For joining in well with our poetry performance of Hamster, Hamster!
Year 3	Nicole	For her progress in reading and phonics.
Year 4	Alice	For creating an excellent mini greenhouse in D&T.
Year 5	Sidni	For her focus and effort in computing.
Year 6	Rossi	For his generosity and support to Miss Pike ensuring her resource area is tidy.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 3rd March
Nursery	87%
Reception	100%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	95%
Well done Reception!	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	7%
Reception	Axel	43%
Year 1	Austin	19%
Year 2	Leo	27%
Year 3	Joey	67%
Year 4	Theo	100%
Year 5	Louis	27%
Year 6	Dillon	13%
Well done to Year 4—100% again this week!		

Easter Holiday Art Club

£15 pp // 1.30-3pm
St Leonard's church
Flamstead, Hertfordshire.

Monday 14th April - age 4 - 7

Thursday 17th April - age 8 and up

Foam Printing

Inspired by artist Rob Ryan

we will explore silhouettes and the use
of narratives in composition

<https://www.evebroadhurst.co.uk/holiday-workshops>



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!



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

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

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>