

This Week's News

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very full week this week and we have greatly enjoyed our Science Week. On Tuesday we had the wonderful Space Dome in school. It was lovely to be able to open the dome up for parents and carers to at the start of the day and all classes had a wonderful 'out of this world' experience during their sessions. We were also able to invite Flamstead Pre School children into the dome to share in our space adventures. We have also used all of outdoor areas well, especially for the theme for this years Science Week which is 'Change and Adapt'. On Friday we welcomed Mrs Simms from Herts Catering who brought her super smoothie making bike with her. Children in Maple, Chestnut and Bonsai Class enjoyed making the smoothies by pedalling and keeping active during the healthy eating workshops and all the children were able to taste the smoothies during lunch. The children have enjoyed getting their science stickers each day and all the children received a participation certificate for this week. We certainly have been Super Scientists!

This week in Cherry Class the children created bubble snakes with socks and bottles, got hands-on with Oobleck, made paper rockets that fly using air propulsion from a straw, and planted vegetables and flowers. The highlight was visiting the space dome, inspiring them to draw and label fantastic images of their favourite space discoveries. A week full of excitement and learning.

Maple Class have had lots of fun this week too. They went on a signs of spring scavenger hunt, had a live lesson with a farm and absolutely loved their time in the space dome. They have also been investigating all kinds of adaptation and change including how animals and plants adapt to their habitats, what the best conditions to grow cress in are and how a non-Newtonian fluid (cornflour slime) can switch between being a solid and a liquid.

Chestnut Class have been learning more about circuits. This week they built a circuit and tested if it to see how it would work with different materials. They have had a walk outside looking for signs of Spring and then wrote some Haiku poems based on what they had seen. They also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in some explosive experiments outside.

Bonsai Class started the week with a Graffiti workshop at St Leonard's Church.

They were bug hunting in the church grounds allowing them to become entomologists. They also became adaptation and camouflage experts when designing butterflies to camouflage within the classroom. The space dome was a highlight for all with the smoothie bikes allowing them to keep fit and reap the rewards. They finished the week adapting their bodies to cope with ice cold water, similar to a polar bear's body.

In other school news, We would like let you know that after a period of absence, Mrs Hobbs who teaches Chestnut Class has decided to resign after Easter. Mrs Hobbs has been a much loved teacher here at Flamstead since September 2022. We are obviously saddened by this news but wish Mrs Hobbs all the very best for the future. Mrs Goodman will continue to teach Chestnut Class until the end of this academic year and the post will be advertised for the start of the new academic year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Reminders for Spring

- 17th—last Day to accept secondary places**
- 18th—Reverend Helen in for Easter Assembly**
- 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**

British Science Week 2025



Bubble snake experiment



Planting our seeds outside



Healthy eating sorting



Space dome



Handmade paper rockets







Science Superstars!

Everyone has been taking part in so many wonderful Science experiments and investigations this week and it was so hard for teachers to choose just one Science Superstar but well done to Greyson, Cayleb, Cordelia, Elsie, Evie, Theo, Louis and Tristan who were presented with their Science Superstar certificates and prizes in assembly today.



Science Gadget Raffle

Congratulations to Edie, Finley, Conor and Max for winning the Science Gadget Raffle. They were delighted to be given their prizes in assembly today too.



Bright Stars

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Nursery	Robin	For his fantastic progress in comprehension skills when reading higher-level books. Keep up the great work!
Reception	Frankie	For her impressive development in reading and for incorporating higher-level vocabulary into her writing. Well done
Year 1	Lenny	For taking part so enthusiastically in our Science Week activities.
Year 2	George	For writing some lovely similes using 'as' and 'like' this week in our English lesson.
Year 3	Winter	For showing resilience with Maths learning and contributing well in lessons.
Year 4	Rafael	For improved focus in lessons and contributing answers and ideas well.
Year 5	Beau	For his effort in our lessons and habitat diagram in Science.
Year 6	Jacob	For his effort and focus in Science and Computing lesson this week.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 10th March
Nursery	93%
Reception	100%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	86%
Year 6	97%
Well done Reception and Year 2 !	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	0%
Reception	Axel	29%
Year 1	Austin	19%
Year 2		18%
Year 3	Harrison	60%
Year 4	Leiws	73%
Year 5		27%
Year 6	Dillon	7%
All children should be accessing their online maths programme as part of home learning please.		

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.

Looking after YOU!

You will have hopefully seen the email that was sent home today regarding information and courses you may find supportive for wellbeing and mental health. Please take a moment to look through the information that was attached.

We would also like to signpost you to a range of self-help materials for talking therapies. Please see the following website for more details. Anyone can look at and use these links for support with their emotional wellbeing.

www.hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk

FoFS News!

Pancake Flip

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

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>

