Flamstead
VILLAGE SCHOOL

This Week's News

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and to the start of the Summer Term. It has been a short week but we are already very much back into school routines and enjoying our learning. The Curriculum Maps for this half term are now on the school website. On Monday I welcomed the children back to school in assembly and we found out about 'Earth Day'. The children had very good ideas about how to look after and care for our planet and it was good to know they all seem to be knowledgeable about lots of things including recycling and reusing. I hope they were able to share ideas with you at home, such as simple things like turning lights and electronics off, saving water when brushing their teeth, buying local food and drinking from a re-useable bottle instead of buying more plastic.

We had two new starters in Year 2 and Year 4 on Wednesday and we welcome them and their families to our school community. You will also see we have brand new scooter and bike racks so please make use of them by walking your children to school and allowing them to use their scooters and bikes. Safety tips are also displayed by the racks to ensure a safe journey for everyone. Our new planters in the pond area look magnificent too. Thank you to FOFS and Mark Russell for making them.

Cherry Class have enjoyed their phonics this week, Nursery have been exploring rhyming words—spotting them and even making up their own! Reception have been practising sentence writing using Colourful Semantics to support their understanding of sentence structure. In Maths, Nursery have been learning about 2D shapes, drawing them and writing their initial sounds. You may have spotted Reception's Maths learning in the EYFS garden, where we've been creating part-whole models with chalk during our outdoor sessions. In Maple Class have had a great start to the new term. They were very excited to see the new layout of their classroom and have been keeping our new cloakroom area tidy. In English, they practised their imperative verbs - giving and following instructions about washing their hands. And, in Science they carried out experiments investigating the effect Earth's gravity had on their paper helicopters.

In KS2 Chestnut Class have enjoyed starting their new topics this week. They have been learning about 'The Tudors' in History and have been doing long division in Maths. The highlight of the week was their computing lesson when they were taking digital photos in the school ground and then editing them in class. Bonsai Class have been have exploring a range of topics in Maths this week as they recap and revise key skills in the run up to Year 6 SATs. They have worked hard in guided reading developing their skills alongside their knowledge of Earth Day and St George's Day. They have also enjoyed working collaboratively to complete SPAG questions in the quest to achieve the best group score in class.

Once again, could I please ask that you are considerate when driving and parking at school. One of our school neighbours could not enter her driveway on Tuesday due to a car parked across the entrance.

Please remember to bring any painted pebbles to school on Monday to commemorate VE day at St Leonard's Church.

Enjoy the weekend, which looks to be filled with sunshine, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Please bring named sunhats into school next week and apply sun-cream in the morning as the weather promises to continue to be sunny,

Best wishes

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Summer Term Dates

28th April—Bring painted VE Day pebbles in

5th May—Bank Holiday - School closed

6th May—Occasional Day—School closed

7th May—Maple Class Trip to Claydon House

7th May—Cricket Workshops in school

8th May—VE Day

9th May—Parent Council Meeting

11th May—FOFS Springtime Trail

12th May—SATs week for Y6

15th May—Maple Class Assembly—9am

19th May—Walk to School Week

21st May—Y5/6 Residential to Gulliver's Land

23rd May—Half Term begins

Photos of the Week

FOFs NEWS

Scavenger Hunt

The **Flamstead Spring Trail** will run on Sunday May 11th from 1pm - 5pm.
Register yourself or your family at The Flamstead Rec, then follow the clues around the village before returning to the Rec to submit your answers and enjoy some yummy food and drinks.

Registration costs £2 per person or £5 per family.

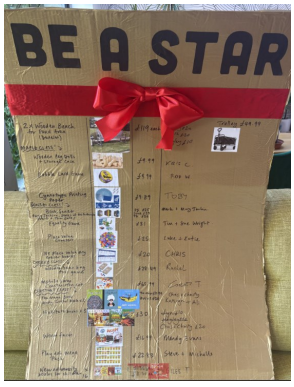
Bring your friends and family to enjoy a fun afternoon out!

Pond Planters

Huge thanks to Marc Russell for making the two wooden planters for the pond area. They look amazing and we can't wait to fill them with plants.
Thanks also to Marc, Ali Coulter, Sam Carter and Steve Harris for lifting the planters into place.

Quiz Night

The recent Quiz Night was a huge success raising **£2,153**. Thank you to everyone who came along and donated raffle prizes.
The Be A Star board was there on the night with a list of items requested by teachers for each classroom. Those attending the Quiz purchased almost every item on the list, to a value of almost £500. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Bright Stars - Friday 25th April 2025

Nursery	Millie	For her beautiful drawing and thoughtful writing this week, as well as her excellent effort and progress in Maths.
Reception	Clyde	For his fantastic mobilo model of a pterodactyl and for using his imagination to create and independently write a brilliant story about it.
Year 1	Ada	For starting the term with a positive attitude to her learning and trying her best in all her lessons.
Year 2	Elsie	For being a caring and kind friend who is always ready to help others in Maple Class.
	Isaac	For a super start to his new school and Year 2. Well done Isaac.
Year 3	Nicole	For all her effort and achievement in securing her phonic knowledge. Well done Nicole!
Year 4	Andre	For having such a positive start to his new school. Welcome to Flamstead Village School.
Year 5	Louis	For his enthusiasm when contributing to class discussions sharing his knowledge and ideas.
Year 6	Joey	For his hard work in Maths revision classes, explaining the reasoning and answers.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 22nd April
Nursery	92%
Reception	100%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	96%
Well done Reception!	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Millie	27%
Reception	Frankie	43%
Year 1	Xander	44%
Year 2	Leo	50%
Year 3	Louie	87%
Year 4	Lilly	100%
Year 5	Lottie	27%
Year 6	-	0%
Well done to everyone who logged on...Year 6, we expect to see better next week please!		

FLAMSTEAD SPRING TRAIL

11th May 2025
1pm-5pm

Follow Clues Around The Village

raise money for your local school

Register at Flamstead Rec to start the Trail

£2 per person £5 per family

Friends of Flamstead School

DACORUM
FAMILY SERVICES
NORTH & EAST

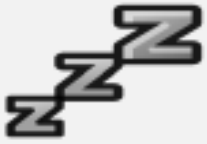
Promoting Healthy Sleep for Your Child

Date	Wednesday 7th May 2025
Time	10:00 to 11:30 am Session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Supporting your child with a good bedtime routine

A **free** workshop for parents:

- Why is sleep important?
- Impact of poor sleep on children/young people
- How to create a good sleeping environment
- Tips for a positive bedtime routine



For more details and to book, please email:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

The Goldberg Variations

J.S.Bach

MUSIC AT ST LEONARDS

Radka Hanakova

Piano

Saturday 17 May 2025
7:30pm
St Leonard's Church
Flamstead

SCAN ME!

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

Tickets £20 / £10
Children £5