

This Week's News

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have been promoting walking, cycling and scootering to school for 'Walk to School' week. The children have enjoyed getting their stickers each day and completing their class chart. All children will receive a 'well done bookmark' and I hope they have enjoyed completing their activity diaries. Please continue to travel as much as you can with the children on foot or wheels to promote healthy habits and also reduce pollution.

It has been a short week in school this week for myself, Miss Pike, Ms Castree and Year 5 and 6 as we have been on our school residential. It has been a wonderful success and it was delightful to spend time with all the children. We have seen them flourish with confidence and interact with each other in such a supportive way. I hope our families have enjoyed seeing the photos on the blog.

This week Cherry Class have been hard at work creating their Village Show posters, carefully writing and illustrating all the important information with creativity and care. Outside, they have been keeping a close eye on their vegetable patch in the outdoor learning area—watering their peas, strawberries, and beetroot, and even harvesting some wonderfully round radishes!

Maple Class really enjoyed sharing their assembly with their families on Tuesday. They worked hard learning all their lines and songs. In the assembly they shared their learning about Florence Nightingale, Isaac Newton and the artist, Yayoi Kusama. They sang two wonderful songs, one in French, and reminded us how we are all different and all unique and special. In Maths, they have been learning about money and how to recognise all the British coins. They took their Science learning outside to see if they could spot any signs of windy weather. They saw tree branches swaying and clouds floating in the sky.

Chestnut Class have been planning their persuasive speeches and persuasive letters in English and they have impressed the adults in class with all their efforts. Year 3 and 4 have been doing really well each week with their online learning. We would be really pleased if children, particularly in Year 4 kept up their Times Tables practise over the half term break ready for their MTC check when we return.

Bonsai Class have had a week of two halves with the beginning of the week in school and the end of the week at Gulliver's Land enjoying our residential stay. They have enjoyed sleeping in huts and tipi's. The activities have been good and focused on teambuilding and developing resilience and confidence. They spent today in the theme park and will reunite with parents and carers later on today.

I wish you all a very enjoyable May Half Term break. I hope you are able to spend time with family and friends as much as possible, relaxing and making memories with your children.

We all look forward to seeing you after the break on Monday the 2nd of June, ready for our last half term of this academic year.

Best wishes

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Summer Term Dates coming up

23rd May—Half Term begins

2nd June—Back to school after Half Term

2nd June—Y4 MTC Checks begin

4th June—Whole school photos

10th June—Seaside Workshop for EYFS / KS1

11th June—Visitors from Roundwood for Y6

12th June—Chestnut Class Assembly

13th June—Bonsai Class Assembly

16th June—Arts Week

16th June—Electric Umbrella Workshops

17th June -Activ Kids Olympian in -Lele Nairne

19th June—Flamstead's Got Talent

20th June—Sports Day

24th June—Y5/6 trip

26th June- Cherry Class Assembly

26th June—Y3 Art workshop



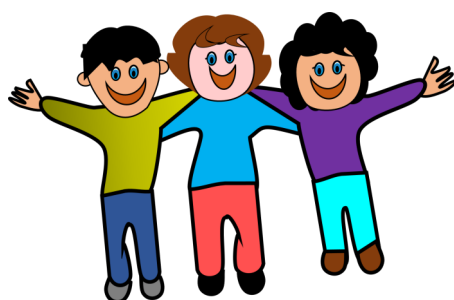
Photos of the Week



Cherry Class have been outside a lot this week, as have Maple Class. The assembly from Maple Class on Tuesday was fabulous and Chestnut Class have been producing some super persuasive writing.



**Year 5 & 6 have had a fantastic few days
away on their Residential Trip.**



Transition Workshops

There is a parenting workshop being offered to parents/carers across the whole DFS North & East Partnership area to support transition into secondary school. Please see the attached flyer.

"Top Tips for Transition to Secondary School" - this workshop will be held **online via MS Teams** on **Wednesday 18th June, 10.00-11.30**

CPRE ART COMPETITION



The deadline for the 2025 children's art competition has now been extended until the 25th of July
The theme this year is **My adventures in the Countryside**—Artwork should be **A4, any medium, no computer art**

Children can draw anything related to what they love doing in the Hertfordshire countryside, whether it be the joy of camping under a starry sky, the excitement of riding their bike through muddy puddles, the fun found in exploring a nature trail and spotting wildlife or the thrill of building a den in the woods.

There is a **£500 prize for the winning school** and individual prizes in each age group category, plus a special ceremony in autumn to showcase and celebrate all the young artists.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SUBMIT A SELECTION OF ART FROM OUR TALENTED PUPILS
PLEASE BRING YOUR ENTRIES INTO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 9th June

For more information on the competition visit:

<https://www.cpreherts.org.uk/news/cpre-hertfordshires-2025-childrens-art-competition/>



Tickets are now on sale for what promises to be our biggest, boldest, and most colourful show yet, live at the legendary Watford Colosseum.

It's going to be a night of unforgettable music, big-hearted performances, and a celebration of everything Electric Umbrella stands for: creativity, inclusion, and pure joy.

Friday 7th November
Doors open 6:30pm

<https://www.axs.com/uk/events/969687/electric-umbrella-tickets?skin=watford>

FOFS NEWS!

School Pond Finished!

After a lengthy process, the school's pond is finally finished! The goal was to create a beautiful wildlife-friendly space for the children and teachers to interact with, and I think we've achieved that.

The pond is full of tadpoles, frogs and newts and the planters have been filled with sensory plants with different textures and scents that the children can explore. Two benches will be installed during the half term so that children can sit and observe the wildlife with their teachers.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this project happen but particularly: Mark and Rachael Coffey and Flamstead Parish Council for their kind donations; the **National Grid Electricity Transmission's Community Grant Programme** for their grant to replace the pond liner and create the waterfall; Dave Morrissey for his help in digging out the area; Marc Russell for creating two beautiful planters; and the rest of the team from FOFS, for pitching in to help whenever needed to get this project across the line.

Christy

Would you like to join our team?

Friends of Flamstead School (FOFS) are looking for new members to join and represent the different age groups in our school. Our team all have kids in Year 3 upwards so it would be lovely to include parents of some younger children, as well as anyone else who'd like to be involved.

This is a great opportunity to help our village school and make a difference to your child's time here, by raising funds and helping decide how they're spent.

Get in touch at friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com or find Christy or Alister in the school playground for a chat.



Thank you to Christy Lee who has worked incredibly hard on the pond area with helpers from FoFS and those also mentioned above. The planters are looking absolutely beautiful after being planted on Tuesday with a range of different flowers and shrubs for the children to enjoy.

School Vacancies

Do you know of any one who would like to join a great team and be part of our wonderful school Community?

We are currently recruiting. Please click on the links below to apply.

Teaching Assistant to work with SEND pupils for an immediate start or possibly a start in September 2025 for the right candidate

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,teaching-assistant_103993.htm?preview=998bab76f49a6f47b3746b30ded888ba

FINANCE

Please can we ask you to check on Arbor to see if you are completely up to date with all the payments for the activities that your child/ren have participated in this academic year.

Can we also ask that lunch accounts are checked and kept topped up on a regular basis.

Thank you.

SPATCHCOOKS COOKERY CLUB

Please note that should you wish to book your child onto next term's cookery club you will need to use the link below:-

<https://bookwhen.com/spatchcooks/e/ev-szve-20250604153000>

Bright Stars - Friday 23rd May 2025

Nursery	Marlee	For her wonderful concentration and effort in writing and drawing while designed her Village Show poster.
Reception	Aubrey	For his effort and progress in his handwriting and independent writing.
Year 1	Jasper	For being a cheerful and hard-working member of Maple Class. Jasper listens well in class and is always happy to share his ideas respectfully with his peers.
Year 2	Joni	She is an enthusiastic learner, wanting to try her best in her written work. Her sentence writing is getting better and better.
Year 3	Rafe	For being a Super Sonic Phonic Champion in his phonic assessment. Well done Rafe!
Year 4	Darcy	For some superb persuasive writing this week in class. Darcy really understood the task well and produced some super work.
Year 5	All	For all of Year 5 and Year 6 for great teamwork, problem solving skills and compassion throughout the week. Each child has showed resilience, tried new things and been an important part of the group. Well done for a fantastic residential!
Year 6		

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 19th May
Nursery	89%
Reception	89%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96%

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	0%
Reception	Axel	43%
Year 1	Cordelia	40%
Year 2	Cobi	38%
		54%
Year 3	Louie	87%
Year 4	Lilly	100%
Year 5	-	8%
Year 6	-	19%

Please remember to help your child log on each week

Well done Lilly !



Top Tips for Transition to Secondary School

Date

Wednesday 18th June 2025

Time

10.00-11.30

Session will be held virtually via MS Teams

Is your child moving up to secondary school in September?

A **free** workshop for parents/carers with children moving up to secondary school.

Join us for practical and helpful tips on:

- Communicating with secondary schools
- Developing good organisation skills
- Managing homework
- Staying safe
- Settling in smoothly

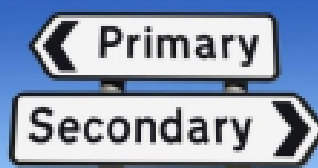


For more details and to book please contact:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext 5

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



Strings And Pipes

A Harmonious Dialogue



**Camilla
Finardi**
Mandolin

**Viviane
Loriaut**
Organ
Piano

Friday 27 June 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

DENS
Helping Rebuild Lives

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WOODLAND TRAIL WALK OR RUN

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE
BERKHAMSTED CASTLE
All proceeds help local people facing crisis

5 MILE
10 MILE

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Supported by:
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BERKHAMSTED CASTLE TRAIL

Registered charity number: 1267185

DENS Woodland Trail – Saturday 21st June, Berkhamsted Castle

A scenic community-friendly walk through nature, choose from a 5 or 10-mile walk (or run) through beautiful woodland and countryside. Whether walking as a family, with friends, or enjoying some alone time outdoors, whilst supporting a local charity.

More details at: www.dens.org.uk/trail

It's a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy the outdoors, take on a challenge, and help make a difference in their community.

Every step taken will directly support local people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

Out of This World Fun This May Half Term! 24th May - 1st June.

Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 334441

May Half Term fun

24 May - 1 June 2025

Discover the Wonders of Space with hands-on fun activities for the whole family including space science, space puppets and space sculpture plus lots more!

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org or scan the QR code

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



SCAN ME

COME AND JOIN US IN...

space

Blast off with our space-themed May half term

Space Science
Monday 26 May 10.30am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm
Join us for space-themed science experiments, including making your own stomp-rockets!
Suitable for 5+ years.

Space Suncatchers
Tuesday 27 May, 10am - 3pm
Make a space-themed suncatcher. Suitable for 3+ years.

Space Puppets
Wednesday 28 May, 10am - 3pm
Design your own scary space monster puppet.
Suitable for 3+ years.

Space Mobiles
Thursday 29 May, 10am - 3pm
Make space mobile to hang up at home. Suitable for 5+ years.

Space Sculptures
Friday 30 May, 10am - 3pm
Sculpt your own space creature out of clay to take home. Suitable for 3+ years.

Beyond the Stars: a propmaker's guide to the galaxy
24 May - 5 October

Discover the art of Sci-Fi special effects in this major new exhibition with original models and props used in classic British TV shows including Doctor Who, Red Dwarf and The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. With captivating exhibits and fun activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy from families to long-time fans of the shows.

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Play, Discover, Learn!
this May half term in the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org

Opens this half term!

Visit Discover Bucks Museum for a week packed with family-friendly activities!