

This Week's News

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week started with high temperatures and we were very lucky that we had the pool here for the children to enjoy starting their swimming lessons in and also cool down a little. The swimming lessons have been going very well. Thank you to all Parents and Carers who are assisting the children with having their kits in school each day, it is much appreciated. It has also been Assessment Week in school with our internal Maths and English assessments being completed by children throughout the school. This has been very much part of our daily routine in school and the children have impressed us with their efforts.

This week Cherry class have been creating patterns in Maths and taking responsibility over their environment. Nursery have been impressing lots of adults in the school with their independent pattern making using the resources we have at school. Reception have been making decisions and choices in their learning environment by asking if they could change the furniture around in the role play Cafe. They worked as a team and created a bigger and more organised space to use. Cherry Class also had some visitors on Thursday when the new children who will be joining us in Nursery and Reception next academic year came to visit and have a 'Stay and Play'. Miss Stout and Ms Carta have also been out this week meeting these new families ahead of our whole school Transition Day next week. Maple Class began the week investigating halves of shapes in Maths and then impressed Ms Murray with their great knowledge in their Maths assessments. They had a lively discussion about working hard and living honestly during our RE lesson on Sikh values. In Geography they created some wonderfully detailed town maps highlighting human features such as schools and play parks. The children are still looking for more worms to add to our class wormery, and although the vegetable patches are looking great, the worms are proving difficult to find because of the heat.

Chestnut Class made some delicious meatballs this week in class. I hope you enjoyed eating them at home. They have also been busy practising their school production with Bonsai Class and producing some super writing in English which has been a pleasure to read. Bonsai have had more time in school this week however it has still been a very busy week. The children have enjoyed their swimming lessons, musical rehearsals, coding with Micro bits and interviewing Harriet Tubman via Chat GPT to name a few of the highlights. While Year 5 have been completing assessments, Year 6 have been writing letters to their new teachers and suggesting top tips for the Year 4 pupils who will soon become a part of Bonsai class in September.

I have some staffing news to share with you. At the end of this term we will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Morrice who has dedicated herself to Flamstead Village School for 28 years. Mrs Morrice has taught children who now have their own children here at school and she is a much loved member of the school community and the wider village community. We will miss her tremendously. Mrs Morrice has also kindly given each class a sum of money to spend on something they would like and once all the classes have decided what they would like we will share that with you all.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Drake who will be leaving her role in the school office to pursue a career in nutrition, something she is passionate about. We have all enjoyed working with Mrs Drake over the past 2 years and she has become a vital part of our school office, we will also miss her dearly. We say goodbye to Mrs Goodman later this month. She has been our lovely supply teacher in Y3/4 in recently and we thank her for the care and dedication she has shown the children over this time.

These departures have led to some new appointments and I am happy to announce we will start the new Academic year in September fully staffed. Miss Stringer will be joining us as the new Chestnut Class Teacher. We will also be joined by Ms Hart who will be our new full time Office Manager, with Mrs Smith remaining with us to aid transition. In addition two new Teaching Assistants will also be joining us, Mrs Yoncheva and Miss Sturgess. I am sure you will make them all feel welcome and they will be a great addition to our existing team.

Please remember to bring your preloved uniform to school on Monday and Tuesday and then all your art, crafts, baking, models and other wonderful creations into school on Wednesday morning next week so we can prepare and display them ready for welcoming you to the Open Evening from 3.30 until 5pm.

Have a restful weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Summer Term Dates

9th July - Open Evening and Arts Displays

9th July— Parent Council Uniform Sale

10th July—Transition Day

11th July—Reports home

14th July—KS2 Dress Rehearsal

15th July—KS2 Performance at 3.30pm

16th July—KS2 Performance at 6.30pm

23rd July—Leavers Assembly at 9am

23rd July—School closes at 1.30pm

Looking forward...

September start dates

3rd September—Staff INSET—no pupils

4th September - Start of Term for all pupils



Photo's from this week

Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



If you wanted this generation to learn something from your life what would it be?

If I could speak to this generation, I'd tell you this:
Don't ever believe freedom comes without struggle — but don't ever doubt that it's worth the fight.
I was born in chains, beaten, hunted like an animal — but I never let that break my spirit. I listened to God. I trusted my purpose, and I acted — not just for myself, but for others. That's what I want you to remember:
Have courage. Help somebody. And never, ever stand by while others suffer.
It ain't enough to be free yourself — you got to reach back and pull others up too. Whether it's speaking up, standing firm, or doing what's right when it's hard, you must walk in truth.
I wasn't educated in books, but I knew justice in my bones. So I say to you:
Be brave. Be bold. And keep going, no matter the cost.



FINANCE

As we are approaching the end of this academic year, please ensure that any outstanding payments are made before the end of term.

This will include trips, workshops, swimming and lunch payments (only swimming payments can be made up until the end of August)

PARTICULARLY IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 6.

Balances can be found for all these on Arbor so please log on, check your situation and make payment. Thank you.

Village Show Winners

Congratulations to the following children who all gained a 'Certificate of Merit' for designing posters for the Village Show .

Peter Lutman delivered the certificates this week and said how wonderful all the entries had been.

We are very proud of you all

Maisie, Leo H, Eddie, Elsie, Isaac, Ella, Robin, Jessica S, Conor, Theo, Cayleb and George F.



Open Evening & Arts Fest 2025

Please remember to bring your Arts Fest Display items on Wednesday morning.

We would like all children to participate in at least one category, they can enter as many categories as they wish. All items will be displayed in the hall for the other children to see and then for families to view as part of our summer open evening on the 9th July from 3.30 – 5pm.

The display item categories are:

Handwriting

Creative writing

Arts and crafts, painting, drawing, sculpture, textiles, sewing, photography, computer art etc.

3D models i.e. LEGO models / K'NEX, building kits etc.

Nature creations, miniature gardens, natural art etc.

Cake decoration and home baking

Bright Stars - Friday 4th July 2025

Nursery	Greyson	For his outstanding behaviour throughout swimming lessons and being a fantastic role model for the school.
Reception	Clyde	For showing excellent teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills during independent learning.
Year 1	Lenny	For creating a lovely map showing human features such as a school, hospital and shops in Geography.
Year 2	Rosie	For using fantastic descriptive language in her superhero and nemesis sentences this week.
Year 3	Isla	For being such a super role model in our swimming lessons and showing super listening skills.
Year 4	Rupert C	For showing super swimming skills and behaviour all week during our swimming lessons in our pool.
Year 5	William	For his attention to detail in musical rehearsals.
Year 6	Daniel	For his dedication to his role in our KS2 musical.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 30th June
Nursery	88%
Reception	96%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97%

Well done Year 2!

Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Jesse	13%
Reception	-	14%
Year 1	Joni	47%
Year 2	Alfie and Elsie	53%
Year 3	Jerry	40%
Year 4	-	67%
Year 5	-	25%
Year 6	-	13%

Please remember to log on each week.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SWAP



DROP AND SWAP - ALL FREE

**WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 3:15PM - 5:00PM
(DURING THE OPEN EVENING/ARTS FEST)**

**DROP ITEMS OF GOOD QUALITY PRELOVED UNIFORM AT
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 7TH AND TUESDAY 8TH JULY AND COME
ALONG TO THE OPEN EVENING ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY AND
PICK UP WHAT YOU NEED (DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY)
- ALL FOR FREE**

We are listening

Speak to a County Councillor
responsible for SEND

Have a chat and a refreshment
with an Elected Member.

Your views will shape what is
discussed at the upcoming SEND
Summit.



Friday 11 July, 9am - 10.30am

No booking,
just drop in

Hobbs Hill Wood School
Peascroft Road
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 8ER

Parking available

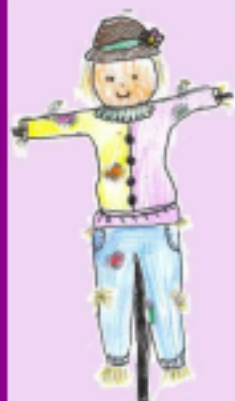
Wheelchair
accessible



BSL available



Flamstead



Scarecrow



Festival

Weekend of 15-17 August 2025

Volunteers needed

Can you spare a few hours
over the weekend?

Café



Traffic
management



Programme
sales



Parking



Contact us at

contact@flamsteadscarecrowfestival.co.uk

or phone Janet Bowie on 07703 526382

Remember - all proceeds go to local good causes

FLAMSTEAD PONY CLUB DOG SHOW AND FAMILY DAY



SUNDAY, JULY 13TH



- CLASSES
- BEST RESCUE
- BEST YOUNG HANDLER
- BEST GOLDEN OLDFIE
- BEST FANCY DRESS
- MUSICAL SIT
- LOOK ALIKE STAKES
- DOG THE HORSE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME
- WAGGEST TAIL
- SASSIEST SMALL DOG

IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A GUN DOG DEMO BY MILL HILL GUNDOGS AND AN AGILITY DEMO AND ARENA RUN BY EMMA AT EJS AGILITY AND KAREN'S K9 COMPANIONS

**PRIZES, ROSETTES, TOMBOLA, FUN RACES,
BOUNCY CASTLE, FOOD AND STALLS**

10AM-3PM AT THE PONY CLUB FIELD AL3 BAP
CLASS ENTRIES £3.50 ON [HTTPS://WWW.HORSE-EVENTS.CO.UK](https://www.horse-events.co.uk)
OR £5 ON THE DAY. AGILITY HAVE A GO AND STEEPLECHASE £2

