

## This Week's News

**Friday 12th September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a super first full week back in school. The weather has been variable but the children have still been able to make full use of the school field during their breaks. The children in all classes have been busy settling into their new routines and learning. The whole school enjoyed an online assembly with 'Electric Umbrella' on Friday, which was lively and upbeat as usual.

We have voted for our new School Council this week and will be announcing the New Council in our assembly on Monday. We have also elected our Team Captains. Our new Team Captains are William, Willow, Fletcher and Louis. Congratulations!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings earlier this week and also at our EYFS Coffee Morning on Thursday. I hope you found the meetings useful and enjoyed coming into school.

This week in Cherry Class the children have dived straight into all their learning, enjoying learning new sounds in Phonics as well as playing Maths games together in lessons. Their focus book for part of this half term is 'In Every House, On Every Street'. Reception have been exploring their favourite rooms at home, who lives with them and what their homes look like.

Maple Class have made a good start to all their new learning this week. They explored positional language in Maths and have been using labels to name things they found in our Outside Learning area in English. They have also been finding out about toys that children played with throughout history. They began to discover different types of mark making by looking at how many ways they could create lines in their Art books and finished the week with a fantastic sing-a-long to their new Hey You song, introducing the rap topic of our Charanga Music learning.

Chestnut Class have had a busy and exciting week full of learning. In Maths, they began their new topic on place value, exploring the value of each digit in a number. In Science, they started learning about different types of rocks, discussing which ones are natural and which are man-made. In PE, they have been developing their basketball skills. The children have been practising how to dribble the ball while keeping it at waist height, and how to stop and pass with control. They have also been learning to keep eyes on the ball while watching where they are going — not an easy task! Further challenge involved dribbling the ball while weaving in and out of cones. Everyone showed fantastic focus and determination

Bonsai Class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new curriculum. They are reading non-chronological reports in English and developing their place value knowledge in Maths. In DT they became engineers and investigated which shapes support the strongest weights while in Science they explored how some material dissolve.

Please read the FOFS news in the newsletter this week. After fantastic work throughout many years, Christy, Ali and Anna are stepping down from FOFS. We thank them so much for all their hard work and effort. We are looking for a new Chair or joint Chair. Please speak with the FOFS team if you would like to know more about the role.

The Flamstead Village Show is on this weekend so do pop in and show them your support.

Have a good weekend and we all look forward to seeing you next week.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

### Autumn Term Dates 2025

- 15th Sept—Teacher Clubs Start
- 15th Sept—Individual music lessons start
- 17th Sept—Home Learning books sent home
- 19th Sept—Parent Council Meeting –9am
- 19th Sept—Jeans for Genes Day - Wear jeans
- 29th Sept—Whole School Visit to Pumpkin Farm
- 2nd Oct—National Poetry Day
- 6th Oct—Space Week
- 10th Oct—World Mental Health Day - wear yellow
- 10th Oct—Wellbeing workshops for whole school
- 13th Oct—Parents Evening 3.30—5.30pm
- 13th Oct—No Games, Lego or Choir Club after school
- 16th Oct—Y6 Health Checks
- 20th Oct —Donations for Harvest into school
- 22nd Oct—Parents Evening 4.30—7.30pm
- 22nd Oct —No Lego or Netball Club after school
- 24th Oct—Break the Rules Day
- 27th Oct—Half Term

## We're here for you

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### How can the NSPCC help?

The NSPCC Helpline can be contacted seven days a week, online or on the phone. Our child protection specialists are here to listen, offer advice, and support to take action if needed.

Whether you want to report child abuse and neglect, or are worried about a child and not sure what to do, we have advice for you.

It doesn't matter who you are – a parent, a family member, friend, neighbour or professional. Anyone can contact us for advice.

### Do I have to say who I am?

There are lots of reasons why people want to be anonymous. You don't have to tell us who you are, where you live, or share your contact details. If you do choose to share any of these with us, you can ask us not to share them with other agencies – like the police or social services. However, if you told us something that made us worry that you or a child is being hurt or at risk, we would have to report this.

Call **0800 800 5000**

Visit [nspcc.org.uk/helpline](https://nspcc.org.uk/helpline)

Email [Help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:Help@NSPCC.org.uk)



# Photo's from this week



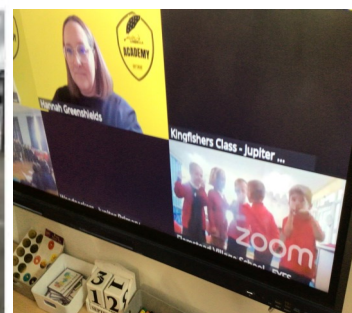
## Cherry Class—Outdoor learning



## Maple Class—outdoor learning



## Chestnut Class—PE activities



## Bonsai Class—shared reading with EYFS



## FOF's News

The first full week of school has flown by - we hope the children are all enjoying themselves (and you're getting a well-earned rest!)

For those parents who've just joined the school, FOFS stands for Friends of Flamstead School. We run events and fundraisers throughout the year and use the money to enhance the educational experience of the children.

Over the last two years we've replaced all the chairs in the school, re-decorated Early Years, re-carpeted the internal hallway and front reception, created the Outdoor Learning Area, re-vamped the pond area and purchased countless resources for classrooms including books, sports equipment and learning materials.

Our school is small but supported by a fantastic parent community who go the extra mile to make sure our kids get everything they want or need from their time here.

If you'd like to get involved in FOFS or any of the events we have planned, you can drop a line to [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you.

## New Chair for FOFS

After two and a half years, Christy and Alister will be stepping down as Co-Chairs of FOFS, along with Anna Franklin who's been part of the committee for seven years!

All of them have new work commitments that prevent them from devoting time to FOFS. We thank them for their amazing dedication and hard work.

So it's time for a change - FOFS can't exist as a registered charity without the Chair position filled.

Would you - or perhaps you and another parent - like to take on the role?

It's a great opportunity to have a real impact and keep those much-needed funds flowing in to our village school.

If you're interested in learning more you can chat to Christy in the main playground at drop-off or pick-up, or email her

# Bright Stars - Friday 12th September 2025



<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Poppy</b>	For settling in so confidently, being a kind friend, and already following our golden rules beautifully.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Jesse</b>	For being a wonderful role model, always sitting quietly, listening on the carpet, and joining in with learning.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Oscar</b>	For settling in so confidently into his new class. It has been lovely to see him busy making new friends and joining in with all our class learning.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Xander</b>	For having such a positive start to Year Two, rising to the challenge of being in a new year and showing role model behaviour.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Ava</b>	For showing great bravery in your first week at Flamstead. You have joined in with all the lessons and activities, and your hard work and effort have truly stood out.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Henry</b>	For good resilience this week when performing his speech in front of the class. Well done for believing in yourself.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Theo</b>	For his engagement in lessons. Theo is always raising a hand to answer questions or share his ideas.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Sidni</b>	For her great effort in all lessons even when the work becomes challenging.



## Attendance

## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 8th September
<b>Nursery</b>	96%
<b>Reception</b>	90%
<b>Year 1</b>	96.7%
<b>Year 2</b>	92%
<b>Year 3</b>	97.1%
<b>Year 4</b>	97.3%
<b>Year 5</b>	94.6%
<b>Year 6</b>	100%
<p><b>Well done</b></p> <p><b>Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.</b></p>	

Year Group	Who impressed us ?
Nursery	Jessica
Reception	-
Year 1	Edie
Year 2	Daisy
Year 3	Leo T
Year 4	Joey R
Year 5	Darcy S
Year 6	-
<p><b>Please remember to log on each week for at least 15 minutes,. This can be across the week. Please set a time to support your child.</b></p>	

## Secondary School Applications

All Year 6 pupils will need to apply for their Secondary School place by 31st Oct 2025

All admissions literature is available via live webpages at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and all school based information is accessible through the updated and extended online schools directory at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory)

**Watford FC CSE Trust** are offering the Empower programme, a **free** mental health service for 9-12 year olds that combines psychotherapy with physical activity. You can find out more information about us here: [Empower - Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust](#)

They are currently accepting referrals at their **St Albans** location:

Tuesdays - St Albans	
Greenwood Park Community Centre Tippendell Lane, Chiswell Green, St Albans AL2 3HW 6pm - 7.30pm Start date: 16th September 12 spaces available	Watford Empower- Thursdays Start date: 18th September <b>FULLY BOOKED</b>

## Our New Team Captains are...

**Red Phoenix - Willow**  
**Green Griffins - Louis**  
**Blue Unicorns - William**  
**Yellow Dragons - Fletcher**



# Friends of Flamstead School

## BREAK the RULES DAY



### Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes

Here's how it works:

£1 per rule you would like to break. Or £5 for as many rules as you would like!

Payable in class or via card in the main playground at drop-off

### When?

Friday 24th Oct

Parentkind  
Member Association