

This Week's News

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new School Library is installed and looking fabulous! The children have enjoyed exploring it this week, and it is wonderful to have such a fresh and vibrant space in school to enthuse the children and support their love of reading.

We announced the new School Council this week in our assembly on Monday. Congratulations to Aubrey, Frankie, Reece, Darcy, Leo, Ferne, Louie, Olivia, Lewis, Theo, Isabella and Max who were the successful candidates. The children were voted in by their classmates in elections last week. Congratulations also to Theo who was awarded a silver rose bowl for winning the Flamstead Village Show Poster competition, run earlier this year. We are all proud of you Theo.

We are collating as many trips, events and workshops as we can for the next academic year and will be putting these onto Arbor from Monday. We are aiming to give families as much time as we can before planned events in order for you to budget for payments. This was at the request of the Parent Council and we hope this will be of help to you all.

This week Cherry Class have been busy exploring their focus books and creating amazing models from 'Mobilo' and 'Lego'. Reception have learnt their second group of sounds in Phonics - 'i, n, m, d'. They have started putting these into simple three-letter words such as 'mad' and 'pin'. Nursery have been exploring the Gruffalo story, creating a story map and characters to retell the story.

It's been a busy Maths week in Maple Class. They have been exploring lots of resources like Base-10, playing cards and counters to help them with their counting. They shared all their brilliant gardening knowledge with great instructions, illustrations and writing in English when they published their first Class Book of the year! In History, they learnt about toy crazes of the past and enjoyed a game of marbles. They also picked up their clipboards and took their Science lesson outside, finding out how different parts of their bodies work together, when they do things like smile at a friend or stand up and sit down.

Chestnut Class has also been full of exciting learning. In English, they continued exploring the story *Mini Rabbit Not Lost*, diving deeper into the characters and their adventures. In History, they began fascinating journey through the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children used their enquiry skills to investigate and order key historical events, helping them understand how life changed over time. On the sports front, they kept building their basketball skills, focusing on protective dribbling to improve control and confidence on the court. We're proud of how engaged and curious the children have been—what a fantastic week of learning.

In English this week, Bonsai Class have been inspired by the Chimera, creating their own mythical creature consisting of at least two known animals. In Maths, they've counted in powers of 10 and began to round large numbers. In RE, and to celebrate Jeans for Genes Day, the children have become code crackers decoding hieroglyphics and encoding proteins. A highlight of the week was taking their learning outside for Science.

As you know, Christy, Ali and Anna are stepping down from FoFS. We are looking for a new Chair or joint Chair. Please pop into the hall on Wednesday 24th September at 2.45pm to speak with the FoFS team if you would like to know more about the role.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

26th Sept—APDR's sent home for individual children

29th Sept—Whole school visit to Pumpkin Farm

1st Oct—FGB meeting

1st Oct—Black History Month starts

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

14th Oct—TAG Rugby for Y5 and Y6

16th Oct—Y6 Health Checks

20th Oct—Diwali

20th Oct —Donations for Harvest into school

22nd Oct—Parents Evening 4.30—7.30pm

22nd Oct—No Lego or Netball Club after school

23rd Oct—Harvest Assembly from St Leonard's

24th Oct—Break the Rules Day

27th Oct—Half Term



Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class

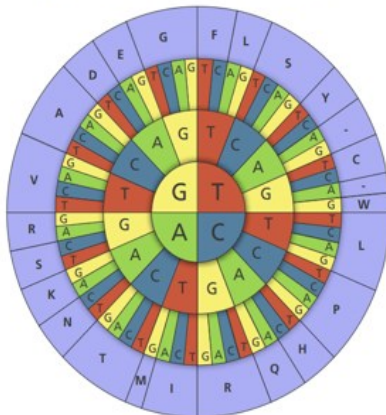


Bonsai Class



- How to use the code cracking wheel**
1. Find the first letter of the DNA code in the middle of the circle
 2. Move out to the second circle to find the next letter from the DNA code
 3. Move out to the third circle for the third letter of the code
 4. You will get a letter in the outer purple circle - this is your cracked code!

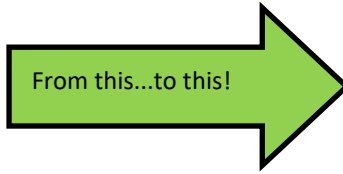
For example, the DNA code ATG gives the cracked code letter M!



Our amazing new library

This week the children were delighted to see our brand new library. The space has been revamped and rejuvenated. There are fresh wall displays of books and book characters, including some that are very unique to Flamstead. These were some of the suggestions by last year's School Council. There are many lovely places to sit, read and relax, the reading nook is a particular favourite! We are so thankful to FoFS who raised the money to enable us to buy all the new furniture and book storage.

Thank you FoFS!



New Chair for FoFS

To keep on providing wonderful extra things, like the new school library we need to continue the fabulous work of 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, please pop into the school hall at 2.45pm on Wednesday 24th September and you can chat to Christy about the role. Alternatively you can email her at friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com.

Bright Stars - Friday 19th September 2025

Nursery	Mabel	For Joining in so well with all of her learning. Mabel listens to teachers and participates in small group work wonderfully!
Reception	Malaya	For settling in to school so well. Malaya has been polite, respectful and always tries her best when learning. Well done.
Year 1	Reggie	For listening out for all the sounds in words and persevering with his blending skills.
Year 2	Milan	For doing some great learning this week in Maths and also creating a fantastic book all about dinosaurs.
Year 3	George	For trying really hard when learning how to play the cornet.
Year 4	Evie	For always showing good listening to teachers and friends.
Year 5	Ben	For his focus and dedication in English and Computing.
Year 6	Marion	For her role model behaviour and commitment to learning

Attendance

Year Group	w/b 15th September
Nursery	100%
Reception	97.65%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.33%
Year 5	94.29%
Year 6	100%

Well done to
Please remember not to take holidays in
school term time.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us with the highest number of minutes played?
Nursery	-
Reception	Amelia
Year 1	-
Year 2	Ada and Joni
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	-
Year 5	Darcy
Year 6	Lottie

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.

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 and all school based information is accessible through the updated and extended online schools directory at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory

Parent Council

Today we had our first Parent Council meeting of the new academic year. The meetings are always useful and it is always helpful to hear the views of the parent / carer body.

Where we can, we do make changes to make our school even better.

Today we had discussions around the new developments in school, clubs and trips and Communications with new families. We were also able to discuss points raised by the parent body around our recent School Council elections, break-times, online safety, SEND communications and parking.

Many thanks to our following Class Reps.

EYFS—Sanam Conway and Catherine Atkinson

Year One—Justine Hardie

Year Two—Katharine Collins

Year Three—Michelle Harris

Year Four—Rebecca Gisborne

Year Five—Kimberley Foster

Year Six—Susannah Drake

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:

When?
Friday 24th Oct

£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.

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