

## This Week's News

**Friday 26th September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a good week in school. The sunny weather was lovely to see. As you know, we are off to the Pumpkin Farm on Monday so please ensure your child has their wellies / walking boots in school that day and their school shoes to get changed into when they return. I hope you are finding the trips and events on Arbor useful to know in advance, please keep an eye on the payment dates and ensure that payments are made as far in advance as you can before the day of the trip. Remember to consent and make payment on Arbor by Sunday evening for the Pumpkin Farm Trip.

This week Cherry Class have been busy learning new sounds, exploring the 'Gruffalo' story and washing and caring for the toy babies. Nursery have continued to explore and create scenes from the 'Gruffalo' using the materials in the art area. Reception have learnt four more sounds this week (g, o, c, k).

Maple Class had fun this week learning all about how homes have changed since Victorian times. They carefully studied different photographic sources to discover clues about how people lived in the past. They also have been using 'keen eyes' in Science, learning all about the sense of sight. They played Spot the Difference and then went on a colour hunt around the classroom and garden. In Maths, Year Two built a gigantic number line from 0 - 100 all across their classroom and had a lot of fun using benchmarks to fill in lots of two-digit numbers.

What a week they have had in Chestnut Class, full of imagination, creativity and some very impressive sketching! This week, they became story *experts*. They have been learning how to use conjunctions (those clever little words that link ideas), putting events in the right sequence and adding some magical touches as they described settings full of mystery and wonder. Then, they completed their first ever published piece of writing and brought their stories to life. With Scientist hats on, they have planned and carried out experiments on the erosion of rocks. In Art, they have been channelling their inner William Morris. The children explored shading and cross-hatching techniques to sketch everyday objects. Their results were amazing! They looked closely, taking time and adding fantastic detail just like real artists. Watch out, William Morris... Chestnut Class is coming for your crown!

Bonsai Class have had another engaging and educational week. They've enjoyed building on their basketball skills on the court. In English they're writing non-chronological reports about their own hybrid creatures while in Maths they have compared, ordered and rounded decimal numbers. In History the children asked mature questions and reflected together on The Notting Hill Race Riots and how the residents of Notting Hill would have felt, before working in small groups to build trusses in Design Technology. In Science lessons the children were exploring irreversible changes outside in the sunshine.

We are starting our reading helpers timetable next week. If you would like to become a reader in school and have some time to support us each week we would love to hear from you. Please email the school office for further details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Head Teacher

### Autumn Term Dates 2025

- 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



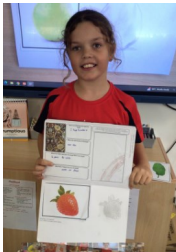
# Photo's from this week



## Maple Class



## Chestnut Class



## Bonsai Class



## Bright Stars - Friday 26th September 2025

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	For showing a positive attitude to learning this week and trying hard with phonics and maths.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Willow</b>	For always trying hard in her phonics learning and for now taking home books with words in.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Edie</b>	For sharing her ideas and joining in well with classroom discussions.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Cordelia</b>	For being a dedicated learner who always tries her best with all of her learning.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Cobi</b>	For trying really hard in his writing this week. Wow, we were super impressed!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Rafe</b>	For persevering in Art this week. Well Done Rafe, you kept going with the sketching and shading skills and produced great work!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>George</b>	For his engagement and enthusiasm in our History lessons.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Beau</b>	For his effort developing his writing content and stamina.

## Attendance

Year Group	w/b 22nd September
<b>Nursery</b>	82.76%
<b>Reception</b>	99.31%
<b>Year 1</b>	96.3%
<b>Year 2</b>	94.81%
<b>Year 3</b>	96.83%
<b>Year 4</b>	99.26%
<b>Year 5</b>	95.24%
<b>Year 6</b>	99.07%
<p><b>Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.</b></p>	

## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	Oliver
Reception	Robin
Year 1	-
Year 2	Darcy
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Conor
Year 5	Darcy
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>	

## Parent and Carer Autumn Newsletter from DSPL8

The DSPL8 Parents/Carers Autumn newsletter has been uploaded to their website. It is full of information for parents and carers, You can access all the information using the link below:

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/dspl8-parent-nl-sept-25-1/>



## Parking



As a supportive school community we would like to remind parents and carers that the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school are not to be stopped or parked on, especially during drop off and pick up.

We would also request that parking is done considerately and does not block the end of the turning circle or that cars do not mount the pavement to park.

The turning circle outside of school works much more efficiently if everyone enters at the end nearest to the Methodist Church and exits the other end.

I am sure we all work together to keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school.  
Many thanks

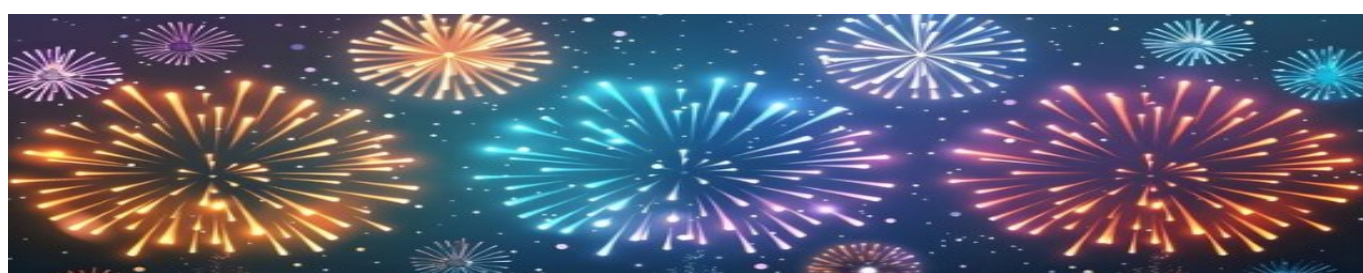
## FoFS Annual Fireworks

This fantastic event is happening later this term, on Saturday the 8th November.

We need you!

FoFS are in need of more volunteers to help on the night while still enjoying the wonderful display.

If you are able to offer any amount of help, either by helping out on the bar, helping to set up, pack away, helping on a stall or being a Marshall to help direct people and keep this event safe please speak to either Ali, Sarah or Christy or email the school office.



# 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

Parentkind  
Member Association

£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



# Halloween at church farm



Visit  
Church Farm  
Ardeley  
*A real working  
farm!*



- \* Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- \* Big Bale Play
- \* Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- \* Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- \* Spooky Photo Opportunities
- \* Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- \* Scarecrow Trail

- \* Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- \* Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- \* Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- \* Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- \* Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- \* Farm Sensory Trail

## Additional Activities

- Pumpkin Picking & Carving
- Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)
- Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides
- Eerie Egg Collecting
- Ghoulish Goat Walking

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