

This Week's News

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a super week in school with some very exciting events. We were so lucky with the beautiful weather on Monday for whole school trip to the Pumpkin Farm. It was a super experience with tractor rides, learning about the farm from Farmer Ian, painting our pots and, of course, pumpkin picking! The week continued to be full of enrichment with Key Stage One enjoying a wonderful 'My Body' workshop on Wednesday, and all the children being involved in a poetry assembly where they recited some wonderful poems by heart for National Poetry Day on Thursday. Next week is Space Week, and also World Mental Health Day on Friday when we will be having our wellbeing dance workshops for all the children. Remember to wear something yellow!

This week, Cherry class have been learning a poem for National Poetry Day that took place on Thursday. They learnt half of 'The Wild Cherry Blossom Fairy' from a collection of poems written by Cicely Mary Barker. They have also been exploring more of her Flower Fairy poems in literacy lessons and have begun creating a poetry book of our favourite ones. The children have been busy creating diggers, fire engines and dinosaur worlds from construction materials this week. This is helping develop their fine motor skills ready for writing.

Maple Class used all their senses and scientific skills in a morning full of experiments on Wednesday. They really enjoyed their Body workshop exploring lots of wonderful things a human body can do. They listened to their own heartbeats, created an optical illusion to trick the eye and investigated the correlation between height and hand size. In PE, they played games to help build jumping, hopping and throwing techniques. They have also been busy creating story maps and innovating new endings for their class book Puffin Peter.

This week, in Chestnut Class, has been full of autumnal adventures and creative learning. The children had a fantastic time visiting the Pop Up Farm, where they listened to the farmer explain what grows on his land. A real highlight was going on a worm hunt—did you know that more worms means wetter soil, which is great for growing pumpkins! After learning that fun fact, the children each got to pick their very own pumpkin and even painted their own plant pot to take home. Back in the classroom, they have been busy writers in English, creating their own imaginative versions of Mini Rabbit Not Lost, and it's been wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm in their stories. In Maths, they have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10. It was a bit tricky at first, but after reminders of how to find the nearest multiple of 10, they are now feeling much more confident. Well done, Chestnut Class, for another brilliant week of learning.

Bonsai Class have had a busy week publishing their non-chronological reports in English and exploring negative numbers in Maths. Outside of the curriculum, the children have learnt more about Mahatma Gandhi as his birthday was on 2nd October. They have also explored the Japanese art form 'kintsugi' after a plant pot was broken during Monday's pumpkin patch trip. The class watched a live lesson Wednesday afternoon about road safety and then created posters with top tips. Well done to Rupert and Oscar for the winning Year 6 and 5 designs.

I have emailed the results of the parent surveys in July to you all. Thank you so much for all your overwhelming positivity and constructive comments that help us move forward as a school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

- 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
- 31st Oct—Last Day for Secondary applications
- 3rd Nov—Back to school
- 8th Nov—FoFS Fireworks Display
- 10th Nov—Anti-Bullying Week



Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



Maple Class

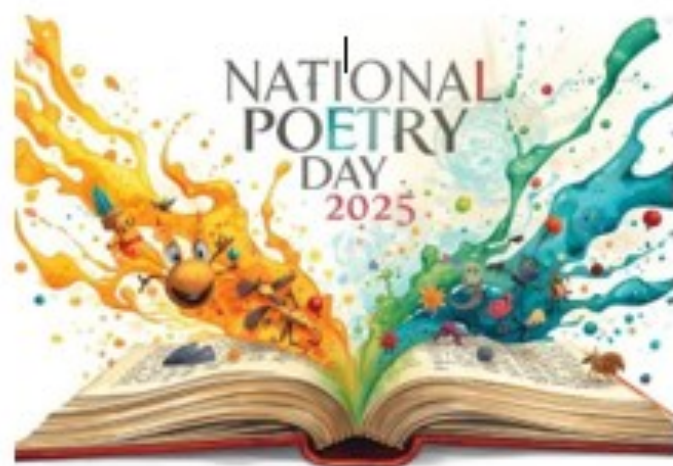


Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class





During our Thursday morning assembly each class performed a poem. The national curriculum states EYFS children should 'learn new vocabulary... and ... know many rhymes' while Year 1 children should 'listen and discuss a wide range of poems' progressing to KS2 children being able to 'read aloud and perform poems, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.'

To support the children meeting age related standards and to promote a love for reading we asked each class to learn a poem.

Cherry class performed the first half of 'Cherry-tree Fairy' by Cicely Mary Barker.

Maple class performed 'Crayon Poem' by James Carter using props to support their performance.

Chestnut performed 'Swifts' from The Lost Spells by Robert MacFarlane using actions to enhance their poem.

Bonsai performed 'Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carol with each group choosing how they would perform their stanza.

The staff were extremely proud of each performance.



Bright Stars - Friday 3rd October 2025



Nursery	Elsie	For her participation during phonics learning and her additions to our story display.
Reception	Greyson	For his progress in independently writing his name and for having an improved attitude to learning.
Year 1	Aubrey	For challenging himself and growing in confidence to give a brilliant performance of our class poem.
Year 2	Matilda	For taking care and consideration when she edits her written learning in English to make it even better.
Year 3	Elsie	For always listening and following instructions well.
Year 4	Harrison	For working really hard when practicing our whole class poem for our performance!
Year 5	Alice	For her role model behaviour and support within the classroom to both the adults and her peers.
Year 6	Willow	For her dedication to writing for pleasure. Willow has started writing an exciting and engaging story which we have all enjoyed reading. We are all looking forward to the next chapter.



Attendance

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 29th September
Nursery	96.67%
Reception	98.82%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95.71%
Year 6	93.33%

Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.

Year Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	-
Year 1	-
Year 2	Xander, Phoebe, 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.



Polite reminder: The deadline to purchase audience tickets is Monday 6th October 2025 at 4pm.

On Wednesday, Miss Pike attended the Young Voices teacher conference where she met Andy Instone the creative director of Urban Strides and David Lawrence the Principal conductor for the past 27 years. Both Andy and David recorded personalised messages for the Flamstead Young Voices Choir.



The creative team excitedly shared that the 2026 world wide sing-a-long will be the Wicked medley the children are already learning. We are exceptionally lucky as our choir will be live at the O2 when the world wide sing-a-long is recorded. They are expecting 500,000 people to join in worldwide on the day.

16 weeks until the big day!



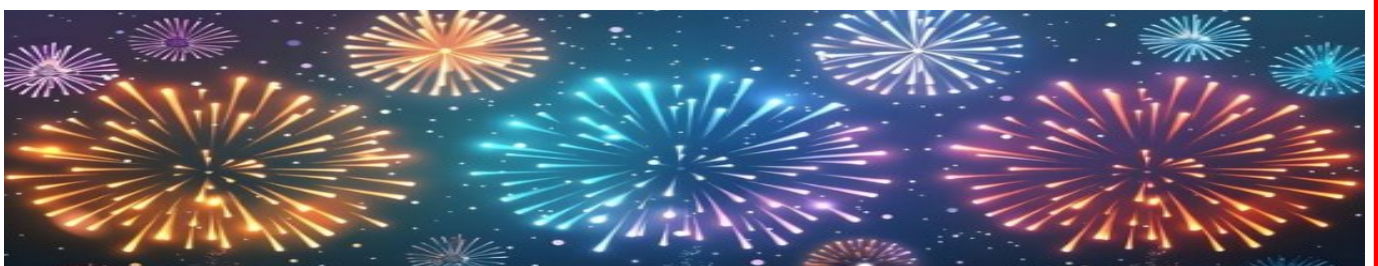
FoFS Annual Fireworks

This fantastic event is happening later this term, on Saturday 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

Opus 3 Piano Trio

& guests

Andy Massey - Piano

Emma Crossley - Violin

Toby Turton - Cello

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Morgan Goff - Viola

Chris Kelly - Double Bass

Mozart Trio
C Major

Schubert
Quintet
'The Trout'

Saturday 8 November 2025

7:30pm

St Leonard's Church

Flamstead

Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk

Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825



SCAN ME!



Tickets £25 / £20 / £10

Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Our guest speaker will be a clinician who works at *HPFT CAMHS

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 7th October, 7pm to 9pm

* Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

For more information or to book your place:

Call: 01992 58 69 69

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events

