



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an interesting week in school with World Space Week. The theme for this year is 'Living in Space' and we started the week with an assembly looking at what the benefits and challenges would be. We also have some lovely books about 'Space' in our new school library that we have been sharing. On Tuesday, KS1 and KS2 enjoyed joining the Black History Month Great Big Live Assembly. During the event there was a competition to answer 3 questions about Rosa Parks and while the children were correct and speedy unfortunately they were not the fastest school. Not deterred by losing the competition, Bonsai class politely asked to purchase a copy of a book for the classroom and a spare for the library and rather excitedly the book arrived the next day. The class copy has already been borrowed by a pupil to read for pleasure at home. World Mental Health Day was today and we had some wonderful wellbeing dance workshops for all the children. I have been able to go into most classes this week for the afternoon and work with the children. It has been delightful to see them embrace their learning and given me the opportunity to get to know our new children too.

This week, Cherry Class have learnt about the five dwarf planets and the incredible Apollo 11 mission. They enjoyed finding out what it's like to be an astronaut and imagining travelling into space. In PE, Coach set up the gymnastics equipment for the children to explore. They practised balancing, climbing, and moving in different ways with growing confidence.

Maple Class have loved asking questions about space this week. They asked how many astronauts were in space at the moment (answer - there were 10 midweek); they tracked the International Space Station and could see that it had orbited over Flamstead that day. In Science, the children have been exploring and experimenting with their sense of smell here on Earth, so were interested to find out how the sense of smell can work in space. It made them giggle to see how astronauts ate in space and they ended the week creating a collaborative galaxy art work that was truly out of this world!

This week, Chestnut Class have had a wonderful mix of creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning. In English they began by reading 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright, exploring its structure and identifying key features such as vivid imagery, repetition, and imaginative ideas. To inspire their own writing they took their learning outdoors on a nature walk, using their senses to collect ideas. The children carefully observed, listened, touched, and even smelled the world around them to gather rich language for their poems. They are looking forward to seeing how their magical boxes come to life in their writing next week. In Maths, they have been developing mental strategies by learning the 'Think 10' method to help with addition. This strategy involves getting to the next multiple of 10 first before adding the rest, which helps make tricky sums more manageable. In History, they have been stepping back in time to the Mesolithic period, exploring what life was like for early humans. They looked closely at the fascinating archaeological site of Star Carr and what it can tell us about how people lived thousands of years ago. They were especially interested to find out that a lot of the land from this time is now underwater after all the ice melted!

To celebrate Science Week 2025 Bonsai Class have enjoyed learning more about space and life in space as well as creating fact files about the planets. They marked World Mental Health Day with mindful colouring and their dance workshop session. A highlight of the week was tea tasting in English where the children tasted chamomile tea, green tea and fruit tea linked to their stimulus text; Cloud Tea Monkeys. In Maths they have multiplied and divided by 10, 100 and 1,000 while in DT they increased weights by 5g when measuring the impact of the arch shape on the strength of a bridge.

This week I have had some children practising their writing at home, producing some super stories and showing me their work. My aim is to have a section in our new library filled with stories and books written by our talented children so please encourage and support your child with their story writing at home.

The Parent Consultation booking system has been open since Tuesday. Please do make sure you book a slot to meet with your child's teacher and we look forward to seeing some of you next Monday. Miss Russell, SENCo, will also be available to meet with parents during Parents Consultations on the 22nd of October. If you would like to make an individual appointment with her on this evening or at another time, please contact the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

- 13th Oct—Parent Consultations 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—Parent Consultations 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 - Odd Socks Day
- 11th Nov—Armistice Day
- 11th Nov—Individual photos - be smart!
- 13th Nov—Kindness Day
- 14th Nov—Children In Need Day - Pudsey wear



Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



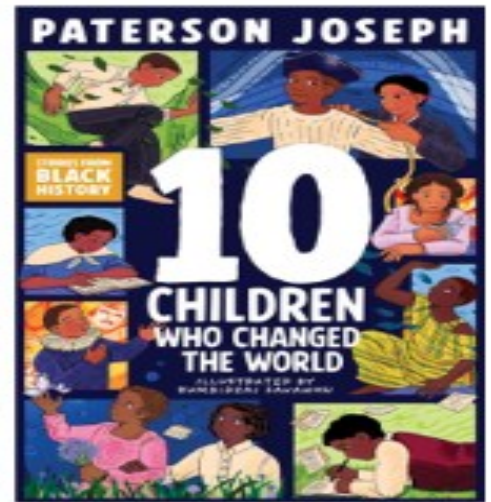
Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Bright Stars - Friday 6th October 2025

 Nursery	Maverick	Maverick has shown fantastic listening and joined in with his learning all week. He's been an absolute superstar!
Reception	Amelia	For her consistent effort in her writing this week. Amelia has been challenging herself to write words and even sentences.
Year 1	Axel	For creating some thoughtful and detailed watercolour elements for our class art collaboration.
Year 2	Lenny	For showing some amazing blending and reading skills this week. Keep it up Lenny!
Year 3	Jasper	For trying really hard in Maths this week when learning how to use the 'think 10' strategy.
Year 4	Darcy	For always being a good partner or team member when working together in lessons.
Year 5	Oscar	For his enthusiasm to help within the classroom and for working positively with his partner.
Year 6	Lottie	For her positive and effective partner work in DT which lead to a great investigation.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 6th October
Nursery	98%
Reception	92%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96%

Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.

TTRS and Numbots

AmelYear Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	Amelia / Jesse
Year 1	-
Year 2	Tami
Year 3	-
Year 4	-
Year 5	Ava / Darcy
Year 6	William

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.

World Mental Health Day

Today we are raising money, alongside many others for 'Young Minds'. We have been wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day.

Thank you for showing young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they're feeling the pressure. You are helping raise vital funds to show them things can get better.

Please remember to donate what you can via Arbor to support 'Young Minds'.

If you, your family or child is in need of mental health advice and support please do reach out to us in school or use the following links for help and advice.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services-for-children-and-young-people/mental-health-and-wellbeing.aspx>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Wellbeing Dance Workshops

Our Wellbeing Dance workshops today were amazing. There were plenty of smiles and enjoyment as the children in Cherry, Maple and Chestnut Class danced to 'Lion Kin'.

As the oldest class Bonsai learnt a routine to 'You can't stop the beat' from Hairspray the musical. The instructor, Ellie was impressed with Bonsai's knowledge of musicals (Miss Pike's hobby helped) and it was a familiar song to our 2025 Young Voices Choir as the musical medley was Hairspray. All children joined in enthusiastically and smiled as bright as their yellow accessories.



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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

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- ▶ As your child progresses on their musical journey, they will be invited to join ensembles or music groups that perform regularly.



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ACTIVITES

- Football matches
- Cross bar challenges
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