

This Week's News Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see parents on Monday evening during the Parent Consultations and we look forward to seeing the remaining parents next week on Wednesday. Please make sure you amend your pupil information sheets and post them in the box in the hall or return them to school by next Thursday please. Please also remember your food donations for the Luton Food Bank on Monday as part of our Harvest celebrations. We have another exciting week to look forward to with Diwali and also a visit to St Leonard's to hear the bells being rung on Monday.

This week, Cherry class have been continuing their learning about Space as they enjoyed it so much last week. The children can now confidently talk about the 5 known dwarf planets (Ceres, Eris, Makemake, Haumea and Pluto) as well as the 8 planets in our solar system. They have also learnt the song 'Hey Moon' by Mooseclumps to inspire their excitement when learning about the moon landing in 1969. We learnt all about Buzz Aldrin this week and spoke about the important role Michael Collins had to play in the Apollo 11 mission too. In their Literacy lessons, Reception have been creating sentences and writing the initial sounds of each word linked to this learning. Nursery have been mathematicians this week exploring counting in the outdoor area collecting sticks, stones and flowers.

Maple Class have really enjoyed learning all about time this week in Maths. They have been exploring how the days and months are ordered. They have also been estimating intervals of time, racing against the clock to build the tallest tower or write their names as many times as possible in a minute. In PE, they have been building on their jumping skills, playing games to showcase all that they have learnt this half term. In English, the children have had lots of fun exploring recipes, both at home and at school. Some children were inspired to recreate at home, some of the recipes they have been learning about in their book 'Gruffalo Crumble' and they have all wowed us as they have begun to write their own Mud Pie recipes.

This week, Chestnut Class have had a fantastic week full of creativity, curiosity, and teamwork. In English they have continued exploring poetry and have composed their own imaginative pieces inspired again by *The Magic Box* by Kit Wright – the children have loved filling their 'boxes' with magical, mysterious and sometimes mischievous ideas. In Maths, they have been developing mental addition strategies, including rebalancing and using known number facts to solve problems more efficiently. History took them way back again, this time to the Neolithic period, where they have been acting as historians—examining clues to uncover what life was really like thousands of years ago. Meanwhile, in PE, children showcased their fantastic teamwork and skills during a mini basketball tournament.

Bonsai Class have had another fun packed week. On Tuesday afternoon, the children attended a Tag Rugby competition at Harpenden Rugby Club where they split into three teams to compete against other local schools. All of the adults who attended spoke of the children's effort and sportsmanship and the girls on the compete team get an honourable mention for playing all game, every game. On Thursday, Year Six were visited by the School Nursing Team where they learnt more about teeth health and healthy sleep routines before completing health questionnaires. In History, the children created posters as if they were a member of CARD (Campaign Against Racial Discrimination) encouraging Bristol residents in the 1960s to join the Bristol Bus Boycott. In Computing, the class began to design their own websites, on paper, ready to start building them next week. The children were extremely proud of the fact files they wrote for Black History Month which will be turned into a class book.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

- 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 - see attached poster
- 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 - Wear Odd Socks
- 11th—Armistice Day
- 13th—Kindness Day
- 14th Nov—Children in Need—Wear Pudsey / Non uniform
- 20th Nov—Bonsai Trip to Science Museum
- 20th Nov—Governing Board Meeting
- 21st Nov—Parent Council Meeting 9am
- 21st Nov—Governors to visit school PM
- 28th Nov—Occasional Day (school closed)



Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Bright Stars - Friday 17th October 2025

Nursery	Elsie	For her enthusiastic approach to learning. Elsie has been putting in lots of effort to her learning this week. Well done!
Reception	Robin	For moving up his reading level to band 25! Robin is now challenging himself by exploring definitions of words and word types.
Year 1	Frankie	For having a brilliant week in reading, writing and joining in so well with all classroom expectations.
Year 2	Phoebe	For challenging herself during her Maths lessons and enjoying the success she has had.
Year 3	Jude	For working really hard in English this week. First to create a collaborative poem and then beginning to use his own ideas to write his own 'The Magic Box' poem.
Year 4	Winter	For working hard and showing resilience in Maths. Even when things got a bit tricky, you kept going. Well done!
Year 5	Amalie	For her sportsmanship and effort at Tag Rugby.
Year 6	Fletcher	For his effort and focus in Computing when planning his website.

Attendance

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 13th October
Nursery	70%
Reception	97.65%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	93.33%
Year 5	95.71%
Year 6	96.67%
Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.	

AmelYear Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	-
Year 1	Frankie
Year 2	Lenny & Matilda
Year 3	-
Year 4	Joey
Year 5	Darcy & Ava
Year 6	-
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.	



Flamstead Village Fireworks will be taking place again on Saturday November 8th!

Gates open at 5:30pm for a 6:30pm display.

If you attended last year, you know what an amazing night it was and this year is set to be **EVEN BETTER**.

There's the usual Bar, Hot Drinks, Cupcakes and Glow Toys but **NEW FOR 2025** is the addition of **Renegade Fries**, serving Hot Loaded Fries, Hot Dogs and Chicken Tenders (Vegan and Vegetarian options available).

Better than all that is an even **BIGGER FIREWORKS DISPLAY** set to the best music of the year. The kids are gonna love it.

Last year, tickets sold out—unfortunately, we had to turn people away. This year, tickets can be purchased ONLINE ONLY.

So don't miss out! Get your tickets now at <http://flamsteadfireworks.uk> and support our wonderful village school.

SPECIAL THANKS

This week the Flamstead Scarecrow Festival committee let us know that they'll be donating **£1,820** from the proceeds of this year's festival to FoFS.

This is HUGE amount that will fund so many amazing things at the school. We wanted to thank the Scarecrow Committee and everyone from our parent community who made a scarecrow or volunteered at the festival—by taking part, you've secured an incredible donation. Here's to getting involved even more next year!

FoFS AGM

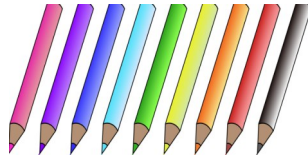
The FoFS AGM is set to happen next **Friday, 24th October at 2:30pm** in the school hall. We will be talking about all the things we've achieved in the last 12 months and voting in the new FoFS team.

For an AGM to be legitimate, we need a larger group of people attending. So if you have a spare half hour, please come along and show your support! Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

The Big Draw Festival

A great half term activity is for anyone who's creative, as well as those who think they aren't.

It's a worldwide celebration of all things creative that brings communities together for some amazing artistic activities.



The 2025 Big Draw theme is: Drawn Together

Our Hitchin campus will be transformed into a creative hub, with exciting workshops and interactive experiences led by our talented staff and students across a range of curriculum areas – and we're inviting families, children, and the local community to join us.

Hitchin Campus | [Tuesday 28th October, 9:30am – 1pm](#)

See the website for more details

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

When?
Friday 24th Oct

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

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Member Association

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School

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
Stay informed and get involved.

Tea/ Coffee and biscuits available!

School Hall
Friday 24th Oct 2:30pm



Parentkind
Member Association

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



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- *Does your child's school non attendance affect you as a Parent/ Carer?*
- *Would you like a safe space to share your experiences with others?*

DSPL8 will be hosting an informal catch up for you to share experiences and support each other.

Thursday 23rd October from 10am

Services for Young People

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre

On the 1st floor of the XC Centre

Jarman Park

HP2 4JS

If you wish to come along please click the link below to go direct to our Eventbrite page:

[EBSNA Check - in](#)