

This Week's News Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see parents again on Wednesday for our final Parent Consultation evening, many thanks to Louise Russell and Sue Wright, two of our School Governors, who joined us on each evening to talk to parents too. Thank you for returning the data collection forms to the box during the evening. If your form still needs returning please do so on the first day back after half term.

On Monday we had a delightful visit to St Leonard's Church to hear the extraordinary bell ringing. It was lovely for the children to visit the church and hear the bells that some of them had seen taken down for restoration in 2023.

Thank you so much for all your donations to the Luton Food Bank. We had a wonderful assembly on Thursday led by Sam Davis and Jo Burke from St Leonard's Church and the children enjoyed the story of 'Stone Soup'. After half term we will have a visitor from the Luton Food Bank to explain to the children where the food goes and what a difference it will make.

This week in Cherry class the children have been busy mathematicians! Nursery have been building towers and counting the amount while Reception have been counting sounds with their eyes closed, and objects while they are moving in water. Cherry class have very much enjoyed their topic of space over the last few weeks, and it has been lovely to see all of their wonderful writing and beautiful drawings of all things space! The children have all remembered so many amazing space facts, please be sure to continue this love of space learning at home and show Miss Stout any drawings or writing after half term. Next half term our topic will be 'Light and Dark' where children will begin to explore nocturnal animals and of course Christmas and Hannukah!

Maple Class became detectives in History, searching through archive papers and photographs of Flamstead School discovering what life had been like for children who had been here over 80 years ago. This was a fantastic history lesson about our school and our community. They even found children in the registers who were evacuees sent to Flamstead in World War II. They learnt all about Diwali in RE and in Literacy have published their first recipe book - all about making Mud Pies. In Science, they carried out an experiment to see if they could recognise each others' voices, just by using their sense of hearing.

Chestnut Class have had a wonderfully busy end to the half term! They were very proud to have published their final poems inspired by *The Magic Box*; the children's creativity and imagination really shone through. Their poems will be turned into a special class poetry book for the reading corner, and everyone will also be taking home their own beautifully presented copy to share with family. In Science, they have been investigating different types of soil, comparing textures and properties, and even observing some fascinating fossils to deepen our understanding of how rocks and soils tell us about the past. Their History work has taken them on a journey from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. To show off all their learning, the children have created their very own fact file posters, packed with interesting facts and colourful illustrations. They will be rounding off their topic with something extra special: a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop on the first day back after half term, bringing history to life!

Bonsai have thoroughly enjoyed the culmination of their non-core subjects. In DT they worked in groups to create bridges to a set criterion. Once build time was over, the children evaluated their designs against the criteria and reflected on what they would do differently next time. In History the children learnt how the Bristol Buss Boycott was resolved and designed a plaque or statue to commemorate the historic event. In Maths the children have converted measures applying their known skills of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. While in English they have written descriptions and scenes with dialogue based on the book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. All children enjoyed Monday's walk to St Leonards to hear the bells, but the highlight of the week for them was Break the Rules Day!

I do hope your half term break is everything you need it to be. Keep safe if you are 'Trick and Treating' for Halloween and please do look after each other and enjoy family time. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday the 3rd of November.

Remember to buy your tickets for FoFS firework display online. We look forward to seeing you there on the 8th November.

Kind regards

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

27th Oct—Half Term

31st Oct—Last Day for Secondary applications

3rd Nov—Back to school

3rd Nov—Poppies etc available to buy in school - cash

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

24th Nov—UK Parliament Week

28th Nov—Occasional Day (school closed)

1st Dec—Assessment Week for all

2nd Nov—Gift donations in for the North Pole Shop

5th—Dec—Bonsai Class Assembly for parents / carers

6th Dec—Christmas Tree Festival at Methodist Church

See website for more details

BREAK the RULES DAY

We have had so much fun today on 'Break the Rules' Day. The children rose to the occasion and broke as many rules as possible! We had multi-coloured hair, lots of nail varnish, tattoos, make up and face paint, own clothes, onesies and pyjamas! The children enjoyed telling staff what they had in their bottles and lunchboxes instead of water and healthy snacks too! This afternoon the older children became the teachers and decided what they would be teaching and learning. It was a wonderful, crazy day! Chesnut Class wrote some VERY persuasive letters to me in the morning asking for another 'Break the Rules' Day as they enjoyed it SO much! It is being considered so watch this space!





Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Bright Stars - Friday 24th October 2025



Nursery	Frankie	For his enthusiasm for learning as well as his fantastic participation in all his learning.
Reception	Penny	For her constant positive attitude to learning at school and for always being polite and kind to her peers and teachers.
Year 1	Reggie	For building on his sounding out and blending skills when he is reading and writing.
Year 2	Ada	For taking pride in her Literacy learning, always trying her best to write clear, descriptive sentences.
Year 3	Ferne	For working super hard in her writing this week. Ferne has impressed so many adults with the progress she has made in her writing this term. Well done, Ferne!
Year 4	Mia	For always being kind and showing respect to her peers and teachers.
Year 5	Lewis	For his focus and effort across all lessons.
Year 6	Rupert	For his dedication in English to develop his writing ensuring it reflects his love for literature.



Attendance

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 20th October
Nursery	%
Reception	%
Year 1	%
Year 2	%
Year 3	%
Year 4	%
Year 5	%
Year 6	%

AmelYear Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	30% of pupils accessing
Reception	30% of pupils accessing
Year 1	50% of pupils accessing
Year 2	33% of pupils accessing
Year 3	69% of pupils accessing
Year 4	60% of pupils accessing
Year 5	79% of pupils accessing
Year 6	58% of pupils accessing

Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.

Well done to the children below for a fantastic effort with their online maths learning this week.

Remember to still log on over half term!

Numbots and TTRS

Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in assembly this week.

Everyone needs to log on each week please.

TOP 3 PUPILS WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MINUTES PLAYED
OUT OF EVERYONE IN
EYFS and KS1

Frankie

Austin

Amelia

Also, on for 15 minutes
EYFS – Delilah, Jessica, Penny, Ollie
Maple – Oscar, Axel, Daisy

Select certificates

TOP 3 PUPILS BASED ON...
MOST MINUTES PLAYED OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS
OUT OF EVERYONE IN
KS1 and KS2

Fletcher

Jasper

Winter

2ND PLACE

1ST PLACE

3RD PLACE

Also, on for 15 minutes
Maple – Cordelia
Chestnut – Rosie, Finley, Cobi, Leo, Jerry, Mia, Olivia
Bonsai – Ava, Darcy, Lewis, Theo, Andre, Amalie, William, Willow, Lottie, Isabella

End Present

Family Support and assistance

Foodbanks in the local area

Kids eat free or for £1



St Albans & District Foodbank

We are open for food collection at the following times and locations:

St Albans

Verso Care , 7 Brick Knoll Park. AL1 5UG Monday 10:00-12:00
 Christ Church, 3 High Oaks, AL3 6DJ - Tuesday 1:00-3:00
 Cottonmill Community Centre, Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane, AL1 2EF - Wednesday 1:00-3:00
 Jubilee Centre, 10-12 Catherine Street, St Albans, AL3 5BU - Saturday 10:00-12:00

London Colney

Caledon Community Centre, Caledon Road, London Colney, AL2 1PU - Friday 10:00-12:00

Frogmore

Holy Trinity Church, 37 Frogmore, St Albans, AL2 2JU - Wednesday 11:30-1:00

Wheathampstead

The Memorial Hall, Marford Road, AL4 8AY - Thursday 11:30 - 1:30

Harpenden

Crabtree Church, 139 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, AL5 5RD - Friday 1:00-3:00

Redbourn

Redbourn Parish Centre, The Park, Redbourn, AL3 7LR - Monday 2:00-3:30

For more information please do one of the following:

Call: 01727 613019 - option 1

Email: info@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit www.stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Charity Number: 1158917



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult: Scotland 13th - 17th Oct
 England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

BURGER KING

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
 (Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

FLAMING GRILL

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &
 Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 until October 31st 2025 via App

HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat for £1 From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct
 (Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS

Kids eat for £1 during the October half term

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 Kids for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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DSPL8 Delivering Special Provision Locally

DSPL8 Parents Newsletter Autumn 2025

Dear Professionals,

In this newsletter, please find the following training and support with the booking/information links. Please find more information on each session, in this PDF document.

TOPIC	BOOKING/INFORMATION
BeeZee	A free healthy lifestyle programmes, helping families and young people develop healthy habits that last for life. To book contact them via phone on 01707 248648 OR email: 828info@maximusuk.co.uk More information on the BeeZee Website
Family Lives parenting groups	Free Autumn Term parenting groups; 6 week online groups on different topics. For more information please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 OR email: services@familylives.org.uk OR scan the QR code on page 5
Families in Focus CIC	Families in Focus offer online interactive courses to help parents/carers increase understanding of Autism, ADHD, sensory needs and emotional regulation. Email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk
Families First Newsletter	Parenting and Relationship support newsletter: NEWSLETTER
Supporting Links	To see what courses are available go to: WHAT'S ON For more information or to book you can also contact: 07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
SPACE	SPACE offer a variety of parenting course online and face to face. The current course available are on page 10 and 11, with QR codes to book direct on the course. Alternatively please go to their Eventbrite page: SPACE Eventbrite
Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops	Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit: EVENTBRITE OR scan the QR code on page 12

Parent Course and support for pupils with SEND

Description

This online programme will help parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child.

This programme will cover:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective Communication Skills
- Managing Emotions & Stress
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Building a Supportive Network
- Creating a Unified Parenting Approach

Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am on 5, 12, 19, 26 November and 3, 10 December 2025

Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm on 6, 13, 20, 27 November and 4, 11 December 2025

This course is open to parent/carers who are residents of Hertfordshire.

To book or for further information please call Louise on 0204 522 8700 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Service Details

Organisation: Family Lives

Service Type: Parenting Course

Primary Client Group: Families

Website: <http://www.familylives.org.uk>



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.



HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB

£30

27TH/28TH OCT 9-3
FLAMSTEAD PRESCHOOL

BRING A PACKED LUNCH (HALLOWEEN SNACK PROVIDED)

POTION MAKING, PUMPKIN CARVING
DRESS THE MUMMY, ALLOTMENT,
ARTS AND CRAFTS

CHILDREN FROM 6 MONTHS TO YEAR 6

BOOK YOUR SPACE BY THURSDAY 23RD OCT
INFO@FLAMSTEADPRESCHOOL.CO.UK

WWW.FLAMSTEADPRESCHOOL.CO.UK