



Dear Parents and Carers

What a super Saturday we had last weekend with the Fireworks in School. A massive thank you to all of the FoFS members involved and all of the additional help we had from the local community in setting off the fireworks and making sure they were safe. It was a lovely community event and it was lovely to see so many of our families come together to enjoy the fireworks and all the stalls together. We have also been given the final total for FoFS 'Break the Rules Day' fundraiser. We are pleased to let you know that we raised £245.95. Thank you for your support.

Our school value for this half term is 'Respect'. The children had an assembly on Monday to launch 'Anti Bullying Week' in school. The message this year is 'Power for Good' and, throughout the week, we have been focusing on how we give and show respect and how we create a community of kindness in school, particularly focusing on 'Kindness Day' which was on Wednesday. Respect was also shown on Tuesday with the children in every class discussing Armistice Day and the reasons behind our poppy sales. The school came together at 11am on Tuesday for the two minute silence in respect. We also thank Lottie and Isabella for placing our school poppy wreath at the memorial at St Leonard's Church on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of us all and for representing us so well in the local community. We ended the week with our 'Children in Need' Day, it is good to teach the children to support others in times of need so please do make your donations in the Arbor school shop.

This week in Cherry class have been very busy! Reception have just finished their maths unit on comparison and measures. They explored thick/thin, heavy/light, and long/short/tall. They have now started a new unit on Patterns. In Nursery, the children have been focusing on the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar', counting the food and learning the days of the week. The children have also taken on the challenge of creating their own baby food recipes in the cafe. There were some very interesting combinations of 'orange, sausage and pickle' and 'lemon, blueberry and brownie'.

This week in Literacy, Maple Class have had fun exploring their new book, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They have been role-playing the story to help them remember the sequence and have now begun story boarding their own version of the traditional tales. Watch out for stories of terrible trolls being outsmarted by dogs, snakes and bearded dragons! The children also enjoyed researching, tasting and describing lots of different fruit and vegetables in D&T. Some even found new favourite foods!

Chestnut Class have been busy developing their descriptive writing skills by using imaginative language to describe characters, settings, plots, and feelings. They also focused on using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend sentences. In Maths, they continued practising mental subtraction strategies, building confidence in solving problems quickly and accurately. In Science, they explored the topic of light and darkness, testing different objects to see whether they are luminous or not, and discussing how light helps us to see. During DT, they began creating our own mechanisms, experimenting with springs, flaps, and spinners to understand how things move and work.

Bonsai Class have had a week full of extra opportunities beyond the curriculum. They took part in the Anti-bullying Assembly with the BBC on Monday, they watched the Remembrance Assembly with JJ Chalmers and The Royal British Legion on Tuesday, and watched the Michal Rosen Day Assembly on Thursday celebrating poetry and World Kindness Day. In English, they wrote their own cinquain poems around Remembrance Day while in Art they drew Chinese Dragons. In Music, they've begun learning 'You've got a friend in Me' by Carole King and in PSHE, they've celebrated their differences. They are now eagerly awaiting their trip to the Science Museum next Thursday.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

- 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
- 8th Dec—Panto in school for all children
- 8th Dec—Last week of Teacher Clubs this week
- 9th Dec—Christingle Workshops—**Bring a large orange**
- 10th Dec—North Pole Shop Opens—One day only!
- 10th—Family Christingle Service at St Leonard's—5pm
- 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- 12th Dec—Service at St Leonards 2.30pm—Parents welcome
- 12th—Christmas Discos at 4.15pm and 6pm
- 16th Dec—EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 9.30—Parents / Carers
- 17th Dec—EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 3.30—Parents / Carers
- 18th—Party Day—wear party clothes
- 19th Dec—Term finishes at 1.30pm

See our website for more details



Photo's from this week



Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Laying our wreath at the Remembrance Day Service and selling poppies.



Respect and Kindness Awards - Friday 14th November 2025

	Respect	Kindness
Nursery	<p>Mabel For showing great respect when playing with her friends; she always lets others speak and listens carefully to their ideas.</p>	<p>Poppy For being a kind friend to everyone; she happily includes others in her games and always uses kind and caring words.</p>
Reception	<p>Malaya For showing all adults and friends respect every week; she listens to everyone and is always polite and is a fabulous role model for all children at school.</p>	<p>Delilah For being a kind and caring member of our classroom. Delilah enjoys helping the nursery children and consistently uses kind and friendly words with others.</p>
Year 1	<p>Frankie For not talking over others, following classroom expectations and being respectful to everyone she meets.</p>	<p>Aubrey For being kind and helpful to his friends in Maple Clas and other children in school.</p>
Year 2	<p>George For saying 'please' and 'thank you' throughout the school day to the adults in the classroom.</p>	<p>Daisy For being a caring and considerate member of Maple Class.</p>
Year 3	<p>Alfie For showing respect to his teachers when it is time to listen and follow instructions.</p>	<p>Leo For showing kindness to others by always demonstrating good manners.</p>
Year 4	<p>Oscar For showing respect to his teachers when it is time to listen and follow instructions.</p>	<p>Henry For showing kindness to others when holding the door open for others.</p>
Year 5	<p>Lewis For his respect of the classroom environment and members of the classroom both peers and teachers.</p>	<p>Alice For always thinking of her peers and supporting them.</p>
Year 6	<p>Louis For always showing respect to teachers, his peers and the school community.</p>	<p>Lottie For her kindness and patience with our younger pupils.</p>

Attendance

Year Group	w/b 10th November
Nursery	96.7%
Reception	84.3%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	94.4%
No term time holidays please!	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	-
Year 1	Reggie
Year 2	Matilda and Daisy
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Evie
Year 5	Darcy S
Year 6	-
At least 15 minutes a week please!	



Anti Bullying Week Resources

'Power for Good'

Resources to help families support their children



Cyber bullying

[Cyberbullying resources - Internet Matters](#)

Anti—Bullying Alliance—Parent support

[Advice for parents and carers](#)

Kidscape—Practical advice and support

[Help With Bullying | Bullying Advice | Kidscape](#)

Young Minds—Parent Support

[Bullying | Parents Guide to Support | YoungMinds](#)

NCPCC—Helping your child with bullying and cyberbullying

[Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC](#)

[Family Lives](#)

(previously Parentline Plus) 0808 800 2222

Gives support and advice for parents on any aspect of parenting and family life, including bullying. They are available between 9am to 9pm on weekdays and 10am to 3pm on weekends. You can also message them via WhatsApp on 07441 444125 (9am to 9pm on weekdays)

[Internet Matters](#)

Provides regularly refreshed content to support parents and carers with all aspects of e-safety. Includes lots of advice on technology that can help you to protect your child online and helpful content relating to cyberbullying.

[Childline](#)

You can call Childline 24 hours a day on 0800 1111. All calls to Childline are free and confidential and it can really help to talk to someone - you can find information here: www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/children-young-people

[The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre \(CEOP\)](#)

Provides help and advice on cyberbullying, the Centre maintains a website called [Think U Know](#) for children and young people, and parents and carers about staying safe online.

ANTI-BULLYING TIPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Equipping your child to understand what bullying is

Our definition of bullying:

"The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online."

[Learn more about the definition here](#)

Talk to your child about bullying, explain to them what bullying is, what it makes people feel like, and what people might be able to do if it happens to them (e.g. report it to a trusted adult). These conversations may help your child work out smaller relational conflicts on their own and prevent them from escalating into potential bullying. It may also encourage them to open up to you.

What to do if bullying happens

If your child is being bullied...

- Don't panic - your key role is listening, calming and reassuring that the situation can get better when action is taken.
- Reassure them that coming to you was the right thing to do, that the bullying is not their fault and that you will support them.
- Establish the facts and take notes (incl. screenshots if it happened online).
- Ask your child what they want to happen next, and reassure them that you will not act without discussing it with them first.

If your child is bullying others...

- Stay calm and establish the facts. Talk to your child about the impact of their behaviour, and encourage empathy.
- Make it clear that you do not tolerate the use of disrespectful and hurtful language and behaviour as a family (it's vital that you model this as parents/carers).
- Help them realise that no-one has the right to pressure to do something they don't want - including bullying others.
- Make sure they are not bullying others in retaliation for bullying they have suffered.

[See more advice here](#)

Further information advice and support

Remember you don't need to face it alone! There are lots of sources of free advice:

- Access our free anti-bullying [parent information tool](#).
- [Kidscape](#) provide workshops for children that need support with bullying issues as well advice for parents and carers
- [Contact](#) is a charity for families with disabled children, and can give advice on bullying issues.
- [YoungMinds](#) provide support for parents and carers around supporting your child's mental health.
- For keeping your child safe online both [Childnet](#) and [Internet Matters](#) provide advice and support.

Helplines

- [Family Lives Helpline](#): 0808 800 2222
- [Kidscape Bullying Advice Line](#): 0300 102 4481
- [NSPCC Helpline](#): 0808 800 5000

See more advice and support on our website:

anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



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Christingle Service at St Leonard's Church



St Leonard's Christingle service is on
Wednesday 10th December at 5pm.



This will be the day after all the children make their own individual Christingles in school. The workshops are being led by Sam Davis from St Leonard's Church.

We have planned these workshops on this day so the Christingles can be sent home and you are able to take your children to service at St Leonard's on Wednesday, 10th December at 5pm with their own Christingle.

Please support St Leonard's and enjoy a beautiful service at our local Church.

FoFS News!

FIREWORKS

On Saturday night, the skies of Flamstead lit up with an incredible fireworks display! Thank you to EVERYONE who came along and supported—buying hot drinks, cupcakes, glow toys, and enjoying the AMAZING loaded fries from Renegade Fries. We are happy to announce that we made **£1,415!**

The FoFS Team want to say a HUGE thank you to Will Franklin, Mark McGreavy, Dave Humphries, Dave Carter & Chris Goor for running the display. Without them, the fireworks would not be possible—we are so lucky to have them.

Thanks also to the many school parents and family members who donated their time to run a stall or marshal for us. We are really grateful.

Thank you to the local businesses who donated to our Raffle, which alone raised **£627**. Special mention goes to Deryane Tadd from **The Dressing Room in St Albans**, who donated all the Lucky Dip prizes and a top raffle prize—thank you for your incredible support.

And finally, thank you to Mrs Walton-Jones for putting her faith in us to run this event for another year. See you all next year!

FoFS COMMITTEE CHANGE

On 24th October, FoFS held its annual AGM and a new committee were voted in. They are:

- Chair—Chris Tadd
- Treasurer—Jordana Robinson
- Secretary—Sarah Gibson
- Member—Sanam Conway
- Member—Lucy Robinson
- Member—Rachael Coffey

Make sure to say hi to them and welcome them into their new roles! Please reach out to them if you have any ideas about how to improve our children's experience at school.

Alister, Anna and I (Christy) will now be stepping down from FoFS. We want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us in the last few years. We have achieved a lot, but only with the help of an incredible school community and village.

We will continue to support FoFS, and encourage you to do the same. The people in FoFS volunteer a lot of time to raise money for the school—making it a better, brighter place for our kids. So keep showing up and keep supporting. And thank you again.

Amazing news! **Friends of Flamstead School, Hertfordshire has received £54.11** from Easyfundraising this Donation Day—putting us in the **top 30% of causes on Easyfundraising!**

A huge thank you to everyone supporting us. If you haven't yet joined, your Christmas shopping could raise **free donations for us—at no extra cost to you**. You don't have to be a parent at the school to sign up—friends and family members can do it too.

Right now, when you sign up through the **Easyfundraising App**, we will get an **extra £2 donation** for our cause!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeld=353383&utm_term=Q3254



CHRISTMAS MARKET

6TH DECEMBER

ROSE AND CROWN
TROWLEY BOTTOM

10AM TILL 1PM

VARIOUS
STALLS

SANTA'S
GROTTO

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY

07304 061325





Meet father christmas church farm ARDELEY

Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes

Christmas Activity Pack * Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas

Father Christmas in his outside grotto
(includes a quality toy)

Meet the Elves

Write a letter to Father Christmas

Write a wish for the Wish Tree

Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities

Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet

Father Christmas include treat & toy

Harvest your Own Christmas Tree

Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride

Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

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