

This Week's News

21st November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

The weather has certainly changed this week. Many of the children look snug and warm in their coats, gloves and hats. The snow settling on Tuesday was a big surprise but the school grounds did look quite magical for a couple of hours. Always at this time of year we have a lot of lost gloves and hats so please remember to write your child's name in everything they bring into school so they can be reunited with their owners! All the children have been involved in Road Safety Week, starting with an assembly on Monday. I hope the children make use of the reflectors they were all given today to remind them of how to keep safe, especially in dark winter nights. We have been told this week that Flamstead Village School raised a wonderful £342.47 for the Poppy Appeal. Last year we raised £269.62 so we are delighted to have beaten our previous years' total. There have also been some online donations from parents which the Poppy Appeal are very grateful for. It has been delightful this week to welcome our Governors into school. After a Full Governing Board Meeting on Thursday night the Governors visited this afternoon and greatly enjoyed going into each class to see the children engaging in their learning. They also spoke to groups of pupils from different year groups to gain insight into a pupils perspective of being part of Flamstead Village School. Staff were also able to give feedback to Governors during a 'Governors' Tea after school. It was a very worthwhile afternoon.

This week in Cherry class the children have been busy learning all about road safety. We've been practising our Stop, Look and Listen skills, exploring what different road signs mean and talking about how to use various crossings safely. This is such an important part of growing up and becoming more aware of the world around them. We'd really appreciate it if you could continue to reinforce these safety habits at home and while you are out and about—even when there are no cars in sight. Next week, the children will be receiving their very own driving licences after completing their Cherry Class Driving Tests, proving themselves to be safe and responsible trike riders. Maple Class have been using movement to find the pulse and rhythm in their music class. They have also been practising their Nativity songs which are beginning to sound great! In English, they have been retelling a version of The Princess and the Pea using puppets. Digital painting is the focus of this half-term's Computing lessons and the children had fun exploring the paint tools on the iPad to create some wonderful self portraits.

In Maths, Chestnut Class have been strengthening their mental multiplication strategies, exploring how arrays can help to visualise number relationships and represent calculations in different ways. In Science, they completed a hands-on investigation to test whether everyday objects are reflective. The children closely observed a range of shiny and dull items, discussed their predictions, and recorded their findings with great care. In music, they have continued developing their cornet skills, working on producing a clear sound and playing simple rhythms. A highlight of the week was learning "Hot Cross Buns," which the class played with growing confidence and lots of enthusiasm!

Bonsai Class have had a fun packed week but their highlight was the class trip to The Science Museum. The children explored the 'Wonderlab' for an hour before watching the Rocket Show where Lewis, Max and Miss Pike became volunteers. They then enjoyed lunch before watching the 'Mission to Space' talk where Amalie and Ms Castree were participants. Each child went on a quest to find facts throughout the Space and All about Me exhibits before finishing the day watching A Beautiful Planet at the IMAX where 3D glasses allowed them to float through space aboard the International Space Station.

Please remember that forms for the North Pole Shop must be back in school on Monday and donations for the shop on Thursday. We are also awaiting the last few pupil data collection forms that were given out on Parents Evening so if you have one at home, please return it on Monday. FoFS have also asked for a small date change to the gift donations. Our new date is Thursday 27th November. If you can, please bring in a gift donation for the North Pole Shop in exchange for your child wearing non school uniform. These are things you may have at home that are unwanted and unused, please do not go out and buy anything new. However if you are unable to donate your child is still welcome to wear non-school uniform. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2025

24th Nov—UK Parliament Week

2nd Nov—Gifts for the North Pole Shop - **NEW DATE**

28th Nov—Occasional Day (school closed)

1st Dec—Assessment Week for all

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



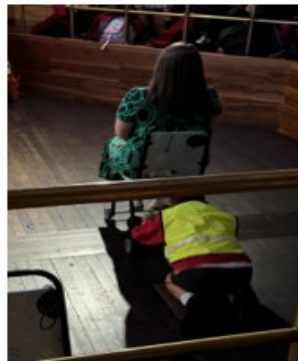
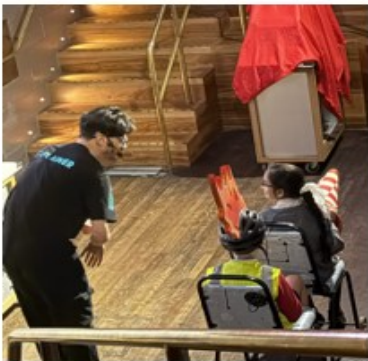
Cherry Class



Maple Class



Bonsai Class at the Science Museum



Road Safety in the Early Years





Bright Star Awards - Friday 21st November 2025



Nursery	Elsie	For her effort in creating a story map for 'The Very Hungry
Reception	Leo	For using his exploring and learning character strength in his Literacy lessons to improve his focus and handwriting .
Year 1	Oscar	For using his story plan well to help him in his sentence writing about traditional tales.
Year 2	Reece	For showing focus and concentration in his Maths lesson when trying to find the missing part in word problems.
Year 3	Heidi	For showing respect to our school property. Thank you Heidi, for looking after the pens and pencils in the classroom.
Year 4	Isla	For contributing to more class discussions. Well done Isla, you have been raising your hand and sharing your ideas more.
Year 5	Lilly	For her engagement in lessons and enthusiasm for learning.
Year 6	Max	For his increased engagement in lessons and for his participation in the Rocket Show.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 17th November
Nursery	90%
Reception	94.77%
Year 1	98.15%
Year 2	95.56%
Year 3	94.87%
Year 4	92.59%
Year 5	95.58%
Year 6	100%
Well Done Year 6!	
No term time holidays please!	



TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us the most this week?
Nursery	
Reception	Robin, Penny
Year 1	
Year 2	Matilda
Year 3	Alfie Leo T
Year 4	Evie
Year 5	
Year 6	
At least 15 minutes a week please!	

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.

Easyfundraising!

A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up in the last week. It makes a BIG difference. Please sign up if you haven't already 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!

Road Safety

Today all the children have been given a reflector to take home today to remind them about keeping safe on the roads. We also have some new road safety helpers outside of school! Our four 'new' children are there to help everyone to remember to drive and park considerately and keep all of our children and families safe on the way to and from school each day.



Brake's top tips for keeping children safe near roads

- Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads
- Children under 8 should always cross roads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place
- Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car
- Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, they should keep to cycle paths away from motorised traffic
- Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off

For more Road Safety information please click on the link below.

[Advice for parents and families | Brake](#)

This is a link to a road safety booklet for parents and carers.

Please do take a look.

[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents](#)

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

6TH DECEMBER

ROSE AND CROWN
TROWLEY BOTTOM

10AM TILL 1PM

VARIOUS
STALLS

SANTA'S
GROTTO

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY

07304 061325



Our School Family Workers have helped families, children and young people to:

- Feel more confident
- Be more resilient, able to cope with difficult situations
- Improve attendance
- Be happier in school and also at home
- Become more organised
- Manage anger
- Build better relationships

Your issues may be varied, for example:

- Changing schools
- Communicating with your child
- General routines (bedtime, eating, sleep)
- Managing challenging behaviour
- Bullying
- Lone parenting
- Finding time for yourself
- Wellbeing for you and your family
- Financial



What we offer

- 1-2-1 sessions with our family workers
- Home visits
- Surgeries at your local school/online
- Subject specific online workshops
- Parenting advice and courses
- Help to access local services
- Signposting to counselling wellbeing services
- Signposting to adult learning and development
- Positive activities for children, young people and their families
- Domestic abuse support
- Family breakdown support
- Debt advice & signposting
- SEND advice & signposting
- Wellbeing advice for children and young people



Schools we work with:

Hemel Hempstead

Astley Cooper, Aycliffe Drive, Belswains, Broadfield, Chambersbury, DESC, Hammond, Haywood Grove, Hobbs Hill Wood, Hobletts Manor Infants, Holtsmere End Infants, Jupiter, Leverstock Green, Lime Walk, Maple Grove, St Albert the Great, The Reddings, Tudor, Woodfield, Yewtree, Flamstead,

Berkhamsted & Tring

Ashlyns, Bridgewater, Goldfield, Greenway, Great Gaddesden, Little Gaddesden, Long Marston, Potten End, St Mary's, St Thomas More, Swing Gate, Victoria, Westfield

***Signposting Service only**

Adeyfield, Brockwood, Hobletts Manor Juniors, Holtsmere End Juniors, Longdean, Markyate, Gaddesden Row, Thomas Coram, Aldbury, Bishop Wood, Dundale, Grove Road, St Bartholomew's, Tring

School Family Worker

A personal and confidential service that addresses any needs or concerns raised by the family and school



A rolling programme of workshops is offered throughout the year:

- Applying and Moving on to Secondary School
- Anxiety and Attendance
- Helping your child with their anger
- Promoting healthy sleep for your child
- Helping your child with their worries

Workshops are held online and also in person.



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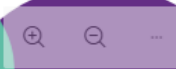
How to access help

Please contact your school directly to request a meeting with a School Family Worker or alternatively please contact us on the number below or follow the link to our website referral form to request support/and or advice

What families have said about us

- "Understanding and compassionate, but offering practical support"
- "I feel so empowered when I leave our meetings"
- "It was extremely useful to talk these things through"
- "Thank you for the great tips"

Dacorum Family Services North & East
c/o Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
Office: 01442 401222 Ext 5
<https://dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk/contact-us/>





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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A Free Range Experience

