

## This Week's News

23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who has viewed and liked our most recent Facebook posts. We really do appreciate your support. If you have not had a look yet please do have a search for 'Flamstead Village School' to see some clips of our football workshop last week and a video of our 'Young Voices' visit to the O2 on Thursday.

This week we said a fond farewell to Coach Adam, who teaches PE to all the children. He is off on an exciting adventure travelling around Vietnam, Thailand and Australia. We will miss him. Our new Coach, Coach Gnasher starts with us next week.

This week in Cherry Class, they have been using their independent learning time to explore differences between hot and cold places. They have looked at Antarctica and the Sahara Desert and created maps and journeys and describing these places. In Nursery Maths, the children have been creating sequences and routines such as hand washing or putting toys away. This will support them to develop their language and pattern skills. Reception have been focusing on independently writing a retelling of part of a story. They have been remembering finger spaces, full stops and tricky words (*I, is, to, the, no, go, has, as*).

Maple Class have been doing lots of exciting, hands-on learning this week. They had lots of fun exploring 3D shapes in Maths and mixing primary colours in Art. They took a closer look at a Qur'an in RE and programmed Beebots to move around a shape mat in Computing. They counted all the birds they could see in the skies above our school as part of Birdwatch in Science, and really enjoyed 'Livin' La Vida Loca', when they were listening and appraising Latin rhythms in their Music lesson.

Chestnut Class have had a busy and imaginative week! In English, the children wrote their own versions of 'Alice in Wonderland', coming up with some fantastic ideas and cleverly weaving in elements from other magical stories they know. In Maths, they continued their learning on fractions, exploring fractions of amounts and shapes, as well as ordering fractions with growing confidence. In Science, they set up another exciting experiment to learn about transpiration. Using leeks and food colouring, the children carefully observed how water travels through plants, making thoughtful predictions and observations along the way. They also loved using the classroom's own science test tubes; making them feel like a real Scientist! A great week of creativity, curiosity, and learning all round!

Bonsai have deepened their knowledge of their foundations subject this week. Their learning in RE has supported their knowledge of Judaism as the children found out about Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing recited parts of the Torah in Hebrew. In Computing, they used their 'crumble kits' to programme left and right directions. In Art, they perfected their self-portraits ensuring dimensions are proportionate.

As reminder, please be on time for school. It can be very disruptive for your child if they arrive late on a regular basis.

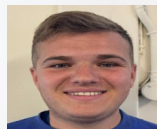
Have a super weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

**YOU'LL BE  
MISSED!**



### Spring Term Dates 2026

- 30th Jan—Maple Class Assembly
- 2nd Feb—SATs Club starts for Y6 pupils
- 2nd Feb—National Storytelling Week Starts
- 3rd Feb—Author Paula Harrison into school
- 4th Feb—Parents Evening, 3.30—5.30pm (no teacher clubs)
- 5th Feb—Y2 Sports Athletics—Astley Cooper—9.30—11.30
- 6th Feb—NSPCC Numbers Day—Dress as a number
- 9th Feb—Parents Evening, 4.30—7.30pm (no teacher clubs)
- 9th Feb—Children's Mental Health Week
- 9th Feb—Chinese Dragon Workshops for all pupils
- 10th Feb—Safer Internet Day
- 13th Feb—Sponsored Pancake Flip at school AM (all pupils)
- 13th Feb—Half Term starts, 3.15pm end as usual
- 16th-20th Feb—HALF TERM
- 23rd Feb—School starts back after Half Term break
- 23rd Feb—Y3/4 Rapid Cricket at Roundwood at 3.30pm
- 26th Feb—Book Fair Arrives / Book vouchers home
- 2nd Mar—Secondary School Allocation Day
- 5th Mar—World Book Day
- 6th Mar—Dress up for World Book Day
- 6th Mar—West End Live—Theatre workshops for all pupils
- 9th Mar—British Science Week
- 12th Mar—Y4 Speed Stacking AM
- 13th Mar—Sublime Science Workshops for all
- 16th Mar—Assessment Week
- 16th Mar—Nursery 2026 places offered
- 18th Mar—Bonsai Class residential parent meeting 2.45pm
- 19th Mar—Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey
- 20th Mar—Chestnut Class Assembly 9am

# Photo's from this week

## Cherry Class



## Maple Class



## Chestnut Class



## Bonsai Class



## Young Voices at the O2 on Thursday





## Bright Star Awards - Friday 23rd January 2026



Reception	Ollie	For his wonderful effort in all learning this week. Ollie has been resilient in his writing and Maths this week. Well Done!
Reception	Roman	For his increased focus and effort during Literacy sessions. Roman has written sentences such as 'The boat is quick'.
Year 1	Frankie	For writing some great sentences in our English lessons about how to give advice to help others if they are worried about something
Year 2	Matilda	For using sources like paintings and drawing to ask and answer questions about explorers of the past in History.
Year 3	Leo	For always being kind, showing good manners and doing the right thing. Leo, you are a shining example to others!
Year 4	Rafe	For showing good listening skills this week. Well done Rafe, keep up the good work!
Year 5	Theo	For all his wonderful work in both PSHE and RE lessons. Well done Theo.
Year 6	Fletcher	For his super self-portrait in art and for reflecting on, and improving his first draft.



## Attendance

Year Group	w/b 19th January
Nursery	94.3%
Reception	91.5%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	98.1%
<b>Well Done Year 3!</b>	
<b>Make sure you arrive to school ON TIME</b>	



## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	Jessica
Year 1	Aubrey
Year 2	Austin and Daisy
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Harrison
Year 5	-
Year 6	-
<b>At least 15 minutes a week please!</b>	

## Did you miss our Bikeability Training?



Does your child want to learn to ride a bike?

Ready to boost their cycling skills?

Missed out on Bikeability training?



If you answered yes to any of these, we've got you covered this February half term!

Cycle training sessions are running across Hertfordshire, with options for all ages and abilities. Check out what's happening near you:

### **Watford Cycle Hub**

King George V Playing Fields, Tolpits Lane

More details: [www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk](http://www.watfordcyclehub.org.uk)

### **Stevenage Cycling Hub**

Fairlands Valley Park, Stevenage

Find out more: [www.stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk](http://www.stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk)

### **St Albans Cycle Hub C.I.C**

Cottonmill Estate, St Albans

Course info: [www.stalbanscyclehub.co.uk](http://www.stalbanscyclehub.co.uk)

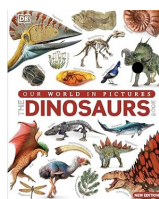
### **SEND Cycling Courses**

Various locations across Hertfordshire during most school holidays

In partnership with the Herts Disability Sports Foundation, we offer specialist 1 to 1 cycle training for riders with additional needs.

Find out more: [www.hdsf.co.uk/find-an-activity/cyclingactivities/](http://www.hdsf.co.uk/find-an-activity/cyclingactivities/)

## Do you have any of the following you would like to donate to school?



**Good quality small world animals of all descriptions**

**Non-fiction dinosaur books (not huge please)**

**Magnetic building tiles**



**Good condition balls**



£30

Half Term Holiday Clubs



Mon 16th Feb 9-3  
Tue 17th Feb 9-3  
Flamstead Preschool

Join us for arts, crafts, games and cooking with themes of Pancake Day and Chinese New Year.

Book your place at [info@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk)