

This Week's News

6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It was delightful to see many of you at our parent consultation meetings on Wednesday. I hope you found the meeting with your child's teacher informative and you enjoyed seeing all the lovely work in their books. We have had positive feedback about our reading and storytelling information table; please do let us know if you would like copies of any of the resources displayed for home learning. Thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey, either online or by completing a paper copy. We will read the feedback with interest and let you know after half term of any action points to follow. Thank you to Reggie and family for this week, donating some wonderful coloured footballs to our playtime equipment. The children have enjoyed playing with them.

On Tuesday, as part of National Storytelling Week, we had the wonderful Paula Harrison come into school to talk to the children about being an author and how she creates her wonderful books. The children asked her a range of interesting questions and some of our children who purchased a book were thrilled to get their book personally signed. We have purchased some of Paula's books for the school library so all children can access and enjoy them.

On Thursday, Maple Class enjoyed a wonderful morning at Longdean School competing against other schools in an athletics event. And today, the whole school enjoyed celebrating and raising money for the NSPCC through our Numbers Day.

In Cherry Class this week, they have been enjoying National Storytelling week. They have been thinking about what kind of sounds you can make to match a story. The children have particularly enjoyed the story 'Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo' where they have been retelling with puppets and instruments and making up their own stories. They have also been busy building outside this week, making a terrific tree house from the wood and triangle climbing frame.

Maple Class have spent their History lesson learning about the polar explorer, Felicity Aston, this week and were really interested to hear all about her incredible solo trip across Antarctica in 2012. They took a closer look at the Bible in their lessons, to discover why it is such an important book for Christians, before listening to the story of Noah's Ark. In PSHE, Maple Class explored how learning something new and stretching themselves outside their comfort zone makes them feel, which they were able to use brilliantly when they visited the Dacorum School's Sport Event on Thursday and tried out lots of new activities. It has been a busy, but very fun week for them all.

Chestnut Class have also had an exciting week. They performed their speeches, completed their fractions unit, explored Boudica's revolt as young historians, and presented their findings creatively. They also designed buildings inspired by famous architectural styles, showing imagination and flair.

Bonsai Class have worked hard this week during their assessment week and both year groups have worked to the best of their ability. In Art, the children have explored surrealism and Frida Kahlo's surrealist paintings. In History, the class have explored primary and secondary sources while in RE, they have deepened their understanding of Judaism.

What a busy week for everyone!

Please remember to contribute to our fundraising for the NSPCC today on Arbor and have a lovely weekend.

I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Spring Term Dates 2026

- 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
- 23rd Mar—VR Animal Workshops for EYFS & KS1
- 24th Mar—Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby at HRFC, 11:45am
- 25th Mar—Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Service, 2:30pm
- 26th Mar—End of Spring Term—school closes at 1:30pm**
- 27th Mar—INSET Day for teachers**



Photo's from this week

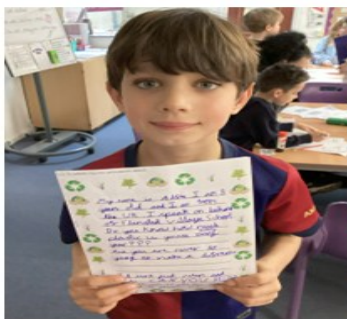
Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class





Bright Star Awards - Friday, 6th February 2026



Nursery	Elsie	For her wonderful reading at home and at school! Elsie is confident in reading lots of words on signs at the zoo and books in school.
Reception	Harper	For her marvellous Maths! Harper was able to explain and show how we can write more, less and equal with symbols.
Year 1	Edie	For sharing all her ideas and having such a sublime time with rhyme in her Literacy lesson.
Year 2	Ella	For presenting her learning with real care and pride in all of her subjects.
Year 3	Cobi	For trying really hard in his homework. You are doing so well, keep going!
Year 4	Mia	For working hard when editing her own work in English.
Year 5	George	For his engagement and enthusiasm in History lessons.
Year 6	Hugo	For his focus and dedication to improve his test scores.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 2nd February
Nursery	82.9%
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	99.1%
Well Done Years 1 & 3!	
Make sure you arrive to school ON TIME	



TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us this week?
Nursery	-
Reception	Jesse & Roman
Year 1	Aubrey
Year 2	Austin
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Winter
Year 5	-
Year 6	-
At least 15 minutes a week please!	

Number Day 2026



We have had a great day in school today celebrating Number Day 2026.

It was lovely to see the children in all their numbers. A special number day shout out to: Jessica, George B, Finley and Ben for their 3D outfits.

Each class completed number day activities, as well as receiving a tray of numerical games and worksheets hand made by Bonsai pupils.





To celebrate National Story Telling Week 2026 we invited author Paula Harrison into school on Tuesday to learn all about her new series Animagicals.

Each class has taken part in a live lesson this week. Maple class built stories with Annemarie Anang, Chestnut and Bonsai classes created raps with Alim Kamara while Cherry class explored rhyme and wriggle with Simon Mole and Gecko.



Calling all Mini Bakers!!

We have been contacted by the British Bake Off Team to let you know that applications for the 12th series of Junior Bake Off, a Channel 4 competition series, are now open.

They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-15 years old and interested bakers can apply online at: www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if someone from Flamstead Village School was on Junior Bake Off!

APPLY TODAY!



Food & Drink in School

- **Water is great for the children—please make sure they have clean, filled water bottles that only contain water, unless an alternative has been agreed and discussed with the school.**
- **If you are sending grapes in for children, please remember to cut them in half.**
- **We are a nut-safe school. Please remember that products which are nut-based, like peanut butter, are best used at home and not sent into school.**

Many thanks for your continue support in keeping everyone safe and well.



February Half Term

14 - 22 February 2026

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with Sand Art, Dragon Puppets for Chinese New Year, Superhero Capes and Masks, plus dazzling Rainbow Science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the I Grew Up 90's exhibition, family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Play, Discover, Learn!
 this Feb Half Term in
 the Roald Dahl
 Children's Gallery

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Enjoy our Trail and Sensory Room every day
 14 - 22 Feb

Monday 16 February – Dragon Puppets
 Celebrate the Year of the Horse by making a Chinese dragon puppet and a paper lantern to take home!
 10am - 2.30pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-10

Tuesday 17 February – Superhero Capes & Masks
 Transform into a superhero by decorating your own superhero cape and mask to take home!
 10am - 2.30pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-10

Wednesday 18 February – Sand Art
 Learn how to make beautiful sand art in a bottle to take home!
 10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-11

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February - Rainbow Science
 Learn all about the science of colour with our rainbow-themed workshop: make a rainbow in a jar to take home, experiment with how we can split light and how rain clouds are formed and more!
 60 minute workshop. 10.30am, 12.15pm & 2.15pm
 Suitable for ages 5-10

Sunday 22 February - Author Event - Simon Smith Schoolboy Spy with Mark Creasy
 Join us for a special event with new author Mark Creasy, who will be reading from his exciting children's book. Enjoy interactive crafts inspired by the story, followed by a book signing.
 12.30pm - 1.30pm. Suitable for ages 7-11



Closes Sunday 22 February

I Grew Up 90s – last chance to see!

'I Grew Up 90s' dives into the decade seen through the eyes of youth, showcasing over 200 nostalgic objects and artworks from collector Matt Fox. From Britpop and Cool Britannia to Lara Croft, the Spice Girls, Trainspotting, and Power Rangers – this is your LAST chance to revisit the fashion, toys, and music that defined the '90s.

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MIGHTY NETBALL



Click to book your
FREE TASTER!
 8th & 15th February
 Years 1&2

Hemel Hempstead,
 Longdean Sports Centre
 Sunday 9:05-9:50am



Calling all Year 1 & 2 children for the opportunity to try two free taster sessions in Hemel Hempstead for the weekends around Children's Mental Health Awareness Week—8th to 15th February.

The theme this year is 'This is My Place' - creating environments that give a sense of belonging for children and young people. At **Mighty Netball**, that is exactly what we strive for. We provide a friendly, inclusive community where every child, regardless of ability, background or gender, can feel they belong.

The two weekends surrounding the event which we are offering are:

- Sunday, 8th February
- Sunday, 15th February

The flyer includes a live link to book and our website is: www.mightyball.co.uk for more information on who we are.

£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