

## This Week's News

**13th February 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

It was our final Parent Consultation Evening on Monday and it was lovely to see the rest of our parents. Thank you very much to everyone who completed either the paper or online parent survey. Your support, comments and feedback are always very welcome. The results of our survey are attached. It was overwhelming positive, thank you.

Our Dragon Dance Workshops were wonderful this week. The children all enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and performing dance with fans and working together in the Dragon Dances. Today, we had our annual sponsored Pancake Flip. It is always an exciting event and the children really enjoyed flipping pancakes and cheering each other on this morning in their teams.

As you know from the children and our school Facebook Page, this week Mrs Smith finally retired for the second time! Mrs Smith has given so much of her time and energy to Flamstead Village School for so many years. After her initial retirement, she came back into school to assist us in the office, and for that we are all eternally grateful. Mrs Smith has been and will always be an integral part of our school and although she is now officially retiring we know we will still keep in touch and see her in school from time to time. Thank you for everything you have given to us Angela. We send you into the freedom of retirement with much love and affection.

This week, Cherry Class we have been so busy. Nursery had a lovely time with Miss McCarthy doing a sensory writing activity on Monday using shaving foam and paint. The whole class have learnt all about Chinese New Year. They have been retelling the story using masks and they have even made their own. Please continue to practise any writing or number skills at home. The children have been very excited to tell Miss Stout and Ms Carta what they have been doing in their home learning.

Maple Class have created their very own book of important and special words, beautifully illustrating words that meant a lot to them as an end to this half-term's RE learning about Holy Books. In History, they had good fun completing a quiz to showcase all their recent Explorer learning and in Art, they used crayons and collage to make colourful Kandinsky-inspired artworks. They ended the week practising their acting skills, role-playing penguins in the Antarctic, and working together to overcome obstacles. They all agreed that overcoming challenges made them feel proud, brave and amazing!

Chestnut Class have had a busy and exciting few weeks of learning. In English, they have been focusing on sentence structure and using conjunctions to extend their ideas and make their writing more detailed and interesting. In Maths, they have been learning about angles, identifying right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles, and also explored the classroom to find real-life examples. As part of Mental Health Week, the children enjoyed a creative activity where they designed and made their own "Island of Belonging", thinking carefully about what makes them feel safe, happy and valued.

Bonsai Class have been busy in English, generating ideas and formulating arguments for their persuasive letters to Mrs Walton-Jones. In History, they have considered Ancient Greece's lasting impact on modern society and in Art, they have drawn their portraits of someone special to them drawing upon their knowledge and skills they have developed while studying Frida Kahlo. The highlights of the week were the Chinese Dance Workshop and the Pancake Flip.

Have a lovely half term break. I hope those of you celebrating Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year during the half term break, have a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing you all back after the half term break on Monday the 23rd of February.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones  
Headteacher



### Spring Term Dates 2026

#### 16th-20th Feb—HALF TERM

23rd Feb—School starts back after half term break

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 Quick-Sticks Hockey

20th Mar—Chestnut Class Assembly 9am

23rd Mar—VR Animal Workshops for EYFS and KS1

24th Mar—Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby at HRFC 11.45am

25th Mar—Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service—2.30pm

26th Mar—End of Spring Term—school closes at 1.30pm

27th Mar—INSET Day for teachers

30th Mar—Easter Holidays

### Summer term 2026

13th Apr—All pupils back to school



# Photo's from this week

We had shoutouts from the online Electric Umbrella Assembly!



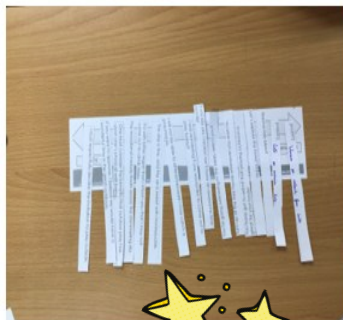
Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



**Our Chinese Dance Workshops to learn about and celebrate Chinese New Year. The Dragon Dance was great!**



**Our sponsored Pancake Flip—everyone had so much fun!**





## Bright Star Awards - Friday 13th January 2026



<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	For his number skills this week! Isaac has been ordering and counting numbers independently.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Lily</b>	For her effort in her reading and writing this week. Lily has remembered to use all the resources to help her.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Reggie</b>	For paying great attention and taking part so well in our Dragon Dance Workshop.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Tami</b>	For having super Maths week, practising her impressive subtracting skills in her independent exploring time as well as her lessons.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	For working hard in English this week. Isaac you worked really hard publishing and performing his speech.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Louie</b>	For working hard at your times tables and achieving the next level in the 'Cracking Times Tables'.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	For his engagement and focus during teacher input.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Marion</b>	For her dedication to improving her ability in Maths.



## Attendance

Year Group	w/b 9th February
<b>Nursery</b>	80%
<b>Reception</b>	89.4%
<b>Year 1</b>	93.3%
<b>Year 2</b>	96.7%
<b>Year 3</b>	89.2%
<b>Year 4</b>	94%
<b>Year 5</b>	89.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	78.3%
<b>Make sure you arrive to school ON TIME</b>	



## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us this week?
<b>Nursery</b>	-
<b>Reception</b>	Delilah, Lily and Marlee
<b>Year 1</b>	-
<b>Year 2</b>	Austin
<b>Year 3</b>	Leo
<b>Year 4</b>	Evie
<b>Year 5</b>	-
<b>Year 6</b>	-
<b>At least 15 minutes a week please!</b>	

# Children's Mental Health Week

We have been focusing on Mental Health and wellbeing with the children this week. The children have been really responsive and have been able to share good ideas about how to keep themselves mentally strong and resilient.

Our myHappyMind programme has helped with this and we hope you are accessing the Parent App and finding the information on their helpful.

Please see the email sent out earlier this week for information about the App or pop into the office for support on accessing books, resources or the App.

## Helpful websites for you

[Our services for parents and carers | Place2Be](#)

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

[Mental health and parenting | NSPCC](#)



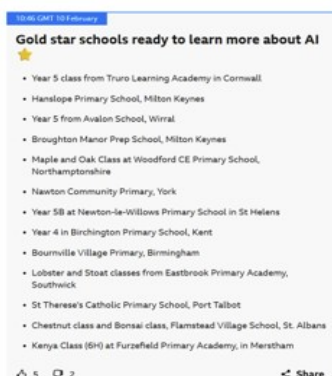
**Be kind to yourself and others and keep well.**

# Safer Internet Day




We celebrated Safer Internet Day with a whole school assembly.

Each class completed tasks and KS2 pupils took part in the BBC live lesson. Bonsai and Chestnut enjoyed seeing their shout out and gold star on the BBC website.



£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)

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*"Brand New Show"*  
*An Outstanding Tribute to*  
*the Music of Eric Clapton*

*Friday 3rd April*

*7.30pm*

*The Eric Morecambe Centre*

*www.the-emc.co.uk / Box Office: 01582 767525*

*Rothamstead Park, Harpenden, AL5 2FR*



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# DSPL8 SEND Parent & Carers Information Fayre

Thursday 5th March 2026

9.30am - 12.30pm

At the Bennetts End Community Centre  
Gatecroft, Bennetts End  
Hemel Hempstead  
HP3 9LZ

*This **FREE** event is for Parents and Carers of Children with SEN or Disabilities; we will have local services/providers information stands, activities for children & refreshments!*

*You can register your interest by scanning this QR code*



Any questions email: [dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk)

**Show your heart  
some love this February**



It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

**Activity 1:**

**Move a little together, every day**

Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.



**Activity 2:**

**Fill your plates with colourful foods**

Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.



**Activity 3:**

**Get kids involved in the kitchen**

Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!



**Want more healthy lifestyle support?**

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.\*

Scan here  
or  
Click the link



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\*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

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**Ready to start making  
healthy habits as a family?**

Sign up for Beezee Families today and find **FREE** healthy lifestyle support that's right for your family. We can help you with healthy eating, getting more active, and having fun while doing so! You can:



Join us for 12 weeks of in-person group sessions



Log in for 10 weeks of online group sessions, plus 2 check-in calls



Get two appointments and an action plan with a dedicated Wellbeing Co-Ordinator



Learn at your own pace by enrolling onto the Academy



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Our in-person and online group programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

# Beezee Families

Beezee Families is a **FREE** healthy lifestyle programme that nutritionists deliver across Hertfordshire.

The 12-week programme supports families to build healthy habits around food, physical activity, and how to have fun while doing so!

The current programmes are in full swing but you can secure your **FREE** spot now for April.

Places fill up fast so make sure to book soon!

If you can't wait to get started on your healthy lifestyle journey, you can learn at your own pace over on the Academy's website.

[Visit the website for more details](#)