

## This Week's News

**6th March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

The sunshine has been very welcome this week and it has given us more opportunity to get out into our Outdoor Classroom and prep our class growing patches ready for planting. It has been also been a week full of developing the children's love of books and reading. The children have enjoyed shared reading sessions, drop and read sessions, workshops, assemblies and, of course, dressing up today. Thank you for your support in helping all the children to access these activities and further develop their love of reading. It was lovely to welcome one of our Governors into school on Thursday and Friday. Sue Wright, who is our English link Governor, came in to see all the lovely book activities that were taking place.

We are very pleased to tell you that the Sponsored Pancake Flip raised £489.26. A great total, as well as providing lots of fun for the children. We thank FoFS for their support in organising this.

This week, Cherry Class have been excitedly exploring books in World Book Week. They have had three live lessons, and Miss Stout played the part of an illustrator in the final lesson, guiding a drawing of a squirrel from the story 'The Flower Thief'. The children have also been enjoying the outside area and have been finding lots of newts and toads. They have used super teamwork skills to then build the newts and toads a home in the large tyre. They have also been using them as inspiration in their Literacy this week. Next week, they are looking forward to Science Week and some super activities to build their scientific skills.

Maple Class have been busy developing their writing skills, ahead of creating a narrative about a journey. They have been concentrating on finding nouns and adjectives to make their stories even more exciting. They have had a lot of learning time outside, observing and gathering information about different kinds of plants. They also have been getting creative - making moving minibeasts with levers and pivots in DT.

In Chestnut Class, the children have been learning how to use dialogue in their writing, focusing on how speech can help bring characters and stories to life. In Maths, they have been practising column addition, working carefully to line up numbers and solve problems step by step. In Science, they explored the human skeleton and learned about how their joints help them move. The children enjoyed making their own moving skeleton models using split pins so they could see how the joints work. They also had lots of fun celebrating World Book Week, including special activities using their class books in English and taking part in Drop Everything and Read, where everyone paused to enjoy some quiet reading time together.

In Maths, Bonsai have been dividing using the Bus Stop Method and, in RE, they have been exploring who Buddha is and what he means to Buddhists. The whole class has enjoyed World Book Week, however, The Watertower by Gray Crew has proven to be the biggest discussion point of the week in their English lesson. The class were left with more questions than answers after reading the book and so begged for the sequel. The sequel was equally thought-provoking, and the children used both books as stimulus to write their own dialogue scenes.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for the start of British Science Week.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones  
Headteacher

### Spring Term Dates 2026

9th Mar—British Science Week

9th Mar—Last Day to accept Secondary school places

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

14th Apr—Chestnut Class all day Science Workshop in school

16th Apr—Reception school offers for September 26 released

22nd Apr—Earth Day

23rd Apr—Last Day to accept Reception places



# Photos from this week



## Cherry Class



## Maple Class



## Chestnut Class



## Bonsai Class



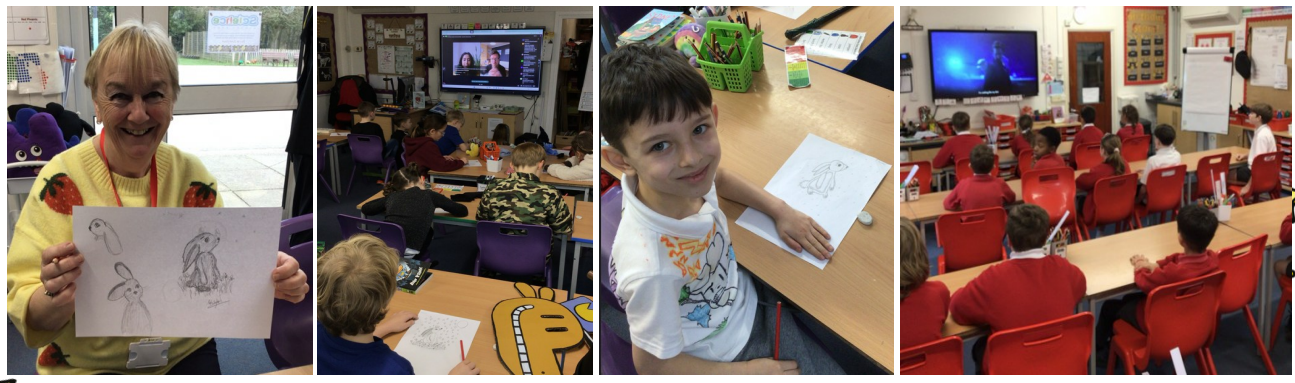


# Flamstead's World Book Week

Sharing our favourite books on Monday.



Every class enjoyed at least one live lesson, with the draw-along lessons being a huge hit.



We brought Pinocchio to life through craft in our houses.





We brought Pinocchio to life through dance on Friday...



but most importantly... we shared our love of books by dressing up as our favourite book characters.





## Bright Star Awards - Friday 6th March 2026



<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Isaac-Eli</b>	For his good behaviour choices this week and his effort in learning.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Ralph</b>	For all the good choices he has made this week during learning time and independent time.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Oscar</b>	For practising his sentence structures out loud before writing in his English lesson.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Cordelia</b>	For being a fantastic reading role model both in and out of school, always keen to read and share new books.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Ferne</b>	For being a kind and helpful class member, for example doing jobs around the classroom or holding doors open for others.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Winter Rose</b>	For showing respect to adults, listening well and being a good role model this week.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Amalie</b>	For her enthusiasm and effort across the curriculum.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Rupert</b>	For his partnership and mentoring work when supporting a Reception pupil to make their puppet.



## Attendance

Year Group	w/b 2nd March
<b>Nursery</b>	96.4%
<b>Reception</b>	91.2%
<b>Year 1</b>	95.8%
<b>Year 2</b>	95%
<b>Year 3</b>	100%
<b>Year 4</b>	90.1%
<b>Year 5</b>	95.5%
<b>Year 6</b>	90.6%
<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?
<b>Nursery</b>	-
<b>Reception</b>	Lily
<b>Year 1</b>	Frankie
<b>Year 2</b>	Daisy
<b>Year 3</b>	Alfie
<b>Year 4</b>	Evie
<b>Year 5</b>	-
<b>Year 6</b>	Darcy
<b>At least 15 minutes a week please!</b>	

# CPRE Hertfordshire Children's Photography Competition 2026



The theme this year is celebrating Hertfordshire  
- whether it's capturing the peaceful waterways of our unique chalk streams and rivers or  
the stunning scenery of the Chilterns National Landscape .

**There are two categories for the children to enter:**

- 1. Children's Photographer of the Year (10 years and below)**  
**Children's Photographer of the Year (11 – 17 years)**

**Competition timings**

**Entry Deadline: Friday 12th June**

**Shortlist Announced & Public Voting Opens: Monday 22nd June**

**Voting Closes: Sunday 28th June**

**Winners Announced: Wednesday 8th July**

Email your photograph to: [office@cpreherts.org.uk](mailto:office@cpreherts.org.uk) using the subject line:

Centenary Photograph Competition.

Please ensure you add: a description of the location in Hertfordshire and why it meets the criteria, when it was taken, the photographer's name and contact details (email address and/or phone), and the category they are entering for.

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Rothamstead Park, Harpenden, AL5 2FR



# The Pete Letanka Trio



Pete Letanka - Piano

Sam Burgess - Double Bass

George Double - Drums

Saturday 21 March 2026

7:30pm

St Leonard's Church  
Flamstead

Email [tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk](mailto:tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk)

Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825



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# HERTS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Junior County Trials



HBA are looking for school nominations for the Herts Junior County team trials. Players are sought for Boys and Girls U11 (Yr 4,5,&6) and Girls U13 (Yr 7&8), U15\* (Yr 9&10) and U17 (Yr 11&12). Players should have experience playing at school or club level.

**Trial Date!**



All Ages except Boys U15:  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

\*Boys U15 trial 19<sup>th</sup> April



Wodson Park Sports & Leisure Centre  
Wadesmill Road, Ware, SG12 0UQ



Player nominations - Player Name, Age and Parent contact email - should be sent to [hertsbasketballsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hertsbasketballsecretary@gmail.com)

Players must PERMANENTLY live in Hertfordshire.

ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER VIA CONSENT FORM PRIOR TO ATTENDING.  
NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS 5.4.26 - NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS.



# Markyate Foodbank

## Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers to join a rota for our new Foodbank opening at St John's Church in Markyate in 2026.

The session will be fortnightly, on  
Wednesday Mornings  
11am - 1:30pm

Please contact [info@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk) for more information.

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