

This Week's News

20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The sunshine has been amazing this week and the children have been enjoying our outdoor spaces. After half term, we really would like to continue having a Gardening Club during one lunchtime from 12—1pm. If there are any parents who are interested in continuing to run this club, or any new parents who would be able to commit to an hour a week to run this club, please contact the school office.

This week, we have seen many children join in with our 'Big Walk and Wheel Two Week Challenge'. Please do continue to walk, bike and scooter to school next week and make use of our scooter and cycle racks. This week, we have also took part in Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Miss Russell spoke to the children in assembly on Monday and displays around school have shown the children many famous and inspirational people who use their neurodiversity to their advantage and achieve great things. Some of these people are featured in our newsletter this week.

We ended the week with a superb effort from our children at the Quicksticks Hockey tournament on Thursday and then, on Friday, we were treated to a wonderful assembly by Chestnut Class. It was lovely to see so many families and friends attending the assembly too.

In Cherry Class this week, the children have been beginning to explore what litter they may find on beaches, how it gets there and how to prevent it as part of our 'Under the Sea' theme this half term. Reception have been introduced to their new focus book 'Clean UP!', in which the character works hard to protect the wildlife on the beach after finding rubbish everywhere. The children have also continued their interest in newts and frogs this week, finding a large frog on Monday and making it a cool pond to sit in. Next week, we are very much looking forward to our class VR Workshop on Monday morning where the children will be able to explore under the sea creatures up close!

Maple Class have really impressed their adults with their perseverance and positive attitude to this week's assessments. Well done to them all. All the Maple Class adults were very proud of them. The children managed to have lots more fun as well - identifying and classifying evergreen and deciduous leaves in our school grounds for Science. They were learning about rhyme and had a 'Poetry Battle' in English. In DT, they designed, created and evaluated some wonderful moving mechanisms, inspired by everything from vehicles to fish, and the whole solar system.

The week for Chestnut Class has been very busy and exciting. In assessment week the children have worked hard to show their understanding, particularly in Maths where they have focused on developing both arithmetic and reasoning skills. They have been building confidence and teamwork skills all week when practising for their assembly today, which was wonderful! In addition, they celebrated Neurodiversity Week by learning about different types of neurodivergence and discussing how every mind is unique. The children expressed this creatively by drawing themselves on the outside and illustrating what their own minds look like on the inside, celebrating individuality and diversity.

Bonsai have worked hard this assessment week, with five tests in total to complete. While 11 classmates were representing the school at Quicksticks Hockey, the remaining members of the class created hanging and floating compasses. The children found floating compasses to be more accurate. Then they became product testers as they tested prototype kites. The children tested a range of different materials including fabric, paper, tissue paper, crate paper, tracing paper and plastic, and thoroughly enjoyed racing across the playground to see if their kites would catch the wind.

Please remember, as usual, there are no teacher led clubs next week, as it is the last week of the term.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday for the last week of the Spring Term.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Spring Term Dates 2026

- 23rd Mar—VR Animal Workshops for EYFS and KS1
- 24th Mar—Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby at HRFC at 11.45am
- 25th Mar—Year 4 Commonwealth Festival—all day
- 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—School Closed
- 30th Mar—Easter Holidays

Summer Term Dates 2026

- 13th Apr—All pupils back to school
- 14th Apr—Chestnut Class 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
- 30th Apr—FoFS Fish & Chip Quiz Night—Tickets available now!
- 1st May—Parent Council meeting—9am
- 4th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed
- 4th May—Final payment for residential due for Y5/6
- 6th May—Cricket Workshops in school—all pupils
- 11th May—SATs Week for Y6 starts
- 11th May—Full Governor Body Meeting—5pm
- 13th May—Cherry Class trip to Kew Gardens
- 18th May—Bonsai Class Residential Week starts
- 22nd May—Last Day before Half Term —3.15pm

Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Hand eye coordination skills



together the children built an obstacle course and were giving each other directions

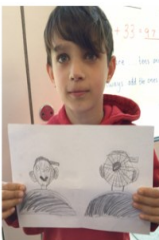


we have been playing instruments in music

Maple Class



Chestnut Class and their wonderful assembly



Bonsai Class



Neurodiversity Celebration Week

"I have Aspergers and that means I'm sometimes a bit different from the norm. Given the right circumstances being different is a superpower"



- Greta Thunberg

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Did you know Billie Eilish has Tourette's?



Billie Eilish, Singer / Songwriter

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Did you know Will.i.am has ADHD?



"Music brings control to my thoughts. I am here to let you know that you can be anything you want to be"

- Will.i.am, Singer / Producer

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Did you know Daniel Radcliffe is dyspraxic?



"It has never held me back. Some of the smartest people I know are people who have learning disabilities"

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor

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Did you know Maggie Aderin-Pocock is dyslexic?



"My dyslexic thinking means I don't just think outside the box... I think outside the planet"

Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Space Scientist

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Did you know Chris Packham is Autistic?



"Humanity has prospered of people with autistic traits. Without them, we wouldn't have put a man on the moon or be running software programs"

- Chris Packham, Naturalist / Presenter

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Did you know Simone Biles has ADHD?



Simone Biles, Olympian Gymnast

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Did you know Salma Hayek is dyslexic?



"I have an accent, am dyslexic, short and chubby. You name it, I have it, but I am here"

- Salma Hayek, Actor

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Quicksticks Hockey



11 children from Bonsai Class took part in the annual Quicksticks Hockey competition at Oaklands College on Thursday.

This year, we were part of the 'compete' part of the competition and there was fierce competition!

Our children played well as a team, showed excellent sportsmanship, skill and resilience.

With 16 schools competing, we were split into 2 draws with the top 2 teams from each draw going through to the semi-final.

We came 3rd in our half of the draw, having won 3 of our 7 games, an excellent achievement for a small school, especially as our 3 girls had to play every match.

Unfortunately, we narrowly missed out on the semi-final, but we are very proud of the children's efforts.

We all had an excellent day, especially as we were so blessed with the warm and sunny weather.





Bright Star Awards - Friday 20th March 2026



Nursery	Maverick	For his lovely effort in singing our school song 'Spring Chicken' when in class.
Reception	Jesse	For his wonderful writing! Jesse has been able to write about the littered beach from our story and then answer adult questions when writing independently to extend his writing.
Year 1	Frankie	For completing all her Counting Caterpillars and moving up to TTRS.
Year 2	Reece	For having a great positive attitude to his learning this week. He has done wonderful learning !
Year 3	Heidi	For working hard to practise her lines for the Class Assembly.
Year 4	Oscar	For being brave when practising a solo part in the Class Assembly.
Year 5	Lily	For her effort and teamwork in Design Technology.
Year 6	William	For his saves while in goal at the Quicksticks Hockey tournament.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 16th March
Nursery	94.3%
Reception	85.6%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	93.5%
Well done Year 1!	
Make sure you arrive to school ON TIME	



TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us this week?
Nursery	Poppy
Reception	Jessica
Year 1	-
Year 2	Darcy
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Henry
Year 5	Darcy
Year 6	-
At least 15 minutes a week please!	



British Science Week at our school was full of super science! This year's theme was: Curiosity: What's your Question? Take a look at some of our key moments of the week:





FISH 'N CHIPS



QUIZ NIGHT



A FRIENDS OF FLAMSTEAD SCHOOL EVENT



THURSDAY
30TH APRIL 2026

7:30PM FOR 8PM START

FLAMSTEAD VILLAGE SCHOOL



Tickets are £16pp and include **Quiz entry**
and **Fish & Chips** or **Halloumi & Chips**

To book your table (max 8 per team)
scan the QR code or visit:

<https://bit.ly/fishchip2026>

Bar available on the night.
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Includes:

- Easter Themed Activity Book
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- Easter Bunny Riddle Trail
- Farm Bingo & spot the Easter Bunny

See the Lambs, Rabbits & Farm animals
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Additional Activities

- Meet the Easter Bunny
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Lamb Bottle Feeding
- Goat Walking
- Tractor & Trailer Rides
- Fairy Trail

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LAMBING WEEKEND

9th & 10th May

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PONIES & GROOMING FOOD & CRAFT STALLS
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AT OAKLAINES COLLEGE
ST ALMANS CAMPUS

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 12th April

*Boys U15 trial 19th 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

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.