

## This Week's News

**17th April 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome you all back into school after the Easter break. The Summer Term has started well with a full week. Year Two and Year Three had a super 'Glow Dance' workshop on Monday and on Tuesday Year Three and Year Four had a drama based 'Magnets and Forces' workshop which they all enjoyed. On Wednesday, we welcomed our first chick hatchlings when two arrived during the day. We now have 6 beautiful chicks. The children have been excited to watch them hatch and they are already growing quickly.

Our school value for this half term is **'Self Belief'** and our My Happy Mind Module is **'Engage'**. Please use the Parent App for more details and see the class curriculum maps on the school website for more details on the curriculum your child will be covering this half term.



This week Cherry class have settled back into school and they have begun their new theme of 'Fairy Tales' for this half term. Nursery have been focusing on the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and Reception have been exploring 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. It has also been very exciting, for them to see the chicks hatching and growing and our caterpillars growing too! The children will be able to have the chance to use all of these amazing experiences to enhance their understanding of the world and produce some lovely writing.

In Maple Class, there has been lots of excitement. The whole class created an amazing Bayeux Tapestry to start of their History learning about Castles and Norman Britain. Year Two really enjoyed their Glow Dance session on Monday. As scientists, they all investigated the seasons and had fun sharing all their knowledge about what makes each season special. They have also been nurturing new life watching the eggs hatch and have been amazed about how much the class caterpillars are growing each day.

Chestnut Class took part in an engaging 'Forces and Magnets' workshop on Tuesday where the children explored key concepts through drama and hands-on activities. In English, they have begun an exciting unit on writing instructions through a journey, developing their creativity and clarity in writing. In Maths, they have started a Geometry unit, focusing on polygons and the properties of different shapes. They used online geoboards and their knowledge of polygons to make some of their own. In Art, they have begun learning about Pointillism, with the children experimenting with creating images using small dots of colour.

Bonsai Class have enjoyed writing their suspense stories this week in English. They worked well in pairs to edit and improve their work before publishing. In Maths, they have simplified and solved algebraic equations. In PSHE, they have explored self-esteem and online safety while, in Music, they have begun to learn 'Dancing in the streets' by Martha and The Vandellas.

Please see the flyer below for any young entrepreneurs who would like a stall at the Scarecrow Festival this year. It would be wonderful to see some of our children there representing our school there.

Please also see the flyer for helpers at our Gardening Club on a Wednesday lunchtime. If you are able to join in please let the office know.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones  
Headteacher

### Summer Term Dates 2026

- 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
- 5th May—Y3/4 Tennis event after school—selected pupils
- 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
- 25th May—Half Term—School Closed
- 1st June—Back to school
- 1st June—Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Checks begin
- 2nd June—Maple Class Trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- 8th June—Y1 Phonic Checks begin
- 8th June—Class Photos
- 12th June—Owl Workshop—All pupils
- 15th June—Assessment week—YR to Y6
- 19th June—Cherry Class Assembly 9am—Families welcome
- 22nd June—Arts and Sports Week
- 23rd—Athlete Visit and fundraising
- 24th June—Flamstead's Got Talent
- 26th June—Sports Day and family picnic 9—12

# Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class





## Bright Star Awards - Friday 17th April 2026



<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Amelie</b>	For settling into Nursery well this week. She is a wonderful addition to the class.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Greyson</b>	For being such a kind friend this week. Greyson has used his character strength of friendship and teamwork to support new members of the class.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Reggie</b>	For wonderful enthusiasm in his Paddington letter writing topic in English.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Joni</b>	For planning a thoughtful and detailed self-portrait sketch in Art.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Elsie</b>	For working hard in Maths this week. Elsie has worked hard to learn about polygons, even when it's been tricky!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Evie</b>	For working hard and being creative in Art this week. Evie has created a lovely pointillist artwork, clearly inspired by Georges Seurat. Keep up the great work!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Rupert</b>	For his focus when learning and for making mature decisions.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Max</b>	For his dedication to improve and for setting his own goals to achieve.



### Attendance

Year Group	w/b 13th April
<b>Nursery</b>	97.1%
<b>Reception</b>	98.2%
<b>Year 1</b>	100%
<b>Year 2</b>	98.7%
<b>Year 3</b>	100%
<b>Year 4</b>	93.3%
<b>Year 5</b>	94.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	97.5%
<b>Well done to Years 1 &amp; 3!</b>	
<b>Make sure you arrive to school on time please</b>	



### TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us this week?
<b>Nursery</b>	Frankie
<b>Reception</b>	Delilah and Jessica
<b>Year 1</b>	-
<b>Year 2</b>	Cordelia and Milan
<b>Year 3</b>	Ferne
<b>Year 4</b>	-
<b>Year 5</b>	Lewis
<b>Year 6</b>	-
<b>At least 15 minutes a week please!</b>	



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.  
All proceeds will go towards  
supporting Flamstead Village School.



**Friends of  
Flamstead  
School**



Be part of the School Community

# Gardening Club

at Flamstead Village School

## CAN YOU HELP?

**WEDNESDAY**  
from 11.45am to 1.15pm

*Work with our staff and children to help tidy and maintain our outside area and help the children to grow and nurture the class vegetable patches each week*

OR

*Do you have any child size gardening tools, gloves, compostable pots, ratten hanging baskets, compost, child size plastic watering cans or wheelbarrows, seeds or vegetable plants that you could donate to us?*

FOR MORE INFO OR TO DROP OFF SUPPLIES  
PLEASE POP INTO OR CALL THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE ON 01582 840385



*Calling all*  
**Young Entrepreneurs**

After the huge success of the last few years, the Scarecrow Committee would like to invite applications from school aged children to run their own stalls.

Items for sale must be made or grown by the seller. We do not accept goods that are being resold. Ideally we ask you to provide your own table. If this is not possible, please let us know and we will try to source one.

Costs are only £5 per table per day.

For further information please email Peter Segal @ [peter.segal@gmail.com](mailto:peter.segal@gmail.com)

**scarecrow  
festival**

**Flamstead**

**21ST -23RD AUGUST 2026**



JOIN HERTFORDSHIRE'S LATEST GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM - FREE SPACES



# GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

U7/U8/U9

Fun. Football. Friendship. Skills, teamwork, and smiles all around.

TRAINING FRIDAY EVENINGS  
WELWYN HATFIELD




**JOIN NOW**  [theynxunited.com](http://theynxunited.com)

# Essex Fire Museum

## Open Days 2026



**Sunday 26th Of April**  
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now** 



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

# LAMBING WEEKEND

9th & 10th May



MEET LAMBS TRACTOR RIDES INFLATABLES  
BLUEY & BINGO INTERACTIVE TOY BOX PERFORMANCES  
PONIES & GROOMING FOOD & CRAFT STALLS  
ENTERTAINMENT LIVE MUSIC

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS SOON**

Book your tickets

AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE  
ST ALMANS CAMPUS



# Sarah Williamson

## Clarinet



**Saturday**  
25 April 2026  
7:30pm  
St Leonard's Church  
Flamstead

SCAN FOR TICKETS 

Sam Haywood  
Piano

MUSIC AT ST LEONARDS

Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk  
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets  
£25 / £20 / £10