

This Week's News

1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

What lovely weather we have had again for the majority of this week. We started our Gardening Club this week and we have changed the day to Friday lunchtime so if there are any adults who would like to help run this club please do call the school office. It was lovely to see so many families at the FoFS Quiz Night on Thursday. It was a super night and we thank Chris, Sarah, Jordana, Nick, Lucy, Sanam and Rachel from FoFS for such a well planned and successful evening. Thank you to everyone who purchased items or contributed to our 'Star Board' the classes will be delighted with their new resources.

We also thank Mr Smith for coming to our rescue and removing a bee nest we had on the school field this week. Your expertise was much appreciated.

This week, Cherry Class have been marvellous mathematicians, with Reception regrouping two parts to make a whole and building the foundations of addition. They have also been amazing animal carers, carefully looking after the chicks while learning about their life cycle, and superb storytellers with Nursery retelling The Three Little Pigs and Reception changing parts of Jack and the Beanstalk as they begin to see themselves as authors.

Maple Class became meteorologists this week - using their scientific weather words, along with directional language, country knowledge and compass points to deliver their very own weather forecasts. It's been great to see this enthusiasm spill over to their continuous provision time too. In History, they have submitted their job applications for employment at the Class Castle and we now have a team of cooks, wardens and messengers ready to go. In Art, they have used mirrors to take a close look at their faces before sketching their eyes, noses and mouths with art pencils.

Chestnut Class had a busy and engaging time across the curriculum. In English, they started exploring calligrams, creating poems about fruits using only nouns and adjectives, which has really encouraged creativity with words and presentation. In Maths, they have continued work on shape and perimeter, building confidence in measuring and calculating. In Science, they have been investigating the friction of different materials, taking care to ensure the experiments were fair tests. In History, they have been learning about early writing and how people recorded information in the past and in Art, they have been developing skills in pointillism, using the colour wheel to explore and mix colours carefully.

Bonsai have spent the week planning and writing their non-chronological reports in English, while in Maths they have been developing their understanding and knowledge of angles and shape. In RE, they have explored a range of parables, and in PSHE they discussed what is helpful and unhelpful about online communities. In Science, the children took their learning outside as they were testing air resistance with their parachutes.

Have a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday the 5th of May.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Summer Term Dates 2026

- 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
- 5th June—Arts Festival at St Leonard's Church—Y1 to Y6
- 8th June—Y1 Phonic Checks begin
- 8th June—Class Photos
- 12th June—Owl Workshop—All pupils
- 12th June - Pajamarama Day—Wear PJ's and fundraise
- 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
- 29th June—Swimming starts (for 3 weeks)
- 2nd July—EYFS Stay and Play—For children in EYFS in September

Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class





Bright Star Awards - Friday 1st May 2026

Nursery	Maverick	For using his character strength of bravery. Maverick has overcome his worries and has shown amazing care and consideration for the chicks.
Reception	Roman	For his fantastic attitude to learning. Roman has taken on the challenge of independent writing with enthusiasm and his producing some lovely learning that include full stops and capital letters.
Year 1	Oscar	For fantastic aiming and throwing in PE lessons as well as being a positive team player in Maple Class.
Year 2	Daisy	For great listening and applying strategies taught to help her have a fantastic week in Maths.
Year 3	George	For being independent in English. George worked hard all by himself to write a watermelon calligram.
Year 4	Henry	For working hard in English. Henry showed fantastic self-belief when writing his calligram this week.
Year 5	Sasha	For his input during Maths discussions and learning.
Year 6	Beau	For his increased focus and effort in class.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 27th April
Nursery	88.6%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	99.1%
Well done Years 1 & 3!	
Make sure you arrive to school on time please	

Home Learning Celebrations



Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
Cherry	4	2
Maple	3	1
Chestnut	11	5
Bonsai	4	3
<p>Each week we check who has met the home learning expectations. The new chart above shows how many children in each class met those expectations.</p> <p>Congratulations to Chestnut Class who won both challenges and got 10 minutes extra break time this week!</p>		

Baby Grand Piano available.

We have kindly been contacted by local person who would like to donate a beautiful baby Grand Piano to any budding musician. We have some children in our school who are learning the piano and if anyone would be interested in giving this amazing instrument a home where it would be well used and lovingly cared for please do contact the school office.

Dimensions are 151cm by 146cm.



Support for Families

Please do take a look at the courses and support in the flyers and website links. We often get asked advice about how we can support you at home. This information is really helpful.

TALKING FAMILIES



Delivered online using Zoom
Mondays 8.00 - 9.30pm Course ID: 833
01-Jun, 08-Jun, 15-Jun, 22-Jun, 29-Jun, 06-Jul 2026

Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am Course ID: 832
03-Jun, 10-Jun, 17-Jun, 24-Jun, 1-Jul, 8-Jul 2026

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:

- **Manage challenging behaviour with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future**

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

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Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

Information on Safer sleeping for your child.

[Safer sleep overview | The Lullaby Trust](#)

*An exclusive offer for our school families
- PGL Kids' Camps*

Many of you will know PGL from school trips. They also run holiday camps for children aged 8-16, offering a range of outdoor activities that build confidence, teamwork, and independence.

As part of our school community, families can receive 30% off PGL Multi-Activity Kids' Camps during May half term, summer, or October half term (book by 31st May, travel by 31 October 2026).

For full details and to claim the discount, please visit www.evolveadvice.co.uk/loyaltylocker-pglkidsamps

The offer also applies to UK Family Adventure breaks.



Wandering Wild



Holiday Club

Outdoor learning sessions, led by fully-trained facilitators. Your child will be encouraged to take part in outdoor activities, whilst enjoying their natural surroundings.

We will spend our time together experiencing the great outdoors building fires, cooking, creating, building and adventuring.



Tue 26th & Wed 27th May

£40 per session

Lunch included

9am - 3pm

To book, contact Emilie
changingleavesnature@outlook.com

www.changingleaves.co.uk

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Saturday
16 May 2026
7:30pm
St Leonard's Church
Flamstead



SCAN FOR TICKETS

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Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets

£25 / £20 / £10



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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

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21ST -23RD AUGUST 2026

