

This Week's News

8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

A short but busy week. All the children enjoyed their Cricket Engagement Day on Wednesday and picked up some new skills. Some of our Chestnut Class children also enjoyed another sporting event on Tuesday and attended a mini-tennis competition. Miss Russell said the children were a credit to our school, thank you to Finley, Louie and Olivia for representing Flamstead Village School so well.

We say a huge thank you again to all the FoFS team for such a successful quiz night last week. The final figures have been calculated and they have raised a tremendous £2187.56. What a fantastic total. Thank you!

Today is David Attenborough's 100th birthday and we have marked the occasion in school with an assembly and class activities. The children have had the opportunity to find out more about this inspirational man and his unwavering commitment to protect and love our wonderful planet.

Cherry Class enjoyed the Cricket Workshop and Miss Stout said the children were lovely representatives of the school listening and joining in so well. Nursery have been finishing their learning on their focus book 'The Three Little Pigs' and will begin their new unit next week on 'Cinderella'. Reception have been putting the finishing touches on their re-write of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as well as mastering grouping parts into a whole in Maths.

Next week, they will begin learning to count on from one number to find the total.

In History this week, Maple Class have been delving into Flamstead's past by looking at entries in the Domesday Book, which told them a little about life here nearly 1,000 years ago. They discussed how it may have been living as a child then and came up with lots of great questions they would ask if they could time travel back to Norman times. In Maths, they have been deepening their money knowledge, building on their coin recognition skills and playing money games and in Music they really enjoyed appraising the Monkees 'Daydream Believer'.

Pupils in Chestnut Class have completed lots of fantastic learning. In English, they began a new unit focusing on grammar, exploring expanded noun phrases, past and present tense, and adverbs. In Maths, they were looking at statistics, where they have been learning how to read and interpret bar graphs. In Science, they have been exploring magnets, sparking lots of curiosity and discussion. In Art, they have continued developing their pointillism techniques with great care and creativity. On Wednesday, they showed enthusiasm and teamwork in the Cricket Workshop. In Computing, they have continued exploring publishing, creating leaflets and invitations on Chromebooks while learning how to use a range of digital tools effectively.

Bonsai Class have completed their non-chronological reports this week in English. In Maths, they have been exploring geometry looking at reflecting and translating shapes as well as perfecting their reading of coordinates. The Cricket Workshop was the class highlight of the week. Year 6 have been busy revising their core skills all week in the run up to SATs. SATs week for Year 6 is starting on Monday and we will be welcoming all Year 6 children in to school at 8.15am each morning for a lovely breakfast together. I wish all the children the best of luck and I know they will all give their best.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Summer Term Dates 2026

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)

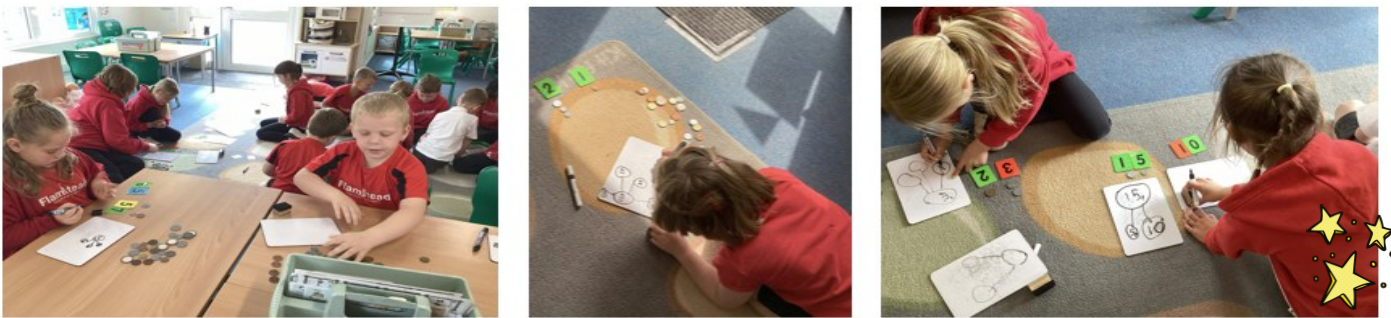
2nd July—EYFS Stay and Play—For children in EYFS in September

Photos from this week

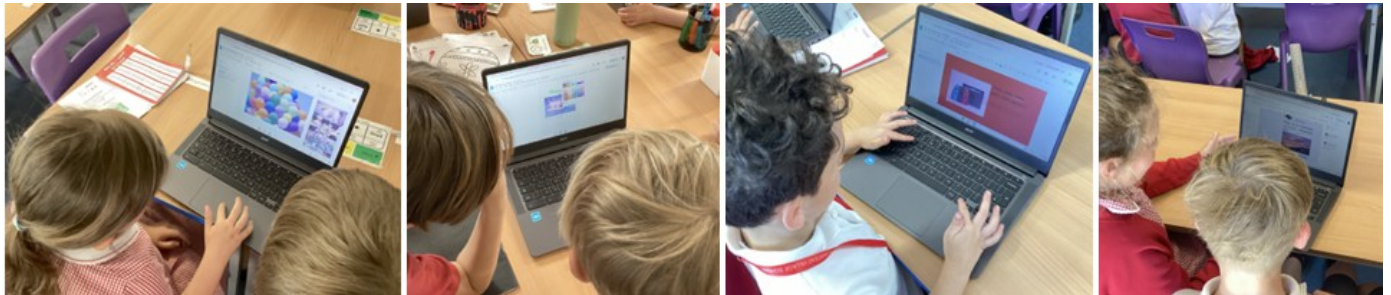
Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



Look how big our chicks are now!



Bright Star Awards - Friday 8th May 2026

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| Nursery | Poppy | For her effort in her Maths this week. Poppy has been asking for challenges during independent learning to support her number recognition and formation! |
| Reception | Max | For his increased effort in his writing and reading this week. Max has been trying hard to hear the sounds in words and write them! |
| Year 1 | Aubrey | For challenging himself to remember his capital letters and finger spaces in his Literacy writing this week. |
| Year 2 | Xander | For making great progress with his handwriting and beginning to neatly join his letters. |
| Year 3 | Martin | For having a great start to Flamstead Village School. In your first week, you have shown enthusiasm to learn, kindness to others and respect to adults. |
| Year 4 | Jerry | For working hard at your handwriting and spelling. You have been making good progress, keep up the hard work! |
| Year 5 | Darcy | For his batting skills during our Cricket Workshop. |
| Year 6 | Isabella | For her focus, effort and engagement in class. |

Attendance

| Year Group | w/b 5th May |
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| Nursery | 92.9% |
| Reception | 90.8% |
| Year 1 | 98% |
| Year 2 | 88.4% |
| Year 3 | 96.9% |
| Year 4 | 99% |
| Year 5 | 85.7% |
| Year 6 | 92.9% |

Make sure you arrive to school on time please

Home Learning Celebrations

| Year Group | Reading | Numbots/ TTRS |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Cherry | 5 | 5 |
| Maple | 5 | 3 |
| Chestnut | 10 | 5 |
| Bonsai | 9 | 3 |

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.

Congratulations to Chestnut and Cherry Class who won and got 5 minutes extra break time this week for each challenge!

Mini Tennis Competition

On Tuesday, Louie & Olivia from Year 4 and Finley from Year 3 took part in a mini-tennis competition at Roundwood Park School. There were pupils taking part from ten schools across the area. Our pupils played singles matches against four other schools, and all three demonstrated focus, determination and perseverance, winning many long rallies and a number of games too. Unfortunately, we did not get through to the final, but we did very well and had fun too. The children represented our school exceptionally well.



FLAMSTEAD ARTS FESTIVAL

Children's Photography Competition

Take a photo of something that inspires you in Flamstead.

Digital submissions only.

All photos must be taken within Flamstead, you can photograph anything that you find interesting or beautiful but please make sure you have permission before photographing people.

Each child may submit one photo.

Open to all ages up to 15 years.

Closing Date : 1/6/2026

**email entries to:
claire@flamsteadartsfestival.org
and remember to add the child's name.**

Prizes to be won!