

## This Week's News

15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been a little different to usual as we have been busy with Year 6 SATs. Not only have the Year 6 children worked hard with great effort, determination and positivity, but the rest of the school have been mindful and adaptable to ensure Year 6 had minimal distractions. The SATs breakfast was a great success and all of our children had a good start to each day.

We are monitoring children's reading and home learning logs and their time spent on Numbots and TTRS. Well done to all those children who are reading at least 5 times a week and completing their Maths activities online. We would still like to see these numbers increase so please make time and give your children the opportunity to read each day and, if parents and carers can remember to fill in their reading logs that would be very helpful, so we can get an accurate picture of reading across the school.

This week has been so busy for Cherry Class. They had a wonderful time on their trip to Kew Gardens despite the ever-changing weather. The children were resilient throughout the day, listened so well to all adults on the trip, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. All of the children participated in an outdoor workshop about how plants grow, where they learnt about the different parts of a plant and went on hunts for interesting leaves and petals of certain colours. They also enjoyed exploring the Palm House and the Princess of Wales Conservatory, where they saw very large fish, huge cacti, and carnivorous plants. They even made friends with a friendly fox!

Maple Class have really enjoyed the wet weather this week as they made rain gauges in Science at the beginning of the week and have loved keeping a daily track on how much spring rain has fallen each day. In Art, they started their clay self-portrait project, learning new skills of shaping, detailing and joining clay. The results so far look wonderful. They also took a closer look at the Tower of London and investigated how the building and its surroundings have changed since it was built in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. What started as a stronghold for William the Conqueror has been a royal home, a mint for making money, a safehouse for the Crown Jewels, a prison and even a zoo.

Chestnut Class have been working hard across all areas of the curriculum. In English, they have been focusing on grammar skills, including using conjunctions, speech marks & choosing the correct past tense words in their writing. In Maths, they finished their work on data by creating bar graphs & interpreting pictograms. The children particularly enjoyed using Pokémon-themed data during these lessons. In Science, they continued investigating magnetic force by testing different objects to see which had stronger magnetic attraction than others. In Art, the children planned their own pointillism-inspired pieces and showed great creativity with their ideas.

While Year 6 were busy completing their SATs, Year 5 worked with Miss Russell completing French, PSHE & Science lessons. This half term's Forces Unit has been a huge hit with all pupils, and they thoroughly enjoyed making levers with fulcrums and rulers. When the rain didn't stop play, they finally got onto the field for their long-anticipated game of rounders.

Myself, Miss Pike and Ms Castree are looking forward to spending time with the Year 5 and Year 6 children going on the residential trip to Wiltshire next week. I am sure everyone will be excited packing their bags this weekend and we look forward to seeing you ready to go on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones  
Headteacher

### Summer Term Dates 2026

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

2nd June—STEMpoint K'NEX Challenge 2026

5th June—Arts Festival at St Leonard's Church—Y1 to Y6

8th June—Y1 Phonic Checks begin

8th June—Class Photos

9th June—Y3/4 Rugby Event—Harpenden Rugby Club—whole class

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 June—Athlete Visit and fundraising

24th June—Flamstead's Got Talent

26th June—Sports Day and family picnic 9-12pm

29th June—Swimming starts (for 3 weeks)

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

6th July—KS2 Dress Rehearsal (Nursery pupils invited)

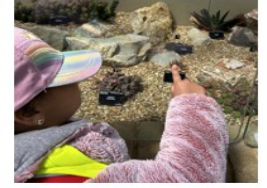
7th July—KS2 Performance (Parents invited)—3:30pm

8th July—KS2 Performance (Parents invited)—6:30pm

9th July—Class Swap Day & EYFS Parent Meeting

# Photos from this week

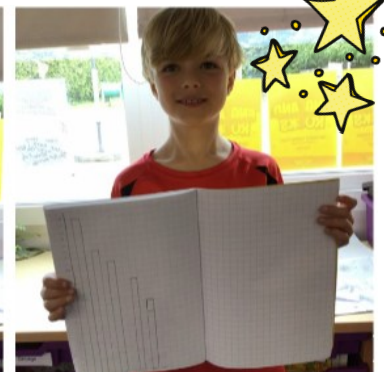
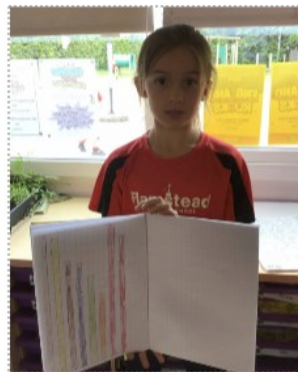
## Cherry Class



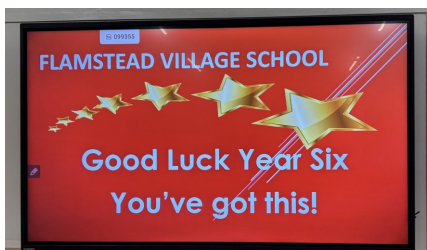
## Maple Class




## Chestnut Class



## Bonsai Class - Y6 SATs Week



  
Year 6 Children

SATS can sometimes feel like a big deal, and it is normal to feel nervous or worried. But remember, these tests do not measure everything that makes you special, talented, kind, creative, funny, hardworking, or unique. They are only a small snapshot of what you know right now.

What matters most is that you go in with a positive attitude, stay calm, and give each question your best effort. Take your time, read carefully, and believe in yourself. You have worked hard to get this far, and that effort already means so much.

No score will ever define who you are or what you can achieve in the future. You are far more than a number on a piece of paper. Your kindness, determination, imagination, and the way you treat others are just as important as anything in a test.

So, do your best, be proud of yourself, and remember that whatever happens, you should hold your head high. You have got this.



## Bright Star Awards - Friday 15th May 2026

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Mabel</b>	For representing the school so well on our school trip. Mabel showed good manners and listened to staff.
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Willow</b>	For her commitment to progressing her learning. Willow tries diligently during independent learning to improve her writing, Maths and communication skills. Well done!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Axel</b>	Axel for being a sensible team player in football, respectfully following the rules of fair play with his friends.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Reece</b>	For making some great choices this week with his learning, practising his writing on a whiteboard and even asking for extra Maths to do!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Jude</b>	For being resilient even when things got tough and making the right choices. You have listened to adult instructions and shown respect.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Conor</b>	For trying your best to listen and be helpful. In Art, you always show dedication to your learning and love to help others if they find it tough. For example, you often model how to use your sketching skills.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Oscar</b>	For his teamwork and effort during revision tasks.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>To all of Year Six</b>	For all the Year 6 children for their effort and focus during their SATs. We are all so proud of the calm and mature way they have behaved this week. Well done!



### Attendance

Year Group	w/b 11th May
<b>Nursery</b>	74.3%
<b>Reception</b>	89.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	100%
<b>Year 2</b>	86.8%
<b>Year 3</b>	100%
<b>Year 4</b>	94.8%
<b>Year 5</b>	97.6%
<b>Year 6</b>	98.1%
<b>Well done Years 1 &amp; 3!</b>	
<b>Make sure you arrive to school on time please</b>	

### Home Learning Celebrations



Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
<b>Cherry</b>	5	9
<b>Maple</b>	3	1
<b>Chestnut</b>	12	4
<b>Bonsai</b>	4	4

**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 Class and Cherry Class who won and got 5 minutes extra break time this week!**

# Supporting Family Wellbeing

## 20 questions that feel like hugs to your child..



1. "Do you want the last bite?"
2. "Will you play with me for a little while?"
3. "Can I sit next to you?"
4. "Want me to save this spot for you?"
5. "Should we share this blanket?"
6. "Do you want a hug or just company?"
7. "Can you show me how you do that?"
8. "Want to hold my hand?"
9. "Should we make this together?"
10. "Do you want me to stay a little longer?"
11. "Can I hear your side first?"
12. "Want me to tuck you in tonight?"
13. "Should we sneak in one more story?"
14. "Do you want me to watch?"
15. "Can we have a little snack date?"
16. "Want to race me there?"
17. "Do you want help, or do you want me to cheer you on?"
18. "Can I tell you my favorite thing about you today?"
19. "Want to pick the music for the car ride?"
20. "Should we make this our little tradition?"

## Does your child struggle with transitions?

Click on the link below to join the online transitions course in June to see how you can help them.

[Navigating Transitions Dacorum - Bounce Forward](#)

### Navigating Transitions

**A four-session online course for parents**  
Fully funded by DSPL8 for parents in Dacorum

Children and young people will face many transitions throughout their lives. Change and uncertainty is something we can help children learn to navigate. How do we support children to deal well with times of change?

Whether the move is from primary to secondary, to a new school or setting, or to a new teacher or class. It can be an anxious time for parents.

Join Bounce Forward for a series of four 60-minute sessions to explore how to support children and young people to face transitions with mental resilience and receive downloadable activities to use at home to encourage a growth mindset.

Starting 4th June at 7PM

Knowing how best to manage your own emotions, worries and actions is vital for supporting children in the best way possible.

[Find out more →](#)

## 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."

**Booking essential**  
Please quote the course ID  
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709 556

[bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)  
[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](http://www.supportinglinks.co.uk)



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Families In Focus CIC  
LOOKING FORWARD TOGETHER

## Handling Anger of Children with Autism & ADHD

(inclusive of those on assessment pathways)

**FREE Online Course for Parents in Hertfordshire**  
Why join Francine & Lesley on this course?

Understand more about Autism, ADHD, and sensory differences

Learn what's happening in your child's brain during anger

Gain practical tools too build emotional regulation

Develop calming routines and reduce daily stress

Connect with other parents in a supportive space

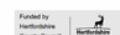
6 x Tuesdays

9.30am to 11.30am or 6.30pm to 8.30pm

June 2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th & July 7th

Email Francine & Lesley:

[bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk)



# 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!



# NATURE DAY AT BATFORD SPRINGS



SATURDAY 6TH JUNE, 11AM-4PM



If you've ever wondered which invertebrates live in Harpenden, how to spot a kingfisher near the River Lea, or how to make a new home for 200 water voles in your local park, this is a day for you!



Find out how our Batford Springs Nature Reserve began as a watercress farm and why chalk streams are so important.



Learn the difference between an ecological corridor and a boardwalk.



Visit the dipping station and take a tour of the reedfen and meadow.

With live music from  
Abbie Gathard, Reverbs & Hanging Bandits

Join us near the Marquis Lane Play Area, for a fun filled Nature Discovery Day, celebrating Batford Springs Local Nature Reserve. With guided tours, river dipping, bug hunting, trails and hands on activities, this event is perfect for families, nature lovers and curious explorers.  
Find out more: [www.harpenden.gov.uk](http://www.harpenden.gov.uk)



# A STICK IN TIME

Basketry through the ages

2pm  
St. Leonard's  
Saturday 6th June



Weaving demonstration and talk

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# Cricket Opportunities and Fun

Last week, we had a really successful Cricket Engagement Day at school facilitated by Flamstead Cricket Club.

There are lots of clubs, courses and fun activities on offer for your child. Please see the flyers below, and in the classroom windows, and contact them for more information.



**FLAMSTEAD CRICKET CLUB**

## JUNIOR CRICKET 2026

**A FUN AND FRIENDLY CRICKET PATHWAY FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES**

Start with ECB All Stars Cricket for ages 5–8, progress to Dynamos for ages 8–11, and move into hardball cricket for U11s and above.

We welcome boys and girls of all abilities, especially those new to cricket. All sessions are led by qualified coaches and tailored to each age group.

**ECB All Stars Cricket**



Starting 23rd May  
Saturday  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
For ages 5–8

**ECB Dynamos Cricket**



Starting 23rd May  
Saturday  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
For ages 8–11

**Junior Hardball Cricket**



Starting 14th May  
Thursday  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
For U11s and above

**SIGN UP NOW FOR 2026**

Web : [flamsteadcc.play-cricket.com](http://flamsteadcc.play-cricket.com)  
 Email : [flamsteadcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:flamsteadcricketclub@gmail.com)  
 Address : Friendless Ln, Flamstead, AL3 8DE




**FLAMSTEAD CRICKET CLUB**

# This is our game.

**STARTING MAY 23RD 2026**  
9 AM - 10 AM

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to play, learn cricket skills and make new friends.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today  
[dynamoscriccket.co.uk](http://dynamoscriccket.co.uk)




**FLAMSTEAD CRICKET CLUB**

## JUNIOR HARD BALL CRICKET

**11 years old upwards (younger players if competent)**

- 10-Week Junior HARD BALL Cricket Program
- Open to All Abilities
- For Boys and Girls Ages 11 and Above
- Focus Areas: Game Play, Skill Development, Strategy, Teamwork
- Develop Your Batting, Bowling & Match Skills!
- 1:1 coaching available on request

**Starting 14th May (Every Thursday)**  
**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

Thilan is an ECB Level 2 coach, current Middlesex CCC player and first-class cricketer with playing experience in Sri Lanka and England. He has over 4 years of coaching experience, helping young players develop skills and confidence in a supportive environment.

Quick & easy online registration!



Scan to Register Now!

**Limited spaces – early sign-up recommended!**

Instagram: @academy\_tw  
 Player Profile: Thilan Walallawita on **ESPN** cricinfo



**FLAMSTEAD CRICKET CLUB**

## It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for 5-8 year-olds

All kids are guaranteed to develop new skills while having fun and making friends

Participants receive a personalised backpack of goodies including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

**STARTING MAY 23RD 2026**  
9 AM - 10 AM

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

