

This Week's News

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Our swimming lessons have started well and our coaches Abi and Neve have been very impressed with the children's swimming and behaviour in the pool so far. We also have some other sporting news. We are delighted to have partnered with 'Sporting Kids' to provide our Sports coaching and Multi-Skills Club on Thursdays. The new coach started today and enjoyed meeting the children. We hope to potentially start a Football Club with them from September, too, which I am sure will be popular. On Wednesday, I was extremely proud of our netball team playing their first match away. Although we did not win this time, there were two super goals from Rupert and Jasper was named 'Player of the Match'—they all put so much effort and enthusiasm into their games. Thank you to Miss Stringer and Michelle Harris for arranging and supporting the match and to Olivia, Max, Finley, Louie, Jasper, Ben, Rupert, Louis and Joey for being a great team.

Thank you to all the parents who joined Miss Russell and class teachers for their APDR meetings. It was also lovely to welcome our new EYS children into school for a 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday.

This week, Cherry Class have been busy with lots of exciting learning. They have continued exploring the book 'Oliver's Vegetables', writing speech bubbles to show what they thought Oliver might be saying throughout the story. The children have also been writing about their favourite things about school, with paints, toys, Phonics and Maths all proving to be popular choices. Outside, the mud kitchen has been full of imaginative play, with the children creating mud pies and delicious mint teas. They have also been excited to discover even more young newts in our bug area. The children have shown such kindness and care, handling them gently and even building little beds and homes to help keep them safe.

This week in Science, Maple Class have been investigating soil, predicting and then observing how much water different types of soil can hold. They have been finding out about Hindu deities and creation story in RE. They are really enjoying the new class text 'The Big Book of Bugs', learning how to share information in a fun, descriptive way in Literacy. In D&T, the classroom was transformed into testing stations where the children could investigate the suitability of a wide range of building materials for their stable structures ahead of next week's creating lesson.

Chestnut Class enjoyed the first week of swimming where the children have shown fantastic resilience as they adapted to changes in their usual timetables. Production rehearsals have continued, with everyone working hard to learn and practise their lines and lyrics, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing. In Science, they took their learning outdoors, inspired by Isaac Newton, to explore forces and observations in the world around them. In Geography, they used technology to locate places in India and compare them with well-known landmarks in the UK, developing their mapping and geographical enquiry skills. Meanwhile, in Maths, the children successfully completed the unit on formal multiplication, with them demonstrating progress and confidence in using this important written method. Well done to everyone for another week of hard work.

Bonsai have been extremely active and creative this week, with swimming and musical rehearsals taking up most of their time. Many of the children know their lines and lyrics and those who don't are working hard in school and at home to memorise them. The set is up and costumes have been checked. All children are looking forward to next week's performance with an audience. In Computing, the children have continued to explore variables as they improved a game.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Summer Term Dates 2026

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

9th July—Herts Transition Day for Y6 pupils

10th July—End of year pupil reports home

10th July—Parent Council meeting at 9am

15th July—Arts Fest and Open Evening 3.30—4.30pm

21st—Y6 leavers assembly at 9am

21st—Term ends at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays

See our website for more details

Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Outside we have been balancing, taking care of creatures and making recipes in the mud kitchen.

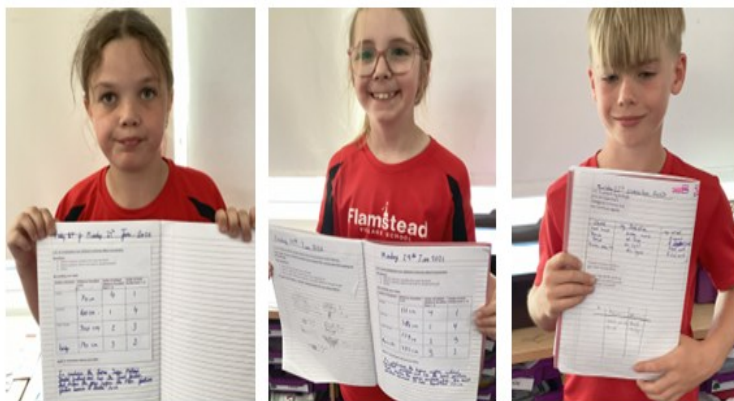


We've been exploring doubles using dinosaurs, dominoes and playing cards!

Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Our Netball Team



Bonsai Class





Bright Star Awards - Friday 3rd July 2026

Nursery	Isaac	For his fantastic independent writing. Isaac carefully used his name card, saying each sound before confidently writing his name all by himself.
Reception	Max	For his brilliant improvement in reading and writing. Max has worked hard to sound out and read words and now spells some words independently.
Year 1	Aubrey	For showing considered and careful testing skills in D & T.
Year 2	Ella	For challenging herself to write longer and more detailed sentences in Literacy.
Year 3	Jasper	For showing great resilience at the Netball match and being named 'Player of the Match'.
Year 4	Isla	For showing good listening and perseverance when attending your swimming lessons.
Year 5	George	For representing the Barbershop Bros' on his own during Bonsai rehearsals. Well done George!
Year 6	Willow	For her effort learning her lines and lyrics.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 29th June
Nursery	100%
Reception	89.5%
Year 1	84.1%
Year 2	85.4%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	95%
Well done Nursery & Year 5! Please make sure your children are in school each day and no term time holidays please.	

Home Learning Celebrations

Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
Cherry	-	-
Maple	Cordelia, Oscar Reece, Matilda and Edie	Joni, Oscar and Aubrey
Chestnut	Alfie	Rosie, Jude Leo and Henry
Bonsai	-	-
Each week, we check who has met the home learning expectations. The new chart above shows which children in each class met those expectations. Congratulations to all these pupils who had extra break time this week.		





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[Current Year 5,
going into Year 6]



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Sporting Kids Summer Camp

Sporting Kids will be running a fun and active Summer Camp during the school holidays, with football, sports, games and themed activity days.

The camp is suitable for children looking to stay active, build confidence, make friends and enjoy a positive holiday experience.

Booking link:

<https://sporting-kids.classforkids.io/camp/35>

U11 Team Recruitment

We are also currently welcoming new players for our U11 team and would be interested in hearing from anyone who may be open to supporting one of our youth teams as a team manager.

Please see the attached flyer for further details.