

This Week's News

10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term is fast approaching and this is our penultimate newsletter of this academic year. It has been a fantastic week with the KS2 performance of 'Rapunzel and the Barber Shop Bros' being the highlight. Thank you to everyone, children, staff, parents and carers for your effort and support. Thank you to Chris and Sarah from FoFS for refreshments and Chris and Christy for filming the show. It was FABULOUS!

We also had a great day on Thursday when all the new children spent the morning in their new year group classes. We welcomed Mrs Wright and Mrs Holdsworth into school as our new members of staff. We also welcomed all our new EYFS pupils and they settled in so well and enjoyed a hearty lunch with their parents and carers at lunchtime.

This week, Reception have begun to explore odd and even numbers, identifying and sorting them in lots of different ways such as Numicon, dice patterns, cube towers and numerals. In Nursery, the children have been enjoying doing Phonics outside in the shade; engaging in their 'Toy Talk' and 'Guess Which' games using their blending skills. All children also thoroughly enjoyed their transition morning in their new classes and engaged in many activities, and were all smiley and excited about telling their teachers about their day.

Maple Class used the sunshine in their Science lesson this week, observing and measuring how long it took their own ice cubes to melt. They created imaginative life cycles for their invented bugs in Literacy. In RE, they made special cards to consolidate their learning about the rites of passage or samskaras a Hindu child celebrates. In Music, they enjoyed listening and appraising 'The Robots' by Kraftwerk before having a go at creating their own electronic music. Maple Class spent a fun morning building and evaluating their stable structures in D&T. They created some very impressive structures and were so proud of themselves! As part of this week's transition activities, Year 2 wrote some words of wisdom to leave as a their legacy for Maple Class and Year 1 were wonderful role models to our new Maple Class visitors from Cherry Class.

Chestnut Class has had a fantastic week too. They thoroughly enjoyed performing 'Rapunzel and the Barbershop Bros', beginning with their dress rehearsal for the school before putting on two wonderful performances for their families. They left the stage feeling incredibly proud of themselves and all they had achieved. In Maths, the children have been learning about the place value of decimal numbers, while in Geography they have been researching cities in India. In Science, they investigated soil from different areas around the school grounds and discovered that the soil in the flower beds was more moist than the soil on the playing field. The children concluded this was because the strong sunshine had dried out the exposed field, while the flower beds retained more moisture. What a wonderful week Chestnut Class have had!

Bonsai Class have had another busy week. Their hard work paid off with two fabulous performances of Rapunzel and the Barbershop Bros. Our leading cast should be proud of themselves. Transition Day saw our Year 6s visit their new schools while Year 5, soon to be Year 6, spent the morning with their new teacher Mrs Wright. Alongside swimming, and all the changes of the week, the children have also been exploring community in RE and reviewing their year for their reports.

On Monday of the last week, after swimming has finished, we have pencilled in a slightly reduced Sports Day just for the pupils to enjoy, weather permitting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Final Summer Term Dates 2026

- 15th July—Arts Fest Open Evening 3.30—4.30pm—all welcome
- 15th July—All reading and library books MUST be returned
- 17th July—Reports home
- 20th—Report Parent Comment Slips need to be returned
- 20th July—Sports Day AM—pupils only
- 20th July—Olympian Micheal Allison visiting PM
- 21st July —Y6 leavers assembly at 9am—Parents welcome
- 21st July - Term ends at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays
- 22nd July—INSET Day
- 23rd July - INSET Day

See our website for more details

Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class



Bonsai Class



**Congratulations to Isabella and Harrison
the winners of the Scarecrow design
competition alongside Rosie and Lewis
as the runners up!**





Bright Star Awards - Friday 10th July 2026

Nursery	Maverick	For his subitising and counting skills when playing roll and build with Miss Stout.
Reception	Delilah	For being a fabulous role model to the younger children and helping them to work as a team when playing dominoes.
Year 1	Frankie	For using her maths resources so well and so sensibly to strengthen her understanding of numbers up to 100.
Year 2	Cordelia	For considered and thoughtful writing in her Literacy lessons about a bug's life cycle.
Year 3	Jude	For showing excellent listening skills this week. You have engaged with classroom lessons well and raising your hand often to join in with learn-
Year 4	Evie	For performing in 'Rapunzel and the Barbershop Bros' with confidence. Well done!
Year 5	Rupert	For stepping in on many occasions, taking on extra lines and responsibilities in the musical, and on transition day, taking on Year 6 jobs in
Year 6	Marion	For stepping out of her comfort zone in the musical and being a good role model.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 6th July
Nursery	88.6%
Reception	90.8%
Year 1	90.5%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	87.3%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	97.9%
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	Frankie, Maverick, Roman, Elsie, Marlee, Mason, Ralph, Amelia, Willow	Marlee, Mason, Roman, Penny
Maple	Cordelia, Joni, Ella, Reece	Reece, Joni
Chestnut	Alfie	Leo, Henry
Bonsai	Theo, Alice	Ava, Darcy, William
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.		



Flamstead Scarecrow Festival

21-23 August 2026

Seven weeks to go ...



Time to get thinking about your scarecrow display this year. The imagination of our villagers never ceases to amaze. They don't have to be complicated, just imaginative. And remember, no scarecrows – no festival – no money for local good causes !!



Not sure about your scarecrow-making skills .. how about helping us run the festival efficiently and safely by offering to volunteer – even a couple of hours over the weekend would really help.



And If you can't volunteer, maybe you can bake a cake? That too would be a welcome contribution to the Scarecrow Café's revenues.



The beneficiaries this year again include the Friends of Flamstead School so, we all benefit in some way.



More information on the festival web site which is now live for scarecrow registration, volunteer sign-up, and advance ticket sales. Scan the QR code.



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FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.