

This Week's News

17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We are finally at the end of the last full week of this academic year. What a wonderful year it has been. When I think back to all the activities, events, hard work and fun the children have had at school, I am proud of what they have achieved this year and I am proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school. We had our last swimming lessons today and they have been a great success. We hope to receive the children's certificates in time to give them out on Tuesday, along with our end of year certificates and trophies. We are all so proud of the progress they have made and the confidence they have developed in the water. It was lovely to see you all at our Open Day and Arts Fest on Wednesday. Didn't the hall look magnificent! All the children's arts and crafts, baking, paintings and drawings, miniature gardens, models, creative writing, home-grown flowers and vegetables, pottery and sewing were superb. The classrooms also looked lovely and I hope you enjoyed your visit and celebration of your child's year at school.

This week, Cherry Class have been busy 3D shape builders, bridge builders, maths and phonics superstars, and even budding designers! To celebrate the World Cup, the children created their own colourful flags using LEGO and Multilink cubes. On Wednesday afternoon, we were also treated to a fantastic puppet show, completely planned and performed by some of our Reception children. They used their independent learning time to make puppets, create a storyline and put on a wonderful performance for their friends. It was lovely to see such creativity, teamwork and confidence on display.

This week in Science, Maple Class explored our beautiful pond area, dipping the waters to see what they could find. The children were enthralled to find pond skaters, baby newts and water snails. Year Two have been exploring symmetry in Maths and challenging themselves with rhyme in Literacy. In Computing, Maple Class have been practising programming robots and creating maps for their Beebots to travel through. The highlight this week has to be the class Aqua Battle on the field - a great end to a hot day!

Children in Chestnut Class have continued to work incredibly hard across the curriculum. In DT, they completed their fantastic light-up box projects, using their designing, joining and construction skills, as well as incorporating LED lights to bring their creations to life. In PSHE, they have been learning about their bodies and how they change as we grow older, with thoughtful and mature discussions taking place. In English, they began exploring the fun and playful world of tongue twister poems by Joseph Coelho, inspiring the children to experiment with rhythm, rhyme and alliteration in their own writing.

This week, Bonsai Class have become historians and tailors. They have explored Anglo-Saxon Britain, translated runic messages, learnt about the Viking invasions of Northumbria, East Anglia and Mercia, and explored why King Alfred was great, before finishing with The Battle of Hastings. In Design Technology, they have learnt how to sew a basting stitch, straight stitch, whip stitch, backwards stitch and hem. The children showed great resilience throughout the sewing lessons and used their new skills to join fabric pieces together as they made their own little bags. Year 6 have also been busy rehearsing for their Leavers' Assembly as they count down to their final days in primary school.

Next Monday, we have a rescheduled Sports Day for the children and an Athlete visit to look forward to, as well as our Year Six Leavers' Assembly and Certificate Assembly before school closes at 1.30pm on Tuesday.

Lastly, we say a fond farewell to Mary Jenkin, one of our Governors who is leaving the Governing Body after many, many years of dedication, service and sharing her expertise. Mary will be welcome back at any time to visit our school and we wish her all the very best and hopefully more time for herself and the things she enjoys. Thank you Mary. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Final Summer Term Dates 2026

20th—Report Parent Comment Slips need to be returned

20th July—Sports Day AM—pupils only

20th July—Athlete Michael 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](#)

Flamstead School have achieved the Silver School Games Mark!



We are delighted to announce that we, Flamstead Village School, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. This builds on our Bronze achievement for the 2024/25 academic year.

Sporting events we have attended this year include: Tag Rugby, Quicksticks Hockey, Cross Country, Speed Stacking, Commonwealth Festival, Multisports, Mini-Tennis, Tennis Skills, Festival of Sport.

Workshops that have taken place in school this year include: Dance, Football, Cricket Glow Dance.

Sports Clubs this year have included: Multisports, Cross Country, Netball, Pickleball.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: all of the staff who have accompanied the children to these events, often outside of school hours or their normal working hours, parents for transporting to and from the events and the children for taking part and demonstrating excellent skills, teamwork and resilience.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027, where we will be aiming for Gold!



Photos from this week

Cherry Class



Maple Class



Chestnut Class

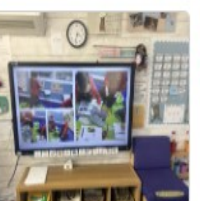
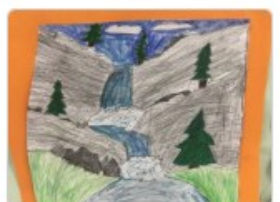
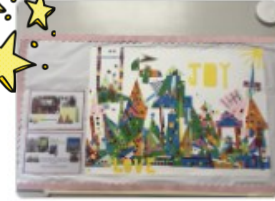


Bonsai Class



Arts Fest and Open Day Photos

Thank you to everyone who celebrated the children's amazing work with us.





Bright Star Awards - Friday 17th July 2026

Nursery	Isaac-Eli	For his fantastic initiative when helping to tidy the outdoor area. Isaac noticed what needed doing and put resources away independently without any reminders. Thank you for being such a helpful member of Cherry Class!
Reception	Lily	For her brilliant code-cracking in Phonics this week. Lily worked hard to solve the mystery words and drew clear, detailed pictures to match them. Fantastic work, Lily!
Year 1	Axel	For showing good observation skills in our pond-dipping Science lesson.
Year 2	Tami	For demonstrating perseverance and a positive mind set in our rhyming poetry lesson.
Year 3	Jasper	For being such an excellent helper this week. There have been so many jobs that you have done, we have lost count! What a superstar!
Year 4	Nicole	For using your teamwork skills when building your light-up box in DT. You listened well to others in your team and together made an impressive light up box.
Year 5	Rafael	For his hard work this week and for his help resetting the hall.
Year 6	Rupert	For his effort and enthusiasm in helping class staff.



Attendance

Year Group	w/b 13th July
Nursery	91.5%
Reception	92.8%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	94.3%
Please make sure your children are in school each day, even at the end of the term!	

Home Learning Celebrations

Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
Cherry	Maverick, Elsie, Amelie, Marlee, Mason, Ralph, Jesse, Robin, Amelia, Penny	Jesse, Ralph, Mason
Maple	Cordelia, Edie, Ella, Reece, Oscar	Oscar
Chestnut	Alfie	
Bonsai	Alice	Darcy
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.		

Well done to the following pupils for their incredible achievement on attaining 100% attendance this academic year:

Robin—Cherry Class

Jesse—Cherry Class

Ella—Maple Class

George—Chestnut Class

Alfie—Chestnut Class

Alice—Bonsai Class

Rupert Co—Bonsai Class

Summer Holiday information

 PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026  moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free	
ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
ASK ITALIAN 2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day
BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday	PIZZA HUT Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult	PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast
BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1 st 2026	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
BREWDOG 1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August	PREZZO Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms
CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week	PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
CHIQUITO Kids eat free during all school holidays	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
COCONUT TREE Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept	SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm
DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
FARMHOUSE INNS 2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays	TESCO Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend
FLAMING GRILL PUBS Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays	TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free until 6 th September (Via App)
FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids eat FREE during school holidays	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
FRANCO MANCIA Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs	TRAVELodge 2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast
FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal	TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1 st 2026
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app
HARVESTER Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1 st 2026	VILLAGE HOTELS Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app
HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays	WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays
LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App	ZIZZI Kids eat free via app during school holidays