Flamstead VILLAGE SCHOOL

News for this week

23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week to end the half term. I am immensely proud of our cross country children who competed at Longdean School on Tuesday. They did so well and represented our school wonderfully. It was lovely to see parents and carers at our last Parents' Consultation Evening on Wednesday, thank you to those of you who have completed the parent / carer survey and returned your data collection sheets. If you have not been able to do this yet, please do so before the 26th October when the survey closes and return your data sheets on the first day back after the half term break. On Wednesday Farmer Ben delivered our pumpkins! A lovely gift to our school from Thrales End Farm. All the children chose their own and we hope you enjoy them at home. Our Harvest Assembly on Thursday with Curate Sam was lovely and we thank you for your donations to the Food Bank. We ended the week with lots of rules being broken and money being raised with our 'Break the Rules' Day, something the children have all enjoyed. We sadly said goodbye to Miss Wheatley in assembly today with cards, gifts and flowers. We will miss her greatly and thanked her for her time here at Flamstead.

Cherry Class have finished Autumn 1 with a week full of harvest-themed activities. The children have enjoyed pumpkin stacking, weaving, painting and many more, but the highlight of the week was the visit from Farmer Ben. In Maths, the children have been exploring patterns and, in Music, they shared instruments to accompany one of the class's favourite songs '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer', alongside learning the songs for Harvest Assembly. This week's nursery rhyme is 'Miss Polly Had a Dolly'.

Maple Class enjoyed the Autumn sunshine this week taking their Art lesson outside to learn how to weave on cardboard looms. They were all so proud of their newfound skills. In History, they learnt the meaning behind modern day Bonfire Night celebrations and made some colourful firework pictures. They have been practising measurements of time, focusing on minutes, days and months in this week's Maths lessons.

It has been another busy and exciting week of learning in Chestnut Class. In Maths, the children have been exploring the rebalancing strategy for finding equal sums. In English, they have been learning about free verse poetry and writing their own poems. They were delighted to receive their pumpkin delivery, which inspired a fun activity exploring the lifecycle of a pumpkin. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their Art lessons exploring how nature can inspire artwork, designing and creating their own clay pots in the style of a flower.

This week, the children in Bonsai Class completed their non-chronological reports about their own invented planets; they will be publishing these after half term. Every child thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Farmer Ben on Wednesday and took great delight in choosing their own pumpkins. They then created pumpkin-inspired landscape paintings in Art.

This week, 24 children from Years 2-6 took part in a Cross Country Event at Longdean School. Year 2 & Chestnut Class had to run 1km and Years 5 & 6 could choose to run 1km or 2km. In the Year 4 boys' race, Finley came 4th and Jasper came 5th out of over 50 children. Olivia in Year 5 won the girl's race, running 2km with an excellent time of 10 minutes! In the Year 6 boy's race, Ben, Rupert & Lewis all finished in the top 10 of over 50 boys. All of the children displayed determination, energy and stamina and excellent behaviour on what was a very rainy day and should be very proud of how they ran. I hope that even more children will want to take part next year.

Have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2026

2nd Nov—Back to School
2nd Nov —Rock Steady Assembly and workshops
4th Nov—Individual School Photos
5th Nov—HCL Themed Bonfire Lunch Menu
5th Nov—Maple Class Trip to Ashridge
6th Nov—Y5 and Y6 Tag Rugby at Harpenden Rugby Club
7th Nov—FoFS Firework Display—tickets online now!
9th Nov—Interfaith Week
11th Nov—Remembrance Day
12th Nov—Flu 'mop up' day
12th Nov—HCL Themed Diwali Lunch Menu
13th Nov—Children in Need Day—Non Uniform—Donate £1
13th Nov—Parent Council Meeting at 9.30am
16th Nov—Anti Bullying Week
17th Nov—Yr 6 Health Checks by Nursing Team
23rd Nov—UK Parliament Week
26th Nov—Gift for the North Pole Shop—Non Uniform Day
27th Nov—Occasional Day—School Closed
30th Nov—Assessment Week
7th Dec—Last week for Teacher led Clubs
7th Dec—Pantomime 1-3pm—Nursery pupils invited back
9th Dec—North Pole Shop open
10th Dec—Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day
11th Dec—St Leonard's Church Service at 2.30pm
14th Dec—No teacher led clubs this week
14th Dec—School Discos for EYFS/KS1—4.15pm—5.45pm
14th Dec—School Disco for KS2—6.00pm—7.30pm
15th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Production at 9am—Parents welcome
16th Dec—EYFS/KS1 Production at 3.30pm—Parents welcome
18th Dec—Class Parties—wear party clothes
18th Dec—Term ends at 1.30pm

Bright Stars

Bright Star Awards - Friday 23rd October 2026

Nursery	**Oscar**	For his focus and effort in PE lessons.
Reception	**Poppy**	For her enthusiasm in phonics lessons. Keep building with Bill.
Year 1	**Greyson**	For being a really enthusiastic writer, who wants to try their best.
Year 2	**Axel**	For listening respectfully and applying his new weaving skills so well in our Art lesson.
Year 3	**Matilda**	For showing such enthusiasm towards your learning, especially in Art this week! You took such care and paid close attention to detail when making your clay pot.
Year 4	**Leo**	For showing good resilience when making your clay pot this week. Even when we had to start over, you kept trying and we were so proud of the end result.
Year 5	**Mia**	For making amazing contributions to discussions as well as listening respectfully to the ideas of others in the class.
Year 6	**Oscar**	For using his own ideas, alongside advice given by adults and other children, to improve his writing in English.

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance for the week beginning 19th October
Nursery	92%
Reception	98.15%
Year 1	97.65%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97.14%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	98.57%

Make sure you arrive to school on time please and come into school each day.

OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 98.16% FOR THIS WEEK

Home Learning Superstars

Year Group	Reading	Numbots/ TTRS
Cherry	Oscar, Theo, Reuben, Quinn, Elsie, Max, Isaac, Axel	Maya, Quinn, Axel, Theo, Max
Maple	Robin, Edie, Reggie	Leo, Jessica, Roman, Aubrey, Axel
Chestnut	Cordelia, Matilda, Phoebe, Alfie, Ella, Leo, Joni	Austin, Ada, Lenny, Matilda, George B, Ferne, Jasper, Jude, Alfie, Finley, Cobi, Leo, Heidi, Isaac
Bonsai	Rupert, Oscar K, Theo, Alice, Isla, Joey	Ava, Ben, Darcy S, Lewis, Andre, Evie, Harrison, Henry, Isla, Louie, Winter

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.

Photos of our wonderful week

Cherry Class

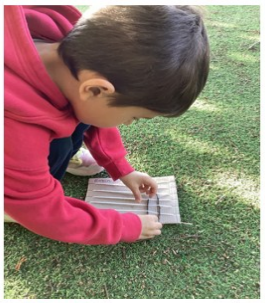


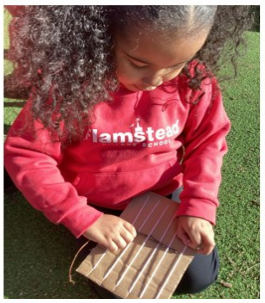




Maple Class











Chestnut Class








Bonsai Class






Pumpkin delivery!






Photos of our Sports Stars

Target Games Team



Cross Country Team











Family Information

Our Annual Fireworks Event—Don't miss out!

Join us on **Saturday, 7th of November 2026** for an unforgettable evening as we light up the skies above Flamstead with our spectacular Fireworks Display!

Last year, tickets sold out in record time so this year, priority was given to those with children at Flamstead Village School up until 9th October but there may still be tickets left.
Please book NOW to secure your tickets.

This dazzling event is a celebration of community spirit and family fun. With a BBQ, bar, hot drinks and glow toys, it's the perfect place to gather with family and friends to celebrate Bonfire night.

Gates open at 5:30pm ready for a 6:30pm display.



Tickets are on sale now at flamsteadfireworks.uk

So mark your calendars, secure your tickets, and join us in lighting up the night to support Flamstead Village School!





Mental Health First Aid Training

This is a free Course to support families with children in KS2 and beyond.

Safety in and out of School

Please keep safe over half term. Earlier this week an email was sent out regarding safety over half term and safety around Halloween and firework activities you may be taking part in. We hope this information was helpful.
Please also keep your children safe when coming to and from school. We sometimes see children running across roads before school and when they are playing on the green and in the tree after school. Can we also ask that children do not throw the apples that have fallen from the tree to ensure no injuries or damage to cars occur.
Many thanks and keep safe!

Friends of Flamstead School

BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes

Here's how it works:

When?

Friday 23rd Oct

£1 per rule you would like to break.
Or £5 for as many rules as you would like!
Payable in class or via card in the main playground at drop-off

Parentkind Member Association



scan to buy your tickets

flamsteadfireworks.uk

ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY
no ticket sales at the gate

Adults: £9
Children Under 16: £6
Kids Under 3: FREE
Family Tickets: £25

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Please join us for a

Flamstead School Christmas Party

4.15pm-5.45pm (EYFS & KS1)

6pm-7.30pm (KS2)

Monday **14** December

Flamstead Village School

Please give £2 per child via Arbor

Adults must accompany children from Nursery please.

Kindly supported by FoFS



Join St Leonard's Junior CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are looking for children who love to sing to join our new Junior Christmas Choir.
The choir will perform at our Crib Service on Christmas Eve, 3.30pm in St Leonard's Church.

Open to children in Year 1 and above.
No experience needed.
£5 per session.
6 weeks of rehearsals from Thursday 12th November, 6-7pm at St Leonard's Church.

Registration by 3rd November is essential.
Email Rev Sam on fmcurate@gmail.com

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