Flamstead VILLAGE SCHOOL

News for this week

6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the second half of the Autumn Term. We started our week with a bang with our 'Rock Steady' Assembly and workshops. It has been great to see so many budding rockstars sign up to start band sessions next week. We are proud of our children in Bonsai Class who took part in a Tag Rugby event today, and we are committed to providing these wonderful events for our children.

Cherry Class have had an enjoyable busy week to the start this half term. They all enjoyed the Rock Steady visit with Elliot, and they were especially excited to attend the workshop due to their excellent sitting during the assembly. The theme for the week has been Fireworks with the children exploring stories and enhanced provision linked to fireworks and bonfires. The nursery rhyme for the week is 'Five Pretty Fireworks'.

Maple Class explored puppets om D&T, discovering lots of different types, from marionettes to finger puppets. They made playdough rangoli patterns ahead of Diwali in RE and in Geography, they enjoyed looking at maps and finding out how our world is made up from seven different continents. This week's highlight though has been their class trip to Ashridge Wild Woods where they searched the woodland floor for minibeast habitats and discussed the differences between all the creatures they found. They then created sticky bug artworks and worked together to create a fantastic wooden den.

What a fantastic first week back for Chestnut Class. They were delighted to welcome Rock Steady into school and enjoyed the live performance and workshop, with some children excited to begin their own band sessions. In English, they have been exploring explanation texts, focusing on subordinating conjunctions and fronted adverbials, while in Maths, they have been developing their subtraction strategies. They have also begun their new History topic, the History of Flamstead, and started exploring some sewing techniques in preparation for making their Christmas stockings in DT later this term. A brilliant start to the half term!

The children in Bonsai Class have been authors, illustrators and publishers this week! They have worked extremely hard to produce final, polished versions of their 'planet' non-chronological reports. They thought carefully about the organisation of their pages and included various text features such as bullet points, sub-headings, labelled diagrams and paragraphs. They are very proud of their completed creations!

I hope to see many of you on Saturday for our FoFS Fireworks, it is sure to be a great evening. The children enjoyed a bonfire themed lunch on Thursday and have had an assembly about firework safety this week so please enjoy all your celebrations and keep safe this weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates 2026

9th – 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
13th Nov – Rock Steady sessions start
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 & 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 – 4:15-5:45pm
14th Dec – School Disco for KS2 – 6:00-7:30pm
15th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Production, 9am Parents welcome
16th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Production, 3:30pm Parents welcome
18th Dec – Class Parties – wear party clothes
18th Dec – Term ends at 1:30pm

Bright Stars

Bright Star Awards – Friday 6th November 2026

Nursery	**Millie**	For her creativity and teamwork when building the House of Parliament with junk modelling.
Reception	**Frankie**	For his body percussion during Music.
Year 1	**Roman**	For showing that being a kind friend is a wonderful thing to be.
Year 2	**Edie**	For being polite, enthusiastic and thoughtful during our class trip to the Wild Woods.
Year 3	**Daisy**	For trying really hard in English this week. You did an excellent job reading the explanation texts and sharing your ideas!
Year 4	**Otto**	For raising your hand and joining in with class discussions. You have been sharing your ideas more and more.
Year 5	**Joey**	For demonstrating commitment and dedication to his learning in all subjects.
Year 6	**Amalie**	For being an enthusiastic learner who works hard in all subjects and always tries her best.

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance for the week beginning 2nd November
Nursery	96%
Reception	100%
Year 1	93.46%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91.27%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	95.71%

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

OVERALL, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 96.84% FOR THIS WEEK

Home Learning Superstars

Year Group	Reading	Numbots / TTRS
Cherry	Felicity, Oscar, Maya, Max, Theo, Maverick, Reuben, Elsie, Quinn, Frankie, Axel, Dax	Millie, Oscar, Theo, Max, Maverick, Quinn
Maple	Robin, Delilah, Edie, Amelia	Jessica, Amelia, Axel
Chestnut	Leo, Cordelia, Matilda, Ella, Joni	Ella, Austin, Cordelia, Joni, George B, Ferne, Jasper, Jude, Alfie, Finley, Leo, Isaac
Bonsai	Alice, Lewis	Harrison, Olivia, Winter, Darcy S

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






Rock Steady Assembly









Family Information

Remembrance Sunday

We have been delighted at the response to our Poppy Appeal at school, and we thank you for the donations you have made and the merchandise you have purchased.

We will continue to sell merchandise next week, so there is still time to make further purchases. We will also be observing the 2-minute silence at 11:00am on the 11th November.

Some of our pupils will be laying a wreath at the service in Flamstead this Sunday to acknowledge the sacrifice of others and to show our gratitude and remembrance.