Flamstead VILLAGE SCHOOL

News for this week

20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have raised awareness with the children through Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week. We would encourage you to reinforce this teaching through the information and resources we have sent home to support you, particularly in relation to cyber bullying, parental controls and monitoring when your child is using devices and online platforms.

A highlight of the week for us all was a visit from Miss Stout and her beautiful newborn daughter, Zara, who is now three weeks old. We were delighted to welcome the newest member of our Flamstead Family into school, and all the children enjoyed their classroom visits.

I am delighted to let you know that we raised £318.25 in our Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you all for your contributions.

Cherry Class have spent the week exploring when in the year they celebrate their birthdays and what other events we celebrate throughout the year. To mark Anti-Bullying Week, the children have explored what a good friend looks like and how to be kind. In the garden, the children have demonstrated their road safety knowledge using their road signs. This week's nursery thyme of the week is 'The Days of the Week'.

In Science, Maple Class investigated how different household objects could be made out of lots of different materials - they examined objects made out of paper, glass, wood and metal before discussing which might be the most suitable material to choose. In Geography, they have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and in D&T they learnt a new stitch - the over stitch. They really enjoyed making their wonderful finger puppets with their new skills. This was a fun lesson and the children really enjoyed putting on a puppet show afterwards.

The children in Chestnut Class have worked hard to finish writing their own explanation texts, describing how their imaginative inventions work and we have been so impressed by their creativity and fantastic ideas. In Maths, they have begun exploring multiplication, learning how arrays can help to represent and solve multiplication problems. They have also continued developing their DT sewing skills, showing great care, patience and perseverance. A real highlight of the week was the 'History Hunt' around the local village, which the children absolutely loved. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Collins who assisted on this walk. The children enjoyed exploring their surroundings, looking for historical clues and discovering more about the place in which they live.

The children in Bonsai Class have completed some thoughtful pieces of work for Anti-Bullying Week, including creating posters encouraging kindness, planning some 'Acts of Kindness' and designing their own pairs of odd socks. Alongside this, they have ensured that every member of their class feels accepted, valued and cared for.

Next week is 'Parliament Week' when we will be having assemblies and some activities throughout school on what democracy and British Values are and how we express them in school.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher



Autumn Term Dates 2026

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
02nd Dec – Cherry Class trip to St Albans Cathedral
07th Dec – Last week for teacher led clubs
07th Dec – Pantomime 1-3pm – Nursery pupils invited
09th Dec – North Pole Shop opens
10th Dec – Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
10th Dec – Making Christingles – Bring an orange
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 20th November 2026

Nursery	**Amelie**	For her effort in Maths.
Reception	**Mabel**	For her enthusiasm in phonics.
Year 1	**Marlee**	For trying to become more independent in her writing and using her phonic skills to help her spelling.
Year 2	**Oscar**	For using neat stitches to join felt to make his fantastic finger puppet strong in DT.
Year 3	**Xander**	For always showing such a fantastic attitude towards your learning. You consistently work hard across all subjects, approach challenges with determination and always strive to do your very best.
Year 4	**Heidi**	For always demonstrating wonderful manners and being so thoughtful and helpful towards others. Whether holding doors open, remembering to say please and thank you, or finding other little ways to help, you are always so considerate. Keep it up!
Year 5	**Conor**	For valuing and supporting every member of the class, showing great kindness towards others.
Year 6	**Theo**	For ensuring that every voice is heard when working as part of a group, as well as confidently sharing his own fantastic ideas with others.

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance for the w/c 16th November
Nursery	92%
Reception	100%
Year 1	97.65%
Year 2	80%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	90.77%
Year 5	90.67%
Year 6	94.29%

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

OVERALL, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS 93.69% FOR THIS WEEK

Home Learning Superstars

Year Group	Reading	Numbots / TTRS
Cherry	Felicity, Oscar, Maya, Max, Theo, Maverick, Isaac, Frankie, Poppy, Axel, Elsie, Reuben, Quinn, Dax	Maya, Millie, Oscar, Quinn, Axel
Maple	-	Roman, Frankie
Chestnut	Matilda, Leo, Xander, Cordelia, Cobi, Alfie, Phoebe, Ella, Joni	Ella, Cordelia, Reece Ada, Ferne, Finley Cobi, Leo, Heidi
Bonsai	Lewis, Evie, Lilly, Mia, Oscar S	Evie, Harrison, Oscar S, Alice, Ava

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

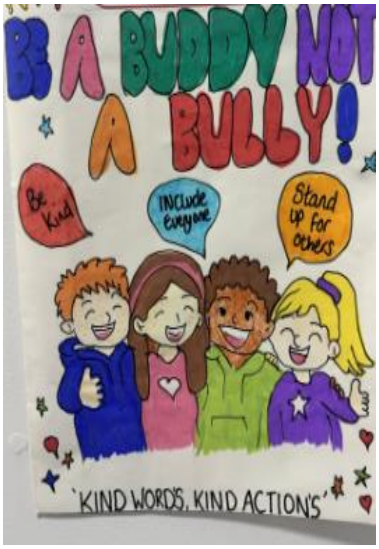






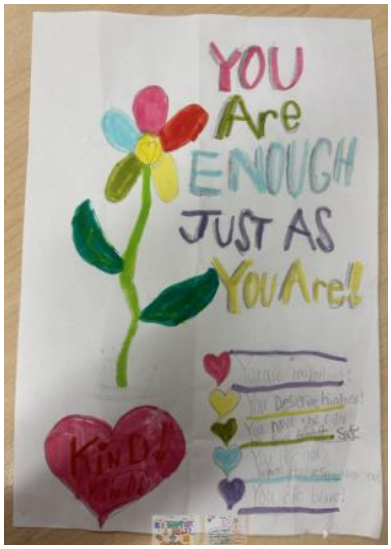
Anti Bullying Week

Our School Council made some fantastic posters.











Please see the separate email for more parent information and copies of the posters below.







Family Information

Please see attached flyer for the free St Albans Christmas Cracker taking place in St Albans City Centre this weekend on Sunday 22nd November.

The city centre closed to traffic, families can enjoy live music from local bands and performers, appearances from stars of this year's Alban Arena pantomime, school choirs, festive entertainments, a free Santa's Grotto, arts and crafts, street entertainment, fairground rides and around 100 market stalls packed with gifts, decorations, food and drink.

With inclusive spaces and experiences throughout Herts Inclusive Theatre have created an **inclusive visual Access Guide**. Designed with neurodiversity in mind, however suitable for everyone to help them plan their day - https://accessstalbans.my.canva.site/st-albans-christmas-cracker-website-access-guide there will also be a **Sensory Retreat** by the Alban Arena for people to regulate away from the crowds with mindful and purposeful activities and sensory resources. Reset in the blackout area, you can enjoy soothing lighting, music, tactile toys and calming de-stress activities with supportive staff experience in inclusion and regulating









