



# Newsletter

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. We are looking forward to some longer days and eventually some warmer weather, but the first part of the “spring” term is usually rather cold and miserable. We will still try to get the children outside as much as possible so do make sure they are wrapped up warmly for school each day.

### A new member of staff?

Just before Christmas Orchard class said “goodbye” to their teacher Miss Katie Berry but very happily said “hello” to Mrs Katie Andrews a few days later! I’m sure you will join us in sending love and congratulations to Katie and her now husband Stephen Andrews (who many of you will remember as a teacher at Gamesley School). We wish Mr and Mrs Andrews every happiness in the future.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am each morning and we aim to have all the children in their classrooms ready for the day ahead by 8.45am. We start learning straight away each morning so please do try to ensure your children are in school, on time each day.

### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars who were chosen over the last few weeks:

Orchard	Brave	Leo for joining in so enthusiastically in the Year 2 Nativity Play
Orchard	Brave	Harry for such a positive attitude and great singing in the Year 2 Nativity rehearsals
Reception	Independent	Harper works and plays independently in all areas of the classroom.
Reception	Kind	Ruby is always kind and helpful towards her classmates.
Reception	Brave	Mylah is a very brave learner who is always willing to tackle new learning.
Year 1	Motivated	Hugo is always motivated and works hard in all lessons especially PE.
Year 1	Kind	Tommy has such a kind and caring nature and he is a great friend.
Year 1	Brave	Tommy is a brave learner who will always ask for help when he needs it.
Year 2	Motivated	Isaac is so motivated to do well. He has made a super effort to learn his nativity lines.
Year 2	Kind	Mittziee is a great friend. She says lots of kind words and does lots of kind things for her friends.
Year 2	Brave	After missing school due to being very poorly; Florence dug deep, learned her nativity lines in a short space of time and then delivered them loudly and proudly.
Year 3	Creative	Ariella is not only creative in our art lessons, she is also able think “outside the box” in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 3	Confident	Jamie is confident in his own abilities across the curriculum and particularly shines in drama and performances
Year 3	Thoughtful	Evie is a thoughtful learner who takes time to think before she records her work.

Year 4	Creative	Thomas works hard to present his learning in the most creative way.
Year 4	Confident	Crystal's confidence has really developed this term and she is happy to tackle everything we put in front of her.
Year 4	Thoughtful	Annabella thinks carefully about her work and ensures that everything she does is of the highest quality possible.
Year 5	Creative	Ocean always demonstrates fantastic creativity and resilience in her learning.
Year 5	Confident	Mia demonstrates great confidence not only in her own work but also in encouraging and supporting her fellow learners.
Year 5	Thoughtful	Darcie is thoughtful towards her classmates and towards adults in school. She is also a kind and supportive learning partner.
Year 6 Ash	Creative	Poppy was such a helpful learning partner during our class art project.
Year 6 Ash	Confident	Harrison confidently shared his learning about climate change with the class.
Year 6 Ash	Thoughtful	Stanley is not only a kind and thoughtful friend, he is also a thoughtful learner.
Year 6 Oak	Creative	Amelia has produced some amazing creative writing.
Year 6 Oak	Confident	Maisie is a confident learner who impressed us all with her research skills this week
Year 6 Oak	Thoughtful	Lexxi always has time for others.

Our Reading Stars of the last three weeks were:

Reception	Billy Joe loves to read and spend time in the class library.
Reception	Sonia has been reading lots at home and enjoying story time in school.
Reception	Abbie listens so carefully in our reading lessons and is also practising lots at home.
Year 1	Ethan reads consistently at home and he is making good progress in our RWI lessons
Year 1	Amber is reading consistently at home and developing a confident reading voice in school.
Year 1	Cody has been reading at home every night and is developing the confidence to support others in our reading lessons.
Year 2	Faye loves books and she is always keen to read.
Year 2	Olivia is making super progress and developing into a fluent and confident reader.
Year 2	Alyssa challenges herself with her reading and always practises at home.
Year 3	Byron loves books and always jumps at the opportunity to spend time reading.
Year 3	Evie always reads at home and she is willing to push herself and tackle more challenging texts.
Year 3	Riley is determined to achieve "50 reads" and practises regularly at home.
Year 4	Dolcie's recent excellent test results reflect her very positive attitude towards her reading.
Year 4	Jax has recently been making a concerted effort to read at home each day, and he is challenging himself in our Reading Explorers lessons.
Year 4	Alanna is working very hard with her reading and is making good progress through the stages.
Year 5	Charlie is making amazing progress thanks to his great attitude towards his reading.
Year 5	Jacob is a consistent home reader and he is accessing increasingly challenging texts.
Year 5	Emily is a consistent home reader and is challenging herself to try different text types.
Year 6 Ash	Faith always reads at home and her love of books is evident in class too.
Year 6 Ash	Archie reads regularly at home and is keen to discuss his books.
Year 6 Ash	Noah is pushing himself to spend more time on Lexia and is making good progress.
Year 6 Oak	Ruby is working so hard to improve her understanding of inference questions.

Year 6 Oak	Tayla has worked so hard at improving her comprehension skill this term and this is reflected in her pleasing test scores.
Year 6 Oak	Brook has been giving up lots of his spare time to read at home and develop his skills.

Kindest regards,

*Deborah Meredith*

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 22	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day.
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 22</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Spring Term 1</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 23	Year 6 visit to Ashton Central Mosque
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day: 12.30
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 23	After School Clubs begin today
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 23	Year 5 Family Dinner Day: 12.30
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 23	Year 5 Young Voices concert
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 23	Year 2 Flower arranging workshop in school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 23	Year 3 visit to Poole's Cavern in Buxton
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day: 12.30
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day: 12.30
W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 field trip to Manor Park (river study)
W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Teacher meetings this week – No clubs this week
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 23</b>	<b>School closes for Spring half term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Spring Term 2</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.15
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Hartley's Garden Centre and Pony Patch
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 23	Year 5 First Aid Training in school
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 2 trip to St. Anne's
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 23	Year 1 Bus Tour of Manchester
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 23</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holiday</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Summer Term 1</b>

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Acorns and Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 23	Year 3 visit to Heaton Park Synagogue
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closed – Bank Holiday</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 5 Ancient Greece workshop in school
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 23	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop in school
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 23</b>	<b>School closes for Summer Half Term holiday</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 23</b>	<b>School Opens for Summer Term 2</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood Centre in Penistone.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 23	Reception Acorns trip to Formby Beach
June (tbc)	Year 4 “Come and Play with the Halle” concert in Manchester
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 trip to “Crocky Trail”
July (tbc)	Year 5 trip to Alton Towers
July (tbc)	Year 1 Canal Boat Trip
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 23</b>	<b>School Closes for Summer Holiday</b>