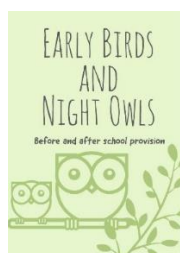




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Dear Families,



## Booking a Place in Night Owls

Just a reminder to give the school office a call if you make a late booking into Night Owls online. We check bookings around lunchtime each day, but could potentially miss any bookings made after this time if we don't hear from you directly. All the details for bookings into Early Birds and Night Owls can be found on the school website: [here](#)

## After School Clubs

There are still spaces in many of our after-school clubs. Please book via the Arbor app or if you having difficulty logging in, just give the office a call and they will help you. Clubs finish this term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and there are no clubs in the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October as staff will be busy holding Parent Teacher meetings. The clubs on offer this term are:

Club	Day	Open to...
Music	Mondays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak
Curling	Mondays	Year 2 Willow and Year 3 Holly
Cross Country and Athletics	Mondays	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak
Wellbeing	Tuesdays	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut
Football	Wednesdays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak
Wellbeing	Thursdays	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak
Yoga	Thursdays	Year 2 Willow and Year 3 Holly
Tag Rugby	Thursdays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak
Board Games	Thursdays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak

## Parents Evening Appointments



Both schools will be holding their parent-teacher meetings in the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Primary School parents can make appointments via the Arbor app, and Nursery parents should have received a letter. Please call the school office if you need any help in making an appointment or if you cannot attend on one of the days offered. We will do our very best to be flexible, but please be aware that we will not be offering additional appointments after the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October.



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## The School Bookshop

As you know, both schools are committed to helping all our children develop a love of reading and we want every child to have a little library of their own books at home to reread and enjoy. Our school bookshop is open for business every day. All the books are brand new and for sale for just £2.00 each... and because it is run by the PTA, the children can bring cash in to buy a book rather than use Parent Pay.



## Individual and Family Photographs: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

The arrangements for photograph day will be as follows:

### 1. 8.45am: Family groups including afternoon Nursery Children and baby brothers and sisters.

Please come to the front door *after* you have dropped your other children off at the school gate. You will be asked to sign in and wait in the hall. When it is your turn to have your children photographed, we will collect them from their classrooms for you. This is to avoid crowding in the hall and to ensure the children do not miss lesson time.

The photographer is only here for the morning, so if your child is in nursery in the afternoons only, you are welcome to come along at 8.45am to have their photograph taken on their own and/or with siblings.

### 2. Family groups of children in school.

If your child has not already had a group photograph taken and they have brothers and sisters in school, we will arrange for them to have their picture taken together.

### 3. Individual photographs.

We will also arrange for *all* children to have their individual photograph taken. As above, afternoon Nursery children should arrive at 8.45am if you wish their picture to be taken.

Proofs will be sent home with your children and there is no obligation to buy any pictures.

## Open Evening: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Do let any of your neighbours, family and friends who are currently deciding which Nursery or Primary School to choose about our forthcoming Open Evening. This is an opportunity for families to meet staff, have a tour of the school and hear about the high-quality education on offer from both schools. We look forward to seeing lots of you on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – no need to book, just come along.





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### **Spooky Disco: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm to 5.00pm (Year 1 to Year 6)**

Our first disco of the year will have a spooky theme. Children are welcome to come in Hallowe'en clothes if they wish, but please bear in mind that the theme is SPOOKY and not SCARY! We want our youngest children to have fun and not be frightened, so no masks or pretend weapons etc. please!  
The cost of the disco is £2.00 payable on the door and no extra money is needed as this includes something

to eat, drinks and face painting.

Our Orchard, Acorns, Conkers and Catkins children will be having their own spooky fun activities in class on Thursday instead of attending the disco.

We are hoping to decorate the hall and classrooms with some spooky carved pumpkins. There will be a prize for everyone who brings a carved pumpkin to school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October and we will provide battery tealights so your pumpkins can be displayed in their full glory.

### **Children in Need: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

The school has a small number of head bands and wrist bands for sale in support of Children in Need. Alternatively, we have been told that "One Stop" will also be stocking the charity merchandise. Children are welcome to wear their head or wrist bands to school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November if they wish to do so.



### **Christmas Pantomime (Pinocchio): Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**



This year, rather than travelling to the theatre, we will be watching a pantomime in school. The performance will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December with our younger children watching in the morning and the older ones in the afternoon. Please note; Catkins class will not be watching the performance as they are not yet ready to sit for a full hour. There is no charge to our families for this activity as all costs are being met by the Primary School PTA and the Nursery School Fund.



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## Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December



As usual, we will be celebrating the last day of term by eating a delicious Christmas dinner together in the hall. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will book a Christmas dinner for your child and if you are not eligible for Free School Meals, will pop a charge of £3.25 on Parent Pay. Nursery children who usually stay for lunch will be served a Christmas dinner too.

It is also a Gamesley tradition that we invite all the children to add something Christmassy to their usual school clothes on the last day of term. This may be a Christmas jumper if you have one, or if not a different, brightly coloured top or simply a piece of tinsel in their hair.



### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to last week's stars who were chosen for embodying the value of being "honest" (and "creative" in Orchard Class)

Nursery Conkers	Jasper always chooses to do the right thing.
Reception Acorns	Ellia is an honest learner who knows when she needs to ask for help.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Elliot it not only an honest learner, he is also always honest with his friends.
Year 2 Willow	Isabelle has lots of friends because they trust her to be honest. She is also always willing to ask for help with her learning when she needs it.
Year 3 Holly	Logan always owns up to any misdemeanors, and he also has the resilience to learn from his mistakes and move on.
Year 4 Chestnut	Olivia is utterly honest, both in her behaviour and with her learning.
Year 5 Elm	Crystal is always honest about her learning journey and recognises when she needs help and when she is ready to be independent.
Year 6 Oak	Amelia is always very honest about her learning.
Orchard Group	Leo has created some beautiful art work for our display.

Very well done too to this week's reading stars:

Nursery Conkers	Jude enjoys sharing books with a grown up in school and at home.
Reception Acorns	Leo reads at home every single day and he also loves spending time in our classroom reading area.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Jessica loves reading in school and always remembers to read at home as well.
Year 2 Willow	Tommy is a determined reader who asks for support in school when he needs it and is learning to love his books.
Year 3 Holly	Alyssa loves books. She always reads at home and makes full use of our school "Swap Shop" to find new reading material.



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Year 4 Chestnut	Millie is a consistent home reader, and as a result is learning solid skills to support her in our guided reading lessons in school.
Year 5 Elm	Darcie has such a positive attitude towards reading, both at home and in school.
Year 6 Oak	Ollie absolutely loves to read and is always ready to chat about his books and share his enthusiasm.

Kindest Regards,

*Deborah Meredith*

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct 23	Year 5 Elm Class subsidised 3-day course at Whitehall Centre
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Year 3 Holly Class "Stone Age Dig" workshop in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Individual photographs for all Nursery and School children.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Flu Vaccines for primary school children
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Open Evening: 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Class based spooky fun days for Orchard, Acorns, Catkins and Conkers
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Spooky Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Year 5 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 23</b>	<b>Schools close for Autumn Half term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 23</b>	<b>Schools open for Autumn Term 2</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Year 2 Willow Class trip to Manchester Art Gallery
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Class trip to "Eureka" Museum
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Children in Need day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Pantomime performances of "Pinocchio" in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00 noon
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Clubs have now finished for this term.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 23	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 23</b>	<b>Schools close for Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 24</b>	<b>Schools open for Spring Term 1</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 24</b>	<b>Schools close for Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 24</b>	<b>Schools open for Spring Term 2</b>



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Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 24	Nursery Conkers and reception Acorns classes take part in Baby Dinosaur workshop in school
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Manchester Bus Tour
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 24</b>	<b>Schools close for Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 24</b>	<b>Schools open for Summer Term 1</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 24	Year 6 Oak class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 24</b>	<b>Schools close for Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24</b>	<b>Schools open for Summer Term 2</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch visit to Portland Basin
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 24	Y2 Willow Class visit to Lytham St. Anne's
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Schools close for Summer Holiday</b>