



Newsletter
Monday 11th December 2023
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Dear Families,

Christmas Fair: Now on Thursday 14th December 2023: 3.30pm to 5.00pm



Thank you everyone for your generosity over the past few weeks in donating so many bottles, cakes and chocolates for the fair which will now take place this Thursday, 14th December. We are still happy to accept donations and are also collecting “good as new” soft toys and teddies for the ever-popular Teddy Tombola and any little gifts for the “Secret Present” stall – please send these in any time from now onwards.

Teaching Workshops

Although we try to give you lots of glimpses of what happens in school through our frequent Facebook posts and invitations to performances, lunches etc, we are still trying to find more ways to help you get involved with your child’s learning. So, starting in the new year, each teacher will be offering termly parent workshops where you can come into the classroom and take part in a lesson.

Places will be limited so as not to overwhelm the children (and staff!) and must be booked in advance. The first couple of dates are outlined below and will be added to over the next few weeks. If you would like to take part, please call the school office to book a place. We look forward to seeing lots of you in class soon!

Mrs Jenny Parker	Year 3 maths	Tuesday 16 th January	10.30am to 11.00am
Mrs Lyn Malik	Year 1 phonics sounds	Tuesday 23 rd January	9.20am to 9.50am



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Christmas Disco (Years 1 to 6): Wednesday 20th December - 4.00pm to 5.00pm

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.

Christmas Parties (Reception and Nursery): Wednesday 20th December

Acorns, Conkers and Catkins children are invited to wear party clothes to school on Wednesday 20th December ready for some festive fun in class.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day: Thursday 21st 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, you can just add a different, brightly coloured top or simply a piece of tinsel in their hair.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our last two week's stars who are:

Friday 1 st December 2023		
Nursery Conkers	Curious	Isabella has so much confidence and will happily talk about her learning in school.
Reception Acorns	Curious	Kohl is curious about everything in Acorns Class and asks some great questions to find out more.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Enthusiastic	Lyana is enthusiastic and excited about everything in Year 1!
Year 2 Willow	Enthusiastic	Tommie pays great attention in lessons and is so eager to learn. He tackles challenging work with a great big grin on his face!
Year 3 Holly	Resilient	Despite feeling a little bit "under the weather" Olivia still persevered in class and gave 100% in her tests (which she smashed!!)
Year 4 Chestnut	Resilient	Ariella works so hard and is enthusiastic in every lesson.
Year 5 Elm	Resilient	Riley always has a wonderfully positive attitude towards his learning, and as a result he is making great progress.
Year 6 Oak	Resilient	Ocean has such a great "can do" attitude towards her learning and she never gives up.



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Orchard	Curious	Ethan loves finding out new facts and asking questions about the world around him.
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Friday 24 th November 2023		
Nursery Conkers	Independent	Elsie-Grace is an independent learner who makes the most of every learning activity. She is also kind to everyone in Conkers Class.
Reception Acorns	Independent	Logan is confident in the Acorns learning environment and is able to take part in every activity independently.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Motivated	Pawa listens carefully and is so keen to learn as much as she can.
Year 2 Willow	Motivated	Jenson bubbles with excitement in every lesson. He really wowed us with his written work this week.
Year 3 Holly	Creative	Alyssa has produced a beautifully illustrated non-chronological report about the iron age, filled with interesting facts and information.
Year 4 Chestnut	Creative	Sofia can find creative ways to approach her learning and solve problems.
Year 5 Elm	Creative	Wyatt has some super, creative ideas and he is happy to share them with his classmates.
Year 6 Oak	Creative	Tiana's creativity has shone through her history learning this term
Orchard	Independent	Jaxon is becoming more independent both socially and in his learning.

Very well done too to our last two week's curriculum stars who are:

Friday 1 st December		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Bodie loves sharing books with an adult in Conkers Class.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Beau reads all the time at home and she loves joining in our "Talk Through Stories" sessions.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Hunter has been working so hard in his reading and writing lessons and is making such pleasing progress.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Daisy is a consistent reader at home and in school. We were very impressed with her positive attitude in test week.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Reggie is reading regularly at home and making great contributions in his reading group in school.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Evie is an enthusiastic reader who always reads at home, including at the weekends.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Flo is an avid reader who loves a challenge and demonstrates great understanding of the texts.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Ellie reads all the time and has a deep love of books.



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Friday 8 th December		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Azora loves looking at books in Nursery and reads a lot at home as well.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Annabelle not only completes all the maths activities planned by the grown-ups; she also creates challenges of her own.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Jessica puts so much effort into her maths learning and she is making great progress.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Ethan uses maths vocabulary well to explain his thinking.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Joshua has been listening carefully in our lessons and working so well with his learning partner.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Marshall is motivated in every maths lesson!
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Heidi has produced some super, independent maths work this week.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Toby has worked so hard to master fractions and now has a sound understanding.

Dates for your Diaries

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Thursday 14 th December 23	Orchard Class visit to Crow Wood Playscape in Lyme Park
Thursday 14 th December 23	Acorns Class Christmas Crafts "Stay and Play" afternoon: 2.00pm
Thursday 14 th December 23	Christmas Fair: 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Friday 15 th December 23	Year 6 Oak families invited into class: 10.30am
Monday 18th December 23	Clubs have now finished for this term.
Monday 18 th December 23	Nursery Conkers Class Christmas concert: 9.15am
Tuesday 19 th December 23	Reception Acorns Christmas concert: 9.15am
Tuesday 19 th December 23	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Class Nativity Play: 2.00pm
Tuesday 19 th December 23	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Class Nativity Play: 6.00pm
Wednesday 20 th Dec 23	Christmas parties in Acorns, Conkers and Catkins classes
Wednesday 20 th Dec 23	Christmas "Mince Pies and Music" Stay and Play in Orchard Class: 2.30pm
Wednesday 20 th Dec 23	Christmas disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 21 st December 23	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 21st December 23	Schools close for Christmas Holiday
Monday 8th January 24	Schools open for Spring Term 1
Tuesday 16 th January 24	Year 3 Maths Workshop: 10.30am to 11.00am
Tuesday 23 rd January 24	Year 1 Phonics Workshop: 9.20am to 9.40am
Friday 26 th January 24	Year 6 Oak Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm



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Friday 2 nd February 24	Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 9 th February 24	Year 4 Chestnut Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 16 th February 24	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Friday 16th February 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th February 24	Schools open for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 7 th February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert
Tuesday 27 th February 24	Orchard trip to the Garden House, Marple
Wednesday 28 th Feb 24	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns classes Baby Dinosaur workshop
Thursday 29 th February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Friday 1 st March 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 8 th March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 15 th March 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Tuesday 26 th March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
Thursday 28th March 24	Schools close for Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April 24	Schools open for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 17 th April	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns trip to Bridgewater Gardens
Friday 26 th April 24	Year 6 Oak Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 3 rd May 24	Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 10 th May 24	Year 4 Chestnut Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 17 th May 24	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Tuesday 21 st May 24	Year 6 Oak class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 23rd May 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June 24	Schools open for Summer Term 2
Wednesday 5 th June 24	Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 6 th June 2023	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Chatsworth Estate
Friday 14 th June 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Tuesday 18 th June 24	Year 4 Chestnut Class taking part in "Come and Play with the Halle" concert – more details to follow.
Friday 21 st June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 28 th June 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Tuesday 23rd July	Schools close for Summer Holiday

School Trips

Please see below an updated list of all the visits and experiences planned for your children this year. We try to add as many exciting and real-life experiences as possible to the school curriculum so we can bring learning to life. Please keep a note of the deadline dates for payment as we will, with regret, cancel if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of each visit. One class has already missed out on a



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lovely trip this year because there were so many missed payments. We really do not want this to happen again as the children just love getting out and about!

Nursery Conkers Class		Dinosaur Workshop in School	Bridgewater Gardens
Date		Wednesday 28 th February 24	Wednesday 17 th April 24
Contribution per child		£9.78	£7.32
Deadline for contribution		Wednesday 7 th February 24	Wednesday 7 th March 24
Reception Acorns Class	Inside Out Forest School Day	Dinosaur Workshop in School	Bridgewater Gardens
Date	Wed 18 th October 2023	Wednesday 28 th February 24	Wednesday 17 th April 24
Contribution per child	£15.21	£9.78	£7.32
Deadline for contribution	Wed 27 th September 2023	Wednesday 7 th Feb 24	Wednesday 7 th March 23
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Eureka Children's Museum	Chatsworth Park and Farm	Lytham St Anne's
Date	Thurs 16 th November 23	Thursday 6 th June 24	Tuesday 9 th July 2024
Contribution per child	£27.59	£15.97	£10.81
Deadline for contribution	Thurs 19 th October 2023	Thursday 16 th May 24	Tuesday 18 th June 24
Year 2 Willow Class	Manchester Art Gallery	Chatsworth Park and Farm	Lytham St Anne's
Date	Tuesday 14 th November	Thursday 6 th June 24	Tuesday 9 th July 24
Contribution per child	£12.32	£15.97	£10.81
Deadline for contribution	Tuesday 24 th October 23	Thursday 16 th May 24	Tuesday 18 th June 24
Year 3 Holly Class	Stone Age Workshop in School	Chester Zoo	Manchester walking Tour and Galleries
Date	Friday 13 th October 23	Tuesday 26 th March 24	TBC
Contribution per child	£5.17	£19.73	TBC
Deadline for contribution	Friday 22 nd September 23	Tuesday 5 th March 23	TBC



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Year 4 Chestnut Class	Tatton Park Canceled	Chester Zoo	Come and play with the Halle	
Date	Wed 11th October 2023	Tuesday 26 th March 24	Tuesday 18 th June 24	
Contribution per child	£19.81	£19.73	TBC	
Deadline for contribution	Wed 20th September 2023	Tuesday 5 th March 23	TBC	
Year 5 Elm Class	3 Day trips to Whitehall Centre	Young Voices	Alton Towers	
Date	Wed 4 th , Thurs 5 th Friday 6 th October 23	Wed 7 th February 2024	TBC	
Contribution per child	£25.00	£15.57	TBC	
Deadline for contribution	Wed 13 th September 23	Wed 17 th January 24	TBC	
Year 6 Oak Class	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre	Ashton Central Mosque	Stockport Air raid Shelter	
Date	Mon 18 th to Wednesday 20 th Sep 23	Thursday 29 th February 24	Tuesday 21 st May 24	
Contribution per child	£25.00	£11.71	£19.68	
Deadline for contribution	Monday 11 th September 23	Thursday 1 st February 24	Tuesday 30 th April 24	
Orchard Class	Shopping Trip to Lidl	Crow Wood (Lyme Park)	Garden House in Marple	Peak Wildlife Park
Date	Wednesday 8 th November 23	Thursday 14 th December 23	Tuesday 27 th February 24	Wednesday 5 th June 24
Contribution per child	N/A	£3.00	£5.00	£8.50
Deadline for contribution	N/A	Tuesday 21 st November 23	Tuesday 6 th February 24	Wednesday 15 th May 24

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith