



Newsletter
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Dear Families,

Christmas Fair Countdown: Thursday 7th December 2023



The staff from both schools are already busy planning this year's fair and we really hope that lots of you plus your neighbours and friends will be able to come along and support us. As always, we will be asking for some donations from our families to help us make the fair as successful as possible and this year we will be setting weeks rather than individual days for collections. Our collection weeks are:

Week beginning Monday 20 th November	Chocolate for the children's chocolate tombola
Week beginning Monday 27 th November	Bottles for the adult tombola
Week beginning Monday 4 th December	Cakes

We will also be collecting any "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.

If you know of anyone who would like to run a stall at the fair, please ask them to contact the school office.

Thank you everyone!



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Family Dinner Days



Up to two adults plus younger siblings are invited to come along to this term's family dinner days and it's Year 3 Holly Class's turn this Friday. If you would like to book a school dinner please let the school office know by 9.15am on the day at the very latest – adult dinners cost £4.26 each and children's meals are £3.25. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring along a packed lunch.

Year 3 Holly Class	Friday 17 th November	12.30pm
Year 2 Willow Class	Friday 24 th November	12.15pm
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Friday 1 st December	12.15pm
Reception Acorns Class	Friday 8 th December	12.00 noon

Please can I remind our visitors that they should not have phones out in the hall at Family Dinner Days. Some of our children cannot be photographed under any circumstances. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need: Friday 17th 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 17th November if they wish to do so.



Christmas Pantomime (Pinocchio): Monday 4th December



This year, rather than travelling to the theatre, we will be watching a pantomime in school. The performance will be on Monday 4th 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 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 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 27 th October 2023		
Nursery Conkers	Kind	Arlo is kind to everyone.
Reception Acorns	Kind	Tamsin is kind to everyone in Acorns Class
Year 1 Silver Birch	Resilient	Priya shows determination in all her learning and has also worked very hard to overcome her fear of PE lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Resilient	Delilah stays focused and determined to complete her work, even when she finds herself in the "learning pit".
Year 3 Holly	Democratic	Franky always listens to the views of others. He is happy to accept the choice of the majority and understands that he will get an opportunity to choose later.
Year 4 Chestnut	Democratic	Evie always listens to others and responds to their points of view in a respectful manner.
Year 5 Elm	Democratic	Jax is respectful of others viewpoints and listens carefully to different opinions.
Year 6 Oak	Democratic	Dexter always listens to and considers the views of others.
Orchard	Kind	Alfie is always kind to his friends and offers help whenever they need it.



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Friday 10 th November 2023		
Nursery Conkers	Brave	Lyra has conquered her initial anxiety and is now coming into school confidently with a big smile on her face.
Reception Acorns	Brave	Leo has stepped outside his comfort zone this week and tasted some new fruits at snack time.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Creative	Harper thinks of different ways to present her work.
Year 2 Willow	Creative	We've seen some great "out of the box" thinking from Conner this week, demonstrating creative approaches to solve problems.
Year 3 Holly	Individual Liberty	Annabelle always listens to the views of others and respects the choices they make.
Year 4 Chestnut	Individual Liberty	Alaska can express her own opinions respectfully while also listening to the views of others.
Year 5 Elm	Individual Liberty	Lilly always remains true to herself and acts with real integrity while also respecting others.
Year 6 Oak	Individual Liberty	Eva respects others' individuality and right to be unique.
Orchard	Brave	Jack was confident and ready to embrace a new experience on our class trip to Lidl this week.

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

Friday 27 th October		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Bonnie-Rae has been asking to read in class and also sharing lots of books with her family at home.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Alfie has been working very hard to learn his sounds.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Nevaeh reads at home every day- and is so engaged and motivated in our reading lessons in school.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Henry always reads at home and particularly enjoys information books, especially about the solar system.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Eliza is working very hard to improve her reading and is applying the new vocabulary she has learned to improve her reading.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Even though she was ill and not in school last week, Ella made sure she reads every day.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Dolcie has such a positive attitude towards her reading and always practises at home.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Isaac make sure he practises his reading regularly at home- and is now developing the confidence to chat about his books in school.



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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Lilah loves books and is really enjoying our new "Once Upon a Time" project; asking and answering lots of questions about fairy tales.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Alfred works so hard in every maths lesson.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Phakin demonstrates super behaviour for learning, always giving 100% effort and persevering to learn new skills.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Charlie has been working so hard to master subtraction this week.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Florence has been working incredibly hard to master subtraction with exchange, and is now feeling confident with this aspect of maths.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Sienna is working so hard and is now an independent learner in maths lessons.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Mia is developing a super growth mindset in maths and as a result is increasing her independence.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Mia has been working so hard to master all four operations.

Dates for your Diaries

We are trying to add events as far in advance as possible and will update this calendar in every newsletter. We've included all the Christmas activities this week and all the Family Dinner days for the rest of the year have now been added.

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 14 th November 23	Year 2 Willow Class trip to Manchester Art Gallery
Thursday 16 th November 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Class trip to "Eureka" Museum
Friday 17 th November 23	Children in Need day
Friday 17 th November 23	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Monday 20 th November 23	Please send in donations of chocolate for the children's tombola this week
Friday 24 th November 23	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Monday 27 th November 23	Please send in donations of bottles for the adult's tombola this week.
Friday 1 st December 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 1 st December 23	Year 3 Holly Class take part in "Victorious Voices" Christmas concert.
Monday 4 th December 23	Please send in donations of cakes for the Christmas Fair this week
Monday 4 th December 23	Pantomime performances of "Pinocchio" in school
Thursday 7 th December 23	
Thursday 7 th December 23	Christmas Fair
Friday 8 th December 23	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Tuesday 12 th December 23	Orchard Class visit to Crow Wood playscape in Lyme Park



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Thursday 14 th December 23	Acorns Class Christmas Crafts "Stay and Play" afternoon: 2.00pm
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
Thursday 14 th December 23	Orchard Christmas singalong and "Stay and Play" afternoon: 2.15pm
Wednesday 20 th Dec 23	Christmas parties in Acorns, Conkers and Catkins classes
Wednesday 20 th Dec 23	Christmas 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
Friday 26 th January 24	Year 6 Oak Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
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



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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

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith