



Newsletter  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
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Dear Families,

## After School Clubs

There are a number of enrichment activities on offer this term, most of which you can book on Arbor

All clubs will start week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January with the exception of girls' football coaching which will be led by Miss Clare Dangerfield and Mrs Jenny Parker AFTER half term. This is because Miss Dangerfield and Mrs Parker will be busy before half term accompanying other sporting teams to their fixtures.

We are very pleased to welcome Peak Active Sport back to school. They will be offering an after-school club to children in year 3 and above each Friday at a cost of £3.50 per session. Because this is an external provider, you need to book places on-line rather than through Arbor; your child will bring home a letter explaining how to book after school on Friday. This club also finishes later than our other clubs; at 4.15pm rather than 4.00pm

All this term's clubs will finish on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Name of Club	Day and Finish	Year Groups	Staffing	Start Date
Fitness and Fun	Mondays 4.00pm	2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Mrs Kerrie Wood-Doyle	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Basketball	Mondays 4.00pm	5 and 6	Mr Ali Gaffney and Mrs Lyn Malik	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Puzzles and Games	Mondays 4.00pm	3, 4, 5 and 6	Miss Emma Brown	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Music Club	Tuesdays 4.00pm	3, 4, 5 and 6	Miss Ashleigh Martin and Mrs Cath Priestley	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Brass Band	Wednesdays 4.00pm	4 and 5	Mr Simon Lodge	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
Football Club	Wednesdays 4.00pm	4, 5 and 6	Mr Andy Fewtrell	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
Chess	Thursdays 4.00pm	Year 6 only	Mr Neil Dainty from the CSC chess charity	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Girls Football Team training	Thursdays 4.00pm	4, 5 and 6	Miss Clare Dangerfield and Mrs Jenny Parker	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February
Peak Active Sport	Fridays 4.15pm	3, 4, 5 and 6	PAS staff	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Mini Masters Curriculum Leaders	N/A - lunchtimes	Year 5 and 6 invitation only	Miss Lydia Regan	Friday lunchtimes – no booking needed



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## Project Homework is Back!

Following on the success of the new maths homework books, we have decided to relaunch project homework. Tomorrow, all children other than Orchard and Catkins, will bring home a leaflet containing lots of ideas for home learning linked to the projects they are studying in school.

Year 1 upwards will be set project homework three times each year and Conkers and Acorns will have six, shorter mini projects.

The leaflets we will send home include suggestions for art activities, research and even field trips and visits to help you support your child's learning in school. We will be inviting children to bring their completed learning projects into school on the same day, so we can display everyone's project work in school for the children and families to view. There may even be some small prizes for outstanding effort!

The timetable for the project learning home work for this term is outlined below. Please do ask your child's teacher if you need any resources for art or craft work or if you need to borrow your child's Chromebook to support their research work at home.

Year Group	Project Title and Date for Completion			
Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns	<b>Starry Night</b> Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Dangerous Dinosaurs</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Sunshine and Sunflowers</b> Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Big Wide World</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow		<b>Coastline</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		<b>Magnificent Monarchs</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 3 Holly		<b>Rocks, Relics and Rumbles</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		<b>Emperors and Empires</b> Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 4 Chestnut		<b>Misty Mountain, Winding River</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		<b>Ancient Civilisations</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 5 Elm		<b>Sow, Grow and Farm</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		<b>Groundbreaking Greeks</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Oak		<b>Frozen Kingdoms</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March		<b>Britain at War</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July



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## 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, each teacher will be offering termly parent workshops where you can come into the classroom and take part in a lesson. Mrs Parker has launched this with a very successful Year 3 maths lesson this week

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 Lyn Malik	Year 1 phonics sounds	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.20am to 9.50am
Miss Clare Dangerfield	Year 4 Rekenreks (using abacuses to learn times tables)	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00am to 9.30am



## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to last week's stars who were:

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Honest	We are so impressed with Luca's beautiful behaviour and honesty recently.
Reception Acorns	Honest	Austin is an utterly trustworthy and honest member of Acorns Class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Honest	Dylan always tells the truth, even when it feels a bit uncomfortable to do so.
Year 2 Willow	Honest	Adchu is honest with his friends and also about his learning.
Year 3 Holly	Enthusiastic	Eliza has an excellent attitude towards school life. She is showing such enthusiasm for our new learning projects and has made a great start to the term.
Year 4 Chestnut	Enthusiastic	Riley is now making some great contributions in lessons and is proving to be an increasingly enthusiastic learner.
Year 5 Elm	Enthusiastic	Oliver is always engaged and enthusiastic about his learning.
Year 6 Oak	Enthusiastic	Ollie is always enthused about new learning in every aspect of the curriculum.



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Orchard	Confident	Freddie has played so confidently in our role play this week and has been demonstrating how skillful he is at looking after a baby!
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Very well done too to our last week's curriculum stars who are:

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Jude continues to demonstrate his love for reading both in school and at home.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Kyon is working very hard in his reading lessons in school and is also reading regularly at home.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Olivia always gives 100% in our reading lessons and she listens intently at story time.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Stanley is working so hard to improve his reading, both in school and at home.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Mia is a regular home reader and she also make great contributions to our guided reading sessions in school.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Alaska is such an enthusiastic reader. She read no fewer than 21 times over the Christmas break!
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Rocco always reads at home – including over the Christmas break – and he is very organised, remembering to bring his book and record to school every day.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Junior has been answering some tricky questions in our guided reading lessons.

## Dates for your Diaries

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Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 24	New Project Homework Leaflets sent home
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 24	Year 1 Phonics Workshop: 9.20am to 9.40am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 24	Year 6 Oak Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 24	Year 4 Times Tables Workshop: 9.00am to 9.30am
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 24	Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Conkers and Acorns Classes bring completed "Starry Night" Project learning back into school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 4 Chestnut Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 24</b>	<b>Schools close for Half Term Holiday</b>



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<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 24</b>	<b>Schools open for Spring Term 2</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Conkers and Acorns "Dangerous Dinosaurs" Project Homework leaflets set home
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Orchard trip to the Garden House, Marple
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 24	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns classes Baby Dinosaur workshop
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 24	Whole school brings completed Project Homework back into school.
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>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 24	Parent Teacher meetings this week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns trip to Bridgewater Gardens
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 24	Year 6 Oak Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 24	Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Year 4 Chestnut Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Year 3 Holly Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
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>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Orchard trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Chatsworth Estate
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Year 2 Willow Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Year 4 Chestnut Class taking part in "Come and Play with the Halle" concert – more details to follow.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Schools close for Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School Opens for start of Autumn Term</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 24	Year 6 Oak Class residential trip to Whitehall Centre.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 24	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre



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## 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 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!

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



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<b>Contribution per child</b>	£5.17	£19.73	TBC	
<b>Deadline for contribution</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 23	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 23	TBC	
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	<b>Tatton Park Canceled</b>	<b>Chester Zoo</b>	<b>Come and play with the Halle</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<del>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023</del>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 24	
<b>Contribution per child</b>	<del>£19.81</del>	£19.73	TBC	
<b>Deadline for contribution</b>	<del>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023</del>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 23	TBC	
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	<b>3 Day trips to Whitehall Centre</b>	<b>Young Voices</b>	<b>Alton Towers</b>	
<b>Date</b>	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	TBC	
<b>Contribution per child</b>	£25.00	£15.57	TBC	
<b>Deadline for contribution</b>	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> September 23	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> January 24	TBC	
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	<b>Residential trip to Whitehall Centre</b>	<b>Ashton Central Mosque</b>	<b>Stockport Air raid Shelter</b>	
<b>Date</b>	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep 23	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 24	
<b>Contribution per child</b>	£25.00	£11.71	£19.68	
<b>Deadline for contribution</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 23	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 24	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 24	
<b>Orchard Class</b>	<b>Shopping Trip to Lidl</b>	<b>Crow Wood (Lyme Park)</b>	<b>Garden House in Marple</b>	<b>Peak Wildlife Park</b>
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 23	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 24
<b>Contribution per child</b>	N/A	£3.00	£5.00	£8.50
<b>Deadline for contribution</b>	N/A	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 23	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 24

Kindest Regards,

*Deborah Meredith*