



Newsletter
Thursday 21st December 2023
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Dear Families,

Mrs Chris Ledwich

We will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Chris Ledwich today. Chris has worked at Gamesley for nearly 9 years, most recently as a teaching assistant in Orchard Class, and is loved by staff, pupils and parents. Chris is leaving us on Thursday to begin her very well-earned retirement. We will miss her very much and we wish her every happiness in the future.

Attendance Reminders

Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am each morning and that we expect all children to be settled into their classrooms ready to learn by 8.45am.

If your child is not coming to school for any reason, please do call and leave a message on our absence line to let us know as early as possible. Staff spend a lot of time each morning checking on children who have not arrived and it really helps us if we have heard from you in advance

If we don't have a message from you, we will give you a ring to check that everything is alright and if we cannot contact you, a member of staff will call at your house. This applies to all children including those in Nursery and Reception. Even if your child is not yet of statutory school age, we worry if they have not arrived and we have not heard from you. Please don't be offended if we call round at your house— it is part of our safeguarding duties to ensure that we know where all our children are each day we are expecting them in school.

Arrangements for Dropping Children Off in the Mornings

Please can we ask that (other than Orchard) all children from reception upwards walk into school independently from January? I am also happy for Nursery Conkers children to walk in on their own once you feel they are ready to do so.

It is much easier for staff to monitor children when the playground is uncrowded and clear and therefore also safer for the children. It is also hard for those families who are encouraging their children to walk in their own if other children have their adults with them.

Ms. Sutherland or I will always aim to be on the gate each morning to support your children. Thank you everyone!

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



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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



Stars of the Week

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

Friday 15 th December 2023		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Kind	Maisie always follows our Nursery rules: she listens to the grown ups and is kind to everyone.
Reception Acorns	Kind	Tilly is kind to everyone in Acorns Class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Kind	Abbie's lovely behaviour and helpfulness demonstrate what a kind person she is!
Year 2 Willow	Kind	Milan has lovely manners and takes the time to look after everyone both in class and on the playground.
Year 3 Holly	Confident	Harvey has been demonstrating confidence in our maths lessons this week and has been working independently.
Year 4 Chestnut	Confident	Harriet is developing increasing confidence and it is lovely to see her answer so many questions in class.
Year 5 Elm	Confident	Tommie has been confidently answering questions in our English lessons this week.
Year 6 Oak	Confident	Amelia has a new-found confidence in maths lessons and is making very pleasing progress.
Orchard	Kind	Ollie has been kind to all his friends in Orchard Class.

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Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Brave	Fabien is gaining the confidence to try lots of new activities.



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Reception Acorns	Brave	Reggie is always willing to try new things in Acorns Class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Brave	Olivia will give everything a go! She tackles every task with confidence and enthusiasm.
Year 2 Willow	Brave	Stanley was amazing in our Nativity play. He delivered his lines confidently and sang every song with gusto.
Year 3 Holly	Thoughtful	Ivy is such a thoughtful and considerate learning partner who always thinks of others.
Year 4 Chestnut	Thoughtful	Olivia is a thoughtful learner who takes her time to ensure she knows exactly what to do before starting a task.
Year 5 Elm	Thoughtful	Finley asks thoughtful questions to extend his learning and also always considers the feelings of others.
Year 6 Oak	Thoughtful	Darcie is a very thoughtful and caring member of our class.
Orchard	Brave	Jack has shown bravery this week by working with different adults in Orchard.

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

Friday 15 th December 2023		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Reggie loves listening to stories!
Reception Acorns	Reading	Bobby loves books and is always reading – at home as well as in school.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Darcy always reads at home and she is making such good progress!
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Connor is making such pleasing progress in reading thanks to all his hard work and practice at home
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Emma always reads at home and as a result she is developing a wide vocabulary which she can apply to her learning in school.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Spencer is really starting to enjoy reading and is loving listening to his class novel.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Belle is making such pleasing progress with her reading which is supporting her learning in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Lucas asks and answers lots of questions in our guided reading lessons and is enthusiastic about Roald Dahl's writing.

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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Alex has enjoyed listening to all our Christmas stories this week.



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Reception Acorns	Maths	Raina loves our maths lessons and is developing a sound understanding of number.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Leo has worked so hard this week to recognise and name 2-d and 3-d shapes.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Aria listens so carefully in every maths lesson and she also has the confidence to recognise and correct her mistakes.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Harrison is a times table whizz and is now well on the way to knowing his 4's and his 8's.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Rory is working so hard to learn all his times tables.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Kobi is working so hard in our maths lessons and as a result his independence and confidence are growing.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Emily is developing such great confidence in maths and is making outstanding progress.

Dates for your Diaries

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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
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



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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
Wednesday 4th September	School Opens for start of Autumn Term
Monday 14 th – Wednesday 16 th October 24	Year 6 Oak Class residential trip to Whitehall Centre.
Monday 25 th to Wednesday 27 th November 24	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre

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!

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



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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
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Tatton Park Cancelled	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



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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

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and send you best wishes for a great start to the new year.

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith