



Newsletter
Thursday 1st February 2024
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Dear Families,

Children's Mental Health Week: Monday 5th February 2024

"My Voice Matters"

[Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



This year, Children's Mental Health Week wants to empower children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. We want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters." Our staff have been learning about the importance of really listening carefully to children and demonstrating curiosity and empathy, rather than trying to "fix" everything straight away.

We will be talking to the children about the importance of their own voices in Monday's assembly and in lessons next week, and then sharing our learning in a special assembly on Friday.

Your child will also bring home a leaflet and worksheet from "The Worry Wizard", which we use in school, which includes lots of tips about how you can listen to your child and enable them to share any worries they may have.

Community Links

Gamesley School has always prided itself as being at the heart of the local community. We are very pleased that we are developing close links with Robinwood lodge. Our Year 3 Holly Class children are about to begin a reminiscing project with the residents, visiting them each fortnight and finding out more about their memories of life in Gamesley in the past. Year 1 Silver Birch Class are also getting involved and will be at Robinwood next Friday to spend an afternoon playing games and taking part in intergenerational activities there.

We are also very proud indeed of our Year 5 Elm Class children, who spend time each Friday afternoon as "Mini Police" volunteering in the community and finding out more about the work of the police.

We will be taking part in the Willow Wood Bunny Hop again this year. We will share more details and send sponsor forms home after the half term break.





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Arriving at School in the Mornings

I know that some of you have an arrangement with us to use the front door in the mornings and it's absolutely fine for this to continue.

However, we are currently dealing with a large number of children regularly arriving late each morning. This means that staff are having to leave their classes or their work in the office and walk them through school, which in turn disturbs the classrooms. We get straight down to learning each morning at Gamesley, and by 8.45am the classes are up and running and staff are working with small groups in the bays.

Of course, we understand that there will be times when mornings are very busy and you arrive a few minutes late, so please don't worry if this happens. But it would really help the school to get off to a calm, smooth and productive start each morning if you could bring your children through the main gates if at all possible, and if you do need to use the front door for any reason, that you aim to arrive at 8.40am and certainly no later than 8.45am when the registers open.

Thank you very much for your help and support in this matter.

Book Shop

Our school book shop is full of lovely brand-new books suitable for all ages from Nursery up to Year 6. They cost just £2.00 each. Children can visit the shop and buy a book at any time – and because the book shop is run by the PTA they can pay with cash, no need to go through Parent Pay.



Holiday Activities at Gamesley School

As we head towards the next school holiday (we break up for half term on Friday 16th February), I am pleased to be able to let you know of two holiday activities that will be based in school.

Peak Active Sport will once again be offering multi sports activities from Monday to Friday. You can book a place for your child here: <https://www.pas.uk.com/holiday-camps/>

Adaptive Gaming will also be running a holiday club in school from Monday to Wednesday and you can book a place for your child here: <https://www.adaptivegaming.co.uk/book-online>

School Uniform

We just wanted to give you advance notice that after the February half term, we are going to refocus on children in the primary school wearing the correct uniform including plain black shoes or trainers. Please support us by ensuring your child is dressed smartly for school in clothes from the list below:



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Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper or fleece, with or without the school logo
Sky blue polo shirt, long or short sleeved, with or without the school logo
Dark Grey long trousers, knee length skirt, knee length shorts or knee length pinafore
Sky blue and white checked knee length dress.
Sensible, flat, waterproof, plain black shoes, including plain black unbranded trainers, which fasten securely on the foot and are made of a smooth, waterproof material.
White, grey or black socks / grey or black tights
PE kit (Year 1 upwards)
Plain long or short sleeved T-shirt (can be in house colours)
Plain black tracksuit bottoms or shorts with black "skins" underneath
Plain black long-sleeved sweatshirt or fleece with or without school logo
PE training shoes and change of socks



Stars of the Week

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

Friday 19 th January 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Patient	Sharu always plays beautifully with the other children, sharing and waiting for her turn.
Reception Acorns	Patient	Alfie is patient and kind towards his friends and always waits his turn in class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Patient	Billy-Joe has made a great start to 2024! He has super learning behaviour and always waits patiently for the lessons to start.
Year 2 Willow	Patient	Mylah always waits for her turn to speak and is polite and respectful towards her classmates.
Year 3 Holly	Motivated	Isaac has been challenging himself in all our lessons this week. He participates enthusiastically and offer some great ideas in discussions.
Year 4 Chestnut	Motivated	Spencer is showing such pleasing motivation towards all his learning.
Year 5 Elm	Motivated	Kobi has been motivated to do his best work in all our lessons
Year 6 Oak	Motivated	Amelia is motivated in all our lessons and has the confidence to challenge herself.
Orchard	Patient	Leo has been waiting patiently in turn taking activities.



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Friday 26 th January 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Curious	Reenie has shown so much interest in her learning this week and has been asking some super questions.
Reception Acorns	Curious	Frank asks some amazing questions which help everyone in Acorns to think about their learning.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Curious	Oliver loves learning new things and he asks some super questions.
Year 2 Willow	Curious	Daisy is so invested in our new learning project. She asks some great questions in class and has been busy making a model of a lifeboat station at home.
Year 3 Holly	Grateful	Florence has the most beautiful manners and always demonstrates her gratitude for support with her learning with a big smile.
Year 4 Chestnut	Grateful	Archie is grateful for all the support that we show him in school and he demonstrates lovely manners and thanks staff for their input.
Year 5 Elm	Grateful	Oliver takes everything in his stride, exudes positivity through his lovely smile and accepts any help given with true gratitude.
Year 6 Oak	Grateful	Mia is always grateful for and receptive to any help offered from both staff and children and as a result she is making super progress.
Orchard	Curious	Ollie has been spending lots of time in Orchard Class and has loved exploring the new learning environment.

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

Friday 19 th January 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Delilah is really enjoying reading our class information books about space.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Tamsin has been trying out all the maths activities in Acorns Class and is developing a super "can do" attitude towards her learning.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Harlow is becoming increasingly independent in our maths lessons and is working very hard indeed!
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Kaleb is working independently and with pleasing focus in his maths lessons.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Rayah has demonstrated a wonderful attitude to her maths learning this week and as a result she has made excellent progress.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Sydney has a great attitude in our maths lessons and is now able to complete tasks independently.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Ava has joined our class as we were coming towards the end of our current topic, but she has slotted straight in, worked so hard and completed every activity with a smile on her face!
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Isaac is demonstrating an impressive attitude and effort in maths lessons and as a result he is making super progress.



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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Lyra loves listening to stories in class and also enjoys choosing books from Conkers library to read herself.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Alfred loves to read! He is making great progress in our phonics lessons and is practising lots at home as well.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Ruby is such an enthusiastic reader who loves to get stuck into a good book!
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Alice reads with such lovely expressions – she really brings the story to life.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Franky always reads at home and is also a great partner in our reading lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Natasha loves to read. She makes great contributions to our guided reading lessons in class and always remembers to read at home.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Darcie is a consistent and enthusiastic reader.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Dylan love to read and is showing an increasing interest in a wide range of genres.

Dates for your Diaries

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Friday 2 nd February 24	Glossop Mountain Rescue Team working with Year 4 Chestnut Class.
Friday 2 nd February 24	Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Monday 5 th February 24	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7 th February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert
Wednesday 7 th February 24	Year 4 Chestnut Class field trip to Manor Park (Group A)
Thursday 8 th February 24	Year 4 Chestnut Class field trip to Manor Park (Group B)
Thursday 8 th February 24	Conkers and Acorns Classes bring completed "Starry Night" Project learning back into school
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
Monday 26 th February 24	Conkers and Acorns "Dangerous Dinosaurs" homework leaflets set home
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	Comic Relief Day



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Friday 15 th March 24	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day: 12.00pm
Thursday 21 st March 24	Whole school brings completed Project Homework back into school.
Tuesday 26 th March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday 27 th March 24	Acorns, Conkers and Catkins Easter parties in class
Wednesday 27 th March 24	Easter Disco (Years 1 to 6): 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 28 th March 24	Both schools take part in the Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop
Thursday 28th March 24	Schools close for Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April 24	Schools open for Summer Term 1
Monday 15 th April 24	Parent Teacher meetings this week
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
Thursday 9 th May 24	Class photographs
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



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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!

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



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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 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