



Newsletter
Thursday 18th April 2024
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Dear Families,

1. Post Graduate Teaching Students in School

We are very pleased that the school has close links with the University of Manchester and that we are able to support their PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) programme hosting and mentoring trainee teachers.

This term we have two student teachers in school. Mr. Alfie Brooks is teaching alongside Mrs Lyn Malik in Year 1 Silver Birch Class and Miss Charlotte Atkinson is teaching alongside Mrs Jenny Parker in Year 3 Holly Class. We are sure that both Alfie and Charlotte will do very well and will be a great asset to the teaching profession when they qualify this summer.

2. Coming into School in the Mornings

As you know, some of our children come into school via the front door each morning because they have particular sensory or emotional needs and struggle to cope with the bustle at the main gate. We want to continue to offer this alternative route into school for those who need it, but are also concerned that the front reception porch is becoming very congested and busy, especially if families arrive early before school opens at 8.40am.

We have therefore decided that from Monday 22nd April, we will open the door to the staffroom and Year 4 bay between 8.40am and 8.45am each morning instead. If children arrive late after 8.45am, they will be signed in at the main entrance as usual.

Please do try to arrive before 8.45am if you can, as late arrivals cause extra work to our office staff – especially in the case of children in Acorns, Conkers and Catkins who have to be escorted to their classrooms by an adult. It is also disruptive to the children who have arrived on time and have already settled in and are ready to learn.

Thank you for your support.

3. Michelle

Tomorrow we will say a very sad “goodbye” to Michelle Patrick who has worked at the school for over ten years as part of our midday, facilities and extended care teams. I know Michelle will be greatly missed by children and staff alike. We thank her for everything she has done for the school and wish her every success and happiness in her new career.

4. Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of last term who were:





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Friday 8 th March 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Patient	Tillie is so good at waiting for her turn and sharing attention and activities with her friends.
Reception Acorns	Patient	Ella is patient when completing her work and always takes her time. She is also patient when waiting her turn.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Thoughtful	Yowel is such a thoughtful partner in PE lessons and is so helpful around the classroom.
Year 2 Willow	Thoughtful	Henry is developing a really mature awareness of his friends' feelings and is always ready to offer comfort and support to anyone who is upset.
Year 3 Holly	Brave	Reggie has been a brave learner in his maths lessons this week and has been working independently even when it is challenging.
Year 4 Chestnut	Brave	Isabelle is being so brave in her swimming lessons and she can now pop her head under the water and lift her feet off the floor.
Year 5 Elm	Empathetic	Darcie is able to imagine how other people are feeling and she always tries to treat others with kindness.
Year 6 Oak	Empathetic	Lucas is always considerate of how others are feeling.
Orchard	Patient	Alfie has been patient in turn-taking activities this week.

Friday 15 th March 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Curious	Layla is always attentive in class and shows such interest in everything we are learning.
Reception Acorns	Curious	Frank is interested in everything we do and drives his own learning.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Enthusiastic	Hunter loves learning about plants and nature and he is always ready to chat about his home learning in class.
Year 2 Willow	Enthusiastic	Alice is the epitome of enthusiasm in school. She loves art, reading, singing everything!
Year 3 Holly	Honest	Rayah is always honest with her friends and with adults alike.
Year 4 Chestnut	Honest	Avarie is an independent worker who also has the maturity to recognise when she needs to ask for help.
Year 5 Elm	Reflective	Clayton is able to reflect on his learning and identify the next steps he needs to make progress.
Year 6 Oak	Reflective	Lucas always wants to improve and is able to think carefully about his learning.
Orchard	Curious	Jaxon shows great curiosity when learning about bees. He listened beautifully and loved looking at honeycomb through a magnifying glass.



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Nursery Conkers	Independent	Maisie has started to make her own choices about activities, join in with her classmates and follow routines independently.
Reception Acorns	Independent	Bobby always drives his own learning and is independent in the classroom.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Motivated	Olivia has been completing lots of learning independently and is showing great motivation.
Year 2 Willow	Motivated	We are so pleased that Harrison has rejoined Gamesley School. He is working hard and trying his best in every lesson.
Year 3 Holly	Patient	Carter is such a patient friend who always takes the time to stop and listen carefully to his classmates.
Year 4 Chestnut	Patient	Barclay always takes his time with his work to ensure that he does his best
Year 5 Elm	Resourceful	Flo always thinks of solutions and ways to overcome any difficulties.
Year 6 Oak	Resourceful	Summer is organised and ensures she has everything she needs for a successful day in school.
Orchard	Independent	Ethan showed great independence when he made a Greek salad. He read the recipe, chopped and combined the ingredients.

Thursday 28 th March 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Kind	Isabella is always a good friend to everyone.
Reception Acorns	Kind	Alfie is a kind member of Acorns Class who always plays nicely with his friends.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Kind	Mylah is such a kind friend to everyone and she is happy to play with everyone in our class.
Year 2 Willow	Kind	Amber is a kind and generous member of Willow Class and looks after children and adults alike.
Year 3 Holly	Curious	Carter was really curious about his art and design project. He completed lots of extra research at home and brought in pictures to help everyone's learning.
Year 4 Chestnut	Curious	Sofia asked lots of questions on our recent trip to Chester Zoo.
Year 5 Elm	Democratic	Tommie is always fair and ready to listen to the views of his classmates.
Year 6 Oak	Democratic	Toby works so well in a group and welcomes suggestions and ideas from others.



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Orchard	Kind	Leo has been so kind this week, sharing and playing with everyone in Orchard.
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Very well done too to last term's curriculum stars who were:

Friday 8 th March 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Alex has been bringing his book bag to school every day and has been sharing his books at home.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Logan has been working hard to join in and answer questions in our maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Sonia has been completing addition and subtraction calculations independently this week.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Alexis has been working so hard to develop her mathematical skills in all our lessons.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Annabelle has been working so hard and demonstrating great behaviour for learning in our maths lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Jamie has showed great commitment to learning his times tables and is now confident with facts up to 12 x 12.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Jax is such a self-motivated learner and is always ready for a challenge.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Kieran has been giving 100% effort and explaining his learning so well.

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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Roman has been so focused in our story sessions and has been asking some great questions.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Aeson is trying so hard to read independently in his reading lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Elliot is such a superstar in our Read, Write, Inc lessons and really enjoys story time sessions.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Kaleb used his reading skills to find lots of fascinating facts about the moon landings.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Florence makes great contributions in our guided reading lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Alivia is working so hard to improve her reading skills.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Heidi is demonstrating a great love of reading.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Ocean takes full responsibility for her own learning and makes sure she reads regularly at home.

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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Minnie has been reading at home and remembering to bring her book bag into school each day.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Ellia always gives 100% in every maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Dylan has been working hard to master reading and writing numbers to 50.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Stanley has produced some super work this week, using a number line to add two-digit numbers.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Harry has been working so hard in our maths lessons and as a result he is making amazing progress.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Evie is making great progress in maths. She has an excellent grasp of basic skills and is able to articulate her thinking clearly.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Riley is a diligent student who always works hard in maths lessons
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Arthur is able to give great explanations which demonstrate his logical thinking.

Thursday 28 th March 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Bodie has loved sharing books this week and has been pointing at the pictures and chatting about the stories.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Annabelle always works hard in our reading lessons and she is making lovely progress.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Amira loves a good story and joins in our reading lessons with great enthusiasm.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Mylah-Blue is working so hard to learn her sounds and is making great progress.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Olivia initially found our work on capacity tricky, but she didn't give up until she cracked it! What a great attitude to learning!
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Lucas reads at home every night and makes some great contributions in our guided reading lessons.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Oliver is very engaged in our reading lessons and always practises at home.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Isaac is committed to extending his knowledge and has the confidence to ask questions about his reading.

Dates for your Diaries

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



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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
Monday 13 th May 24	Year 6 SATS this week.
Wednesday 15 th May 24	Dental checks for all 5 year olds in school
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 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Chatsworth Estate
Wednesday 12 th June 24	Year 5 Elm Class trip to Alton Towers
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 .
Thursday 20 th June 24	Orchard Class take part in Music concert at St. James Church, Glossop.
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
Friday 5 th July	Year 3 Holly Class visit to Poole's Cavern
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3 Holly Class take part in "Victorious Voices" choir concert.
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

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith