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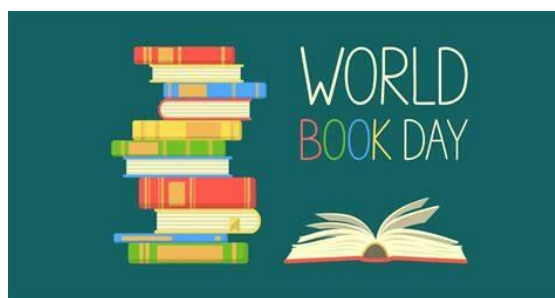


Dear Families,

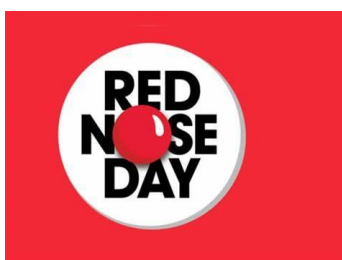
## 1. World Book Day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We don't dress up for World Book Day, but we do plan lots of lovely activities to celebrate and encourage a love of reading and books.

1. Mel from Dark Peak Bookshop in Glossop will be coming to school and nursery with the full range of World Book Day books so all the children can exchange their Book Tokens in school for a free book. She will also have some of last year's stock available to sell for just £1.00 a book.
2. Each class will make and display dioramas of their class novel or a favourite story-time book. Any empty shoe boxes would be very useful for this; thank you!
3. We would like to see pictures of you reading together at home, or maybe in an unusual place. Please send these through via Class Dojo so we can share them with the classes.
4. There's still time to enter our annual book plate competition, with the winners receiving a free book from our school bookshop and their designs being made into this year's school bookplates. Mrs Meredith has spare entry forms if you need them.



## 2. Red Nose Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



We'll once again be marking Red Nose Day with a "best joke" competition. Children are invited to submit their favourite jokes (50p per entry) and a winner will be chosen from each class, read out in assembly and displayed in school. Entry forms will be sent out later this week – please send your entries back by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March .

The children will also be able to wear red noses in school on 15th March. You can order this year's noses directly from the Amazon website here. [Amazon.co.uk : red nose day 2024](https://www.amazon.co.uk/red-nose-day-2024)



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### 3. Project Homework: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

We are so excited to see your family learning homework but please don't send completed work in early as we will struggle to store it safely. We will be displaying everyone's work in the main hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and families are welcome to come in after school to see what everyone has created.

If the children need any resources or would like to borrow their Chromebook to help with their home learning, just let their class teacher know.

We also have spare homework leaflets in school for anyone who needs them.

We will be sending out next term's homework leaflets before the Easter break so you have lots of time to start thinking about the new projects and planning any visits or experiences that you want to do as a family to support your children's learning in school.



### 4. Decorated Egg Competition: Closing Date Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

It's nearly Easter and so time to launch our annual decorated egg competition. This year we'll be particularly impressed by any eggs that reflect the children's current learning project...

Catkins	Farms
Conkers and Acorns	Dinosaurs
Silver Birch and Willow	Coastline / Seaside
Holly	Volcanoes and Caves
Chestnut	Rivers and Mountains
Elm	Food and Farming
Oak	Frozen Kingdoms



We know some of these themes are easier than others, so it's fine to create your own theme instead, or to ask your child to suggest something linked to learning in previous years.

There'll be a winner from each class plus a little chocolate treat for everyone who takes part. All entries to be in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March please

so we can enjoy them for the last week of term – don't forget to include a label with your full name and class. Good luck everyone!





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## 5. Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Once again, we will be supporting the wonderful work of Willow Wood Hospice. You will soon receive a sponsor envelope but every child will be able to take part regardless of how much (or any) sponsor money they raise, and everyone will receive a set of bunny ears and a crème egg to say “thank you” for their efforts.



### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars who were:

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		
Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Brave	Alex has tried lots of new activities in Conkers Class this week.
Reception Acorns	Brave	We were so impressed with the way Kyon overcame his fears and was able to go and say “hello” to the school guinea pigs.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Creative	Leo is so good at “thinking outside the box” when solving problems. And he used these skills very effectively to create a fantastic lighthouse model.
Year 2 Willow	Creative	Tommy has worked creatively and used different tools to create a super beach hut model.
Year 3 Holly	Collaborative	Adam-Lahsean has been such a supportive learning partner in our maths and science lessons this week and has listened so well to the children he has worked with.
Year 4 Chestnut	Collaborative	Sofia is great at working with her classmates. She listens carefully and gives very supportive responses.
Year 5 Elm	Collaborative	Wyatt listens carefully to others, considers their ideas and makes supportive contributions of his own.
Year 6 Oak	Collaborative	Olivia is a great partner in all our lessons and she has been particularly supportive this week in PE.
Orchard	Brave	Ethan has really stepped out of his comfort zone this week and has been trying new food and new activities.

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Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Honest	Bonnie-Rae is a popular and good friend because her classmates know she treats everyone fairly and will talk honestly about anything that happens.



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Reception Acorns	Honest	Alfred is honest in the way he treats his friends and also about when he needs any help with his learning
Year 1 Silver Birch	Confident	Ella confidently shares her ideas with the rest of the class and is also able to ask for help with her learning when she needs it.
Year 2 Willow	Confident	Ben is always ready to tackle new and challenging work but also knows when to ask for help if he needs it.
Year 3 Holly	Kind	Adam always checks in on his classmates and is ready to cheer them up with kind words and compliments when they need it.
Year 4 Chestnut	Kind	Millie likes to make sure her class mates and the school staff are OK, going out of her way to help whenever she can.
Year 5 Elm	Tolerant	Amber has developed the very mature skill of being able to disagree with her classmates, but always in a respectful manner.
Year 6 Oak	Tolerant	Jake has demonstrated curiosity and respect when finding out about different faiths and beliefs this week.
Orchard	Confident	Jack has worked so confidently in his Literacy lesson this week, rearranging sentences in the correct order.

Very well done too to the last two weeks' curriculum stars who are:

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Elsie Grace loves to share books in class with an adult and always reads at home as well.
Reception Acorns	Maths	Lola works so hard in our maths lessons and answers lots of questions.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Pawa was able to spot doubles and near doubles in our maths lessons this week.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Marley works non-stop in our maths lessons each day and he is making great progress.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Carter has been challenging himself in our maths lessons to measure accurately and solve some tricky perimeter questions independently.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Olivia has been making great contributions in our guided reading lessons in school and also reading much more regularly at home.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Tommie has been demonstrating great determination and effort in our maths lessons.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Isaac has been making a super effort in all his maths lessons and working independently to complete his learning.





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Reception Acorns	Reading	George reads lots of books at home and he is also now able to read lots of sounds and words in school.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Billy-Joe is working so hard in our reading and writing lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Reading	Isabelle has impressed us with how much she has found out about our new plants project through her reading and research.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Freya reads lots of books at home and asks some super questions in our guided reading lessons in school.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Avarie reads every night at home including throughout the holidays. She also chooses titles and genres which challenge her.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Thomas is a regular home reader and he really engages well in our guided reading lessons in school.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Dexter has researched and read lots of information about our Frozen Kingdoms learning project and is therefore able to make some super contributions to our class discussions.

## Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 24	World Book Day
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.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Decorated Egg competition entries in school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Acorns, Conkers and Catkins Easter parties in class
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Easter Disco (Years 1 to 6): 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 24	Both schools take part in the Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop
<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
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Class photographs



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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 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Chatsworth Estate
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Year 5 Elm Class trip to Alton Towers
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
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Holly Class visit to Poole's Cavern
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

Kindest Regards,

*Deborah Meredith*