



Newsletter  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
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Dear Families,

## 1. New Reception Starters September 2024.

We are very pleased to be getting ready to welcome our new children into the main school in September. Reception Acorns Class teacher will be Mrs. Lyn Malik while those children going into our Orchard provision will be taught by a large team of staff led by Ms Caroline Sutherland.

We will be holding a meeting for all our new families on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm. There is no need to bring your children along to this meeting. There will then be two transition afternoons for children joining Acorns Class; on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Children joining Orchard Class will have opportunities for short visits into the setting during the school day over the next couple of months.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about your child starting school.

## 2. Uniform Updates for School and Nursery

We still have some "old" nursery uniform in stock at school in yellow and purple and it is absolutely fine for Catkins and Conkers children to continue to wear this into the future. We will no longer be charging for this old stock so you are welcome to pop into school to pick up a spare top free of charge if that would be useful.

However, as we run these stocks down, we will be encouraging families to transition to the main school colours of sky blue and royal blue. Bulldog Fashion in Glossop stocks all our school uniform if you want items with a logo, but many of our children also wear non-badged clothing. We really don't mind as long as the children are dressed in the correct school colours.

As a reminder: here is a list of the uniform from which you can choose for your children to wear to school from Nursery upwards:

Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece; (Nursery aged children can also wear purple sweatshirts if you prefer)
<b>Sky blue</b> long or short sleeved polo shirt; (Or pale yellow for Nursery children)
<b>Dark grey</b> long trousers, knee length skirt, knee length shorts or knee length pinafore (Nursery children can wear dark grey, pull-up jogging bottoms instead if you think these would be easier for them to manage when using the bathroom)
<b>Sky blue and white</b> checked knee length dress.
Sensible, flat, waterproof, plain black shoes including plain black unbranded trainers in a smooth, waterproof material. Please choose "Velcro" fastenings until your children can manage buckles or laces independently
White grey or black socks / grey or black tights



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### 3. Nursery Open Morning: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May between 9.15am and 10.45am

Do come along to our Open Morning if you can. You will be able to meet our friendly team, see our Early Years setting (including Reception Acorns Class) in action and hear about the very exciting refurbishments planned to take place in the summer holiday.

### 4. Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our recent stars who are:

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Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Brave	Jasper has tried out lots of new things in Nursery including coming on our school trip, which he loved!
Reception Acorns	Brave	Hunter was very brave on our recent school trip and pushed himself to climb on some big equipment, even though he felt a little scared.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Brave	Phakin pushes himself to "have a go" at all our new learning in Silver Birch – and is also brave enough to ask for help when he needs it.
Year 2 Willow	Brave	Ben has faced new challenges in his learning with optimism and a super "can-do" attitude.
Year 3 Holly	Independent	Alyssa arrives at school ready to learn and settles straight down to her tasks without any prompts or reminders. She will always try to find her own solutions before asking for adult support.
Year 4 Chestnut	Independent	Alex is developing some super independent learning skills. He sits down straight away and gets stuck in.
Year 5 Elm	Moral	Charlie has a mature understanding of right and wrong and always tells the truth.
Year 6 Oak	Moral	Maisie sets high standards for herself and is always honest and kind.
Orchard	Brave	It's a big step starting a new school, but Leroy has settled in beautifully and is joining in with all our activities.

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Class	Value	
Nursery Conkers	Honest	Azora has a mature understanding of right and wrong and will always tell a grown-up if there is a problem in Conkers Class.
Reception Acorns	Honest	Logan is an honest friend who always tells the truth.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Honest	Elliot is an honest and trustworthy friend to everyone in Silver Birch Class.
Year 2 Willow	Honest	Hugo has earned the trust of adults and children alike because of his complete honesty.



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Year 3 Holly	Resilient	Logan is a hardworking and determined member of Holly Class. He has been working particularly hard recently to improve his handwriting and should feel very proud of himself.
Year 4 Chestnut	Resilient	Alivia is starting to show more resilience in our maths lessons. She accepts that we all make mistakes when we are learning and is able to accept adult help to make corrections.
Year 5 Elm	Spiritual	Mia is a thoughtful member of Year 5 Elm Class who appreciates every moment of the day.
Year 6 Oak	Spiritual	Jacob has an interest in and appreciation of so many ideas and events in the wider world.
Orchard	Enthusiastic	Jack has loved our recent learning about machines. He was particularly enthusiastic about the school washing machine and hanging out the washing to dry!

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

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		
Nursery Conkers	Reading	Luca loves to share stories with a grown-up and is developing great concentration when looking at a book.
Reception Acorns	Reading	Leo always reads at home and listens beautifully to stories in school.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths	Priya is an enthusiastic and motivated mathematician who works confidently and independently.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Delilah has been working hard this week to apply the problem-solving skills she has learned.
Year 3 Holly	Maths	Eliza has been such a supportive maths partner giving great explanations for her thinking.
Year 4 Chestnut	Maths	Marshall has been challenging himself in our maths lessons and making sure he explains his thinking clearly.
Year 5 Elm	Reading	Ava is developing a great attitude to her reading.
Year 6 Oak	Maths	Arthur explains his thinking clearly and methodically.

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Nursery Conkers	Reading	Lolah asks to share books every single day – she just loves reading!
Reception Acorns	Reading	Oliver is working so hard in his phonics lessons and is making super progress.



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Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading	Harper is making great progress in her reading lessons.
Year 2 Willow	Maths	Harvey is working so hard to develop his maths skills. This week he has tackled Venn diagrams, capacity and addition with determination and focus.
Year 3 Holly	Reading	Harrison reads regularly at home and makes some great contributions to our guided reading lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut	Reading	Sofia makes sure she reads at home every day and joins in enthusiastically in our reading lessons in school.
Year 5 Elm	Maths	Kobi is always honest about where he is on his learning journey and knows when to ask for help.
Year 6 Oak	Reading	Aston always gives 100% in our guided reading lessons and is an enthusiastic learner.

## Dates for your Diaries

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery Open Morning@ 9.15am to 10.45am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Class photographs
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Year 4 Chestnut Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Year 6 SATS this week.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 24	Dental checks for all 5 year olds in school
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>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Families visit to school: 6.00pm
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.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 24	Orchard Class take part in music concert at St. James Church, Glossop.
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 24	Year 3 Holly Class visit to Poole's Cavern



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Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 24	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 24	Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 24	Year 3 Holly Class take part in "Victorious Voices" choir concert.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 24	Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
<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*