



Newsletter
Monday 14th May 2024
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Dear Families,

1. School Trips

We are very aware that school trips are becoming increasingly expensive. This is partly due to the fact that we are often booking them for single rather than double classes in Key Stage 2, so the cost of hiring a coach is being split between fewer families.

Our plan going forward is to develop a rolling programme of shared trips to make them as affordable as possible for everyone and we will be sharing the autumn term visits with you as soon as possible to help you to budget.

In the meantime, we have some good news about the upcoming Year 1 and 2 trip to Chatsworth Park on **Thursday 6th June**. Mrs McEwan has made a successful bid for a £500 charity grant from the Chatsworth Estate, which means we will be offering this to families who have already made their full contribution either a refund or the opportunity to transfer this money to the visit to Lytham St. Anne's which is on **Tuesday 9th July**.

We are also aware that the planned Year 4 trip to play with the Halle Orchestra on **Tuesday 18th June** was quite expensive for some of our families. We have therefore decided to travel on the school minibus instead to save on the costs of the coach. Unfortunately, this means that this visit will only be open to a limited number of children and will be offered on a "first come" basis. If you have already booked and paid your contribution, your child's place is secured as long as you make the new reduced contribution of £8.00. A letter with more details will be sent out to our Year 4 families this week.

2. Family Learning: Storysacks

Please ring the school office to book a place!

Storysack Making Storysacks help bring stories to life.

This course is for you if you have a child in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 and would like to create some exciting resources to support you with your child's learning journey and make reading together fun. You will be able to take the storysack home with you to keep and enjoy together.

Venue: Gamesley Primary School
Date/Time: Monday 10 June – 8 July 9:30am – 11:30am
To book a space please contact school reception



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3. Stars of the Week



Congratulations to our recent stars who are:

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| Class | Value | |
| Nursery Conkers | Patient | Tillie is always patient with other children and is able to wait for her turn. |
| Reception Acorns | Patient | Raina demonstrates patience in every situation in school. |
| Year 1 Silver Birch | Patient | Abbie has a mature kindness and patience and always waits for her turn. |
| Year 2 Willow | Patient | Lincoln has such a calm and patient demeanor. He shows great politeness waiting for his turn to speak or ask for help. |
| Year 3 Holly | Creative | Mittziee has creative ideas for her writing and also thinks of creative ways to present information. |
| Year 4 Chestnut | Creative | Natasha has shown creativity in her written work this week, using different vocabulary and sentence structures. |
| Year 5 Elm | Mindful | Nyah has shown fabulous focus in our English lessons this week and has produced some amazing written work. |
| Year 6 Oak | Mindful | Toby always shows awareness of others and is respectful and kind to everyone. |
| Orchard | Motivated | Freddie is enjoying everything in Orchard at the moment and is staying focused on the asks he chooses. |

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| Class | Value | |
| Nursery Conkers | Curious | Reenie show great interest in our projects and talks with enthusiasm about her own learning. |
| Reception Acorns | Curious | Reggie is a curious learner who asks some great questions. |
| Year 1 Silver Birch | Curious | Harlow loves to learn new things and makes enthusiastic contributions in all our lessons. |
| Year 2 Willow | Curious | Florence is so interested in our "Magnificent Monarchs" history project and she is eager to find out as much as she possibly can. |
| Year 3 Holly | Confident | Freya has been working incredibly hard to master the tricky maths concept of "time", and is now tackling new tasks independently. |
| Year 4 Chestnut | Confident | Riley has worked so hard and gained in confidence in his swimming lessons; so much so that he has moved up to the next group. |



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| Year 5 Elm | Kind | Mis is a kind and thoughtful member of Elm Class who always considers the views of others. |
| Year 6 Oak | Kind | Ellie has kind words for staff and classmates alike |
| Orchard | Curious | Eric loves exploring the Orchard learning environments. |

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

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| Nursery Conkers | Reading | Alfie loves our class library area. He knows the books well, has his favourites and often asks staff to read with him. |
| Reception Acorns | Reading | Tamsin is making great progress and working hard to improve her reading. |
| Year 1 Silver Birch | Maths | Riley has completed some fantastic capacity work in our maths lessons this week. |
| Year 2 Willow | Reading | Harrison is making such a great effort to learn his sounds in school and always practises his reading at home as well. |
| Year 3 Holly | Maths | Franky is such a good listener and woks hard to grasp new concepts. He always tries to work independently before he asks for help. |
| Year 4 Chestnut | Reading | Barclay reads at home very day and makes great contributions to our guided reading lessons in school. |
| Year 5 Elm | Maths | Shaynie listens carefully to the teaching and is able to explain her thinking clearly. |
| Year 6 Oak | Reading | Charlie is developing a deep love of books. He ensures he reads regularly and at length at home. |

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| Nursery Conkers | Reading | Delilah loves books and can retell stories and ask lots of questions. |
| Reception Acorns | Maths | Tilly work hard to complete all her learning in our maths lessons. |
| Year 1 Silver Birch | Reading | Mylah is becoming such an enthusiastic and confident reader who is making great progress. |
| Year 2 Willow | Maths | Ben has been applying his sound understanding of place value to order dates on a timeline in our history learning. |
| Year 3 Holly | Reading | Anabelle has been making some super contributions to our guided reading lessons. |



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| Year 4 Chestnut | Maths | Evie has been working so hard to learn all her times tables. She has identified which ones need extra attention and has been practicing them at home. |
| Year 5 Elm | Heidi | Heidi loves her books and always makes sure she practices at home. |
| Year 6 Oak | Maths | Thiyosh show such good understanding of new concepts and can give detailed explanations of his thinking. |

Dates for your Diaries

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| 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 |
| Tuesday 4 th June | New Reception Families visit to school: 6.00pm |
| 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 24 | 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 |
| Wednesday 10 th July 24 | Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm |
| Thursday 11 th July 24 | Year 3 Holly Class take part in "Victorious Voices" choir concert. |
| Thursday 18 th July 24 | Reception Acorns 2024 transition afternoon: 2.00pm to 3.00pm |
| 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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Kindest Regards,

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