



Newsletter
Friday 18th October 2024
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Dear Families,

1. Swimming Lessons start Monday 4th November

The swimming pool will be on site for four full weeks from Monday 4th November to Friday 29th November. It comes with a fully qualified swimming instructor Abi, and a full-time life guard.

- Year 4 Chestnut Class will have a half hour swimming lesson every morning for the full four weeks.
- Year 6 Oak Class will swim every afternoon for the first week. Some of these children will continue swimming for longer than the one week depending on their level of competency – we will keep you updated.
- Year 5 Elm Class will start swimming each afternoon on Monday 11th November.

Families are welcome to come onto the playground when the gates open on the morning of Monday 4th November to view the pool, meet Abi and ask any questions you may have.

2. Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent representative on our Board of Governors.

Our governors are a very friendly and supportive group who meet together six times each year from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. They are also welcome to visit the school during the working day and chat to school leaders and class teachers to find out more about how the school operates.

If you would be interested in joining us, please email me by Friday 25th October at headteacher@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk

3. 5 Star Award for Our Kitchen!

Our wonderful kitchen team have once again achieved a great outcome in their recent kitchen inspection. Not only did they achieve the highest “5 Star” rating overall, they were also awarded full marks in every one of the 15 subsections they were tested on. Many congratulations to the team!



4. Family Dinner Days

We love welcoming families into school each Friday to eat with their children. Please can I encourage as many of you as possible to book a school dinner as this is a great way of supporting our (award winning!) kitchen team. If there is nothing on the menu that you can eat it, is fine to bring a simple packed lunch to eat instead but no McDonalds / chip shop meals / Greggs etc please.



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5. Spooky Disco: Thursday 24th October, 4.00pm to 5.00pm (Year 1 to Year 6)

Our first disco of the year will have a spooky theme. Children are welcome to come in Hallowe'en clothes if they wish, but please bear in mind that the theme is SPOOKY and not SCARY! We want our youngest



children to have fun and not be frightened, so no masks or pretend weapons etc. please!

The cost of the disco is £2.00 payable on the door and no extra money is needed as this includes something to eat, drinks and face painting.

Our Orchard, Acorns, Conkers and Catkins children will be having their own spooky fun activities in class on Thursday instead of attending the disco.

We are hoping to decorate the hall and classrooms with some spooky carved pumpkins. There will be a prize for everyone who brings a carved pumpkin to school on

Thursday 24th October and we will provide battery tealights so your pumpkins can be displayed in their full glory.

6. Family Learning

Children in Years 1 to 6 will be bringing their Family Learning leaflets home tonight. After input from some of you, we have decided we will no longer be awarding prizes but instead will create longer lasting displays of the children's work in their classrooms. Do pop in and chat to your child's teacher if we can help with any resources for craft activities and you are also welcome to book out your child's Chromebook to use for research at home.

Acorns and Conkers will bring their home learning leaflets home after the holiday.

7. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

Congratulations to the last two week's stars:

Conkers	Curious	Lucas has been enjoying exploring all the areas in Nursery.
Acorns	Curious	Delilah loves all the playing and learning activities in Acorns.
Silver Birch	Curious	Frank just loves to learn and asks the most amazing questions.
Willow	Curious	Theo asks great questions and always gives 100% in his lessons.
Holly	Curious	Marley asks some great questions to extend his understanding.
Chestnut	Curious	Mia asks insightful questions and spends time researching further information about our projects.
Elm	Curious	Marshall shows great curiosity and always wants to know more.
Oak	Curious	Oliver wants to learn as much as he can and asks great questions to extend his knowledge.
Orchard	Curious	Eric is taking lots of interest in the activities on offer in Orchard Cherries Class.



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Conkers	Independent	Lolah loves to learn and works so hard in Conkers classroom.
Acorns	Independent	Dilly was amazing on our Forest School trip this week and threw herself into every activity with great enthusiasm
Silver Birch	Independent	Annabelle works so hard and uses the classroom environment to help her.
Willow	Independent	Abbie loves to push herself with her learning and “have a go” herself before asking for help.
Holly	Independent	Kaleb is an independent learner who uses all the resources available to help him complete his work.
Chestnut	Independent	Isaac works so hard to complete all his work independently and to a very high standard.
Elm	Independent	Luca shows great independence in all areas of learning and is working so hard not only during the school day, but also in his morning tutoring sessions
Oak	Independent	Crystal doesn’t give up even when she finds herself in the “Learning Pit” and uses the resources in the classroom to support her.
Orchard	Independent	Freya loves to learn and makes the most of every opportunity in Orchard Apples Class.

Our curriculum award winners of the last two weeks are:

Conkers	Jorgie listens so well at story time and loves books.
Acorns	Bonnie-Rae has been a great mathematician this week comparing quantities using the maths language of “more” and “fewer”.
Silver Birch	Ollie is working so hard in his maths lessons and demonstrating super counting skills.
Willow	We are so pleased that Isla has joined us as she is working so hard in every lesson .
Holly	Milan is working so hard on her reading and it is lovely to see her so enthusiastic about her books.
Chestnut	Georgia has worked incredibly hard this week, both in her maths lessons in class and in learning her timetables at home.
Elm	Barclay always reads at home and gives 100% in our guided reading lessons in school.
Oak	Mia has sometimes found herself in the Learning Pit in maths this week, but she always embraces the challenge and never gives up.

Conkers	Scarlett loves books and spends as much time as she can in our class library area.
Acorns	Elsie Grace has been working so hard on he reading this week
Silver Birch	Kyon is such an enthusiastic reader who loves books.
Willow	Yowel is working so hard in every aspect of the curriculum.
Holly	Tommy is being an amazing mathematician who is always ready to teach his classmates.



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Chestnut	Florence loves books and is making super progress.
Elm	Millie is showing independence and enthusiasm in our maths lessons and has a fantastic attitude in her daily tuition sessions.
Oak	Annabella has such a love of reading and has been really engaged with our class novel this term.

Last week's "Respectful, Resilient and Ready" behaviour stars was Jax who was chosen for always giving 100% to everything he does in school.

8. Dates for your Diaries

Monday 21 st October	Orchard Cherry Class trip to Lidl
Tuesday 22 nd October	Catkins and Conkers Family Learning: Spooky Crafts morning
Wednesday 23 rd October	Acorns Family Learning: Spooky Crafts afternoon
Thursday 24 th October	Carved pumpkins can be brought into school
Thursday 24 th October	"Spooky" disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 25 th October	School closes for half term holiday
Thursday 31 st October	Deadline for applications for a Secondary School place in 2025
HOLIDAY	
Monday 4th November	School opens for Autumn Term 2
Monday 4 th November	School based swimming lessons begin for Years 4 and 6
Friday 8 th November 2024	Orchard Cherry Class trip to Pony Patch
Friday 8 th November	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Monday 11 th November	Catch Up flu spray vaccines
Monday 11 th November	Parent Teacher meetings this week.
Monday 11 th November	Year 5 Elm Class swimming lessons begin
Friday 15 th November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Monday 11 th November	Year 1 to 6 Family Learning project work brought back into school.
Friday 22 nd November	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Monday 25 th to Wednesday 27 th November	Year 5 Elm Class day trips to Whitehall Centre
Friday 29 th November	School based swimming lessons end for this year.
Thursday 5 th December	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes trip to Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester.
Friday 6 th December	Orchard Cherry Class Family Dinner Day 12.00
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	Whole School Pantomime Day: The Emperors New Clothes
Friday 13 th December	Orchard Apples Class Family Dinner Day 12.00



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Thursday 19 th December	Christmas disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 6th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Friday 17 th January	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 24 th January	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 31 st January	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 7 th February	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 24th February	School opens for spring term 2
Monday 24 th February	Year 4 Chestnut and Year 5 Elm Classes at Young Voices
Friday 28 th February	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 7 th March	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 14 th March	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holiday
HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 22nd April	School opens for summer term 1
Friday 2 nd May	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Monday 5th May	School closed: Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 9 th May	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 16 th May	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Thursday 22 nd May	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 2nd June	School opens for summer term 2
Friday 6 th June	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 13 th June	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 20 th June	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 27 th June	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Thursday 17 th July	Leavers disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 21st July	Staff in school: training day
Tuesday 22nd July	Staff in school: training day

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



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Kindest Regards,

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