



Newsletter  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
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Dear Families,

## 1. Wellbeing Award



Along with all the other schools in our Trust, we are working towards achieving the nationally recognised Wellbeing Award for Schools. We will soon be gathering your views about how we support the children and your ideas for how we could improve that provision. Look out for the survey coming soon!

## 2. Summer Term Dinner Choices Now on Arbor

We are changing the way you choose school dinner choices for your children. The new menu for after Easter is now live on Arbor ready for you to make your selections. Nursery families who do not yet have access to Arbor will receive a paper copy of the menu before we break up for the Easter holiday.

## 3. Decorated Egg Competition: Closing Date Monday 31st March 2025

It's nearly Easter and so it's time to launch our annual decorated egg competition. Our theme this year is "springtime" so you may want to think about baby animals, flowers, plants, even the weather!

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 31<sup>st</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!

## 4. Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Once again, we will be supporting the wonderful work of Willow Wood Hospice. Your child should have already brought home a sponsor envelope or alternatively donations can be made via this [link](#).

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.



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## 5. Early Birds and Night Owls: booking in advance via Arbor

Our wrap around care provision is becoming increasingly popular which is great. However, we do need families to book as far in advance as possible so we can ensure that it is staffed properly each day.

To support this, we ask that all bookings for Early Birds and Night Owls for Primary School children are made on-line on Arbor. Unfortunately, Arbor does not have the facility for block-bookings so you will need make each booking individually.

We will send you lots of reminders between now and then, but this is advance notice that after the Easter holidays we will not accept any school wrap around care bookings that are not made on Arbor.

As Nursery families cannot yet access Arbor, we ask that you email Sarah Oakes on [info@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@gamesley.derbyshire.sch.uk) to make a booking instead.

## 6. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

Congratulations to our values stars from the last two weeks who are:

<b>Nursery Conkers</b>	Curious	Dylan is showing so much interest in our "Dangerous Dinosaurs" project.
	Independent	Oscar is very sensible and mature in Conkers Class, choosing and directing his own activities.
<b>Reception Acorns</b>	Independent	Luca is able to direct his own learning and complete tasks without adult intervention.
	Independent	Vada is able to organise herself and find the resources she needs to support her learning.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Enthusiastic	Alfred has developed a real love for learning and he never gives up.
	Motivated	Austin is giving 100% to everything he does and is making very pleasing progress!
<b>Year 2 Willow</b>	Enthusiastic	Ella is so enthusiastic about her learning. This week she has been working hard at home as well, learning her times tables.
	Motivated	Elliot is always motivated to do his best and tries so hard in everything he does.
<b>Year 3 Holly</b>	Honest	Stanley is very honest about his learning and his ability – he knows when to ask for help and when to work independently.
	Patient	Daisy never interrupts others and always waits her turn.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut</b>	Honest	Rayah is an honest learner who knows when she can be independent but who is also not afraid to ask for help when she needs it.
	Patient	Florence works very carefully and accurately and as a result produces work of a high standard.



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<b>Year 5 Elm</b>	Reflective	Olivia thinks carefully about her learning and ensures she always produces her best.
	Resourceful	Heidi uses every resource in the classroom – adults, displays and her own skills and knowledge – to ensure she produces the best work possible.
<b>Year 6 Oak</b>	Reflective	Lilly has been so thoughtful and careful in this week's tests – she should feel very proud of herself!
	Resourceful	Nyah is giving 100% to everything she does and ensuring she makes the most of every learning opportunity.
<b>Orchard Groups</b>	Curious	Alfie was very interested to see if we could make playdough boats that would float.
	Independent	Billy has been working very hard this week and completing lots of tasks independently.

Our recent Curriculum Stars are:

<b>Nursery Conkers</b>	Sylvia loves sharing books both in class and at home.
	Minnie loves sharing books with an adult in Conkers Class.
<b>Reception Acorns</b>	Reenie has been working so hard in our maths lessons.
	Tillie knows all her Set 1 sounds including "special friends".
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Oscar loves to challenge himself in maths lessons and uses vocabulary very well to explain his thinking.
	Bobby is becoming a very fluent and confident reader.
<b>Year 2 Willow</b>	Theo has been very motivated to recall and use his speed sounds to support his writing.
	Priya is working so hard in maths lessons and making super progress.
<b>Year 3 Holly</b>	Hugo always works hard in our maths lessons, and applies his previous learning to tackle new concepts.
	Adchu reads at home every day and also makes some super contributions to our reading lessons in school.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut</b>	Fizan reads at home every day and is working so hard in class. We are very proud of his progress!
	Franky is working so hard in our maths lessons and is making great progress.
<b>Year 5 Elm</b>	Jamie is proving to be a very talented mathematician!
<b>Year 6 Oak</b>	Thomas is working so hard to improve his reading and this was reflected in his recent pleasing test score.
	Dylan is very focussed in our maths lessons and is determined to make as much progress as he can.



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Our most recent “Respectful, Resilient and Ready” behaviour stars were Dolcie who was so helpful and kind at Nursery lunchtimes and Thomas who has been an amazing support to a classmate in need.

## Dates for your Diaries

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Decorated eggs brought into school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception classes.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Bunny Hop in support of Willow Wood Hospice
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter holiday
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term 1</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery Conkers trip to Pony Patch, Glossop
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception Acorns trip to Pony Patch, Glossop
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed: Bank Holiday Monday</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>School closes for half term holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term 2</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes trip to Portland Basin
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Orchard Cherries Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Conkers and Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes trip to Carsington Water
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm Class parties during the school day for Orchard, Nursery and Reception.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School closes for summer holiday</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>

Kindest Regards,



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