



NEWSLETTER
 Monday 7th July 2025
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1. School Organisation from September 2025

When we come back into school after the holiday, Ms Caroline Sutherland will start her new role as Head of School supported by Mrs Lyn Malik as Assistant Head. Miss Brown will still be working full time at Gamesley, but she will not be in the classroom every day as she will be taking over the role of SENCO.

In my new role as Executive Head I will still be very involved with the school and be in the building at least two days each week. As I will also be working in other schools across the Trust several days each week, Miss Sutherland will be running the school day to day and be your first point of contact with any concerns.

We are also now able to confirm class teachers for September and we will confirm support staff by the end of the week.

Nursery Conkers (mornings)	Mrs Kerrie Wood-Doyle
Nursery Catkins (afternoons)	Mrs Kerrie Wood-Doyle
Reception Acorns	Mrs Lyn Malik
Year 1 Silver Birch	Miss Toni Bruce
Year 2 Willow	Miss Abi Gordon
Year 3 Holly	Mrs Katie Andrews (Monday to Wednesday) and Miss Emma Brown (Wednesday to Friday)
Year 4 Chestnut	Miss Clare Dangerfield
Year 5 Elm	Miss Sam Dawson until Mrs Jenny Parker returns from her maternity leave in the spring term
Year 6 Oak	Miss Ashleigh Martin

2. School Trips

In order to help you budget and plan for the year ahead, we will try to give you as much advance notice of school trips as possible. The trips that have already been booked are highlighted below and will go "live" on Arbor as soon as the new school year starts in September (some payments have already been taken for the Year 6 residential trip)

Year 1 2025/26	Conkers	Acorns	Silver Birch	Willow	Holly	Chestnut	Elm	Oak
Trip 1	Manor Park		Manchester Art Gallery		Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15th October 2025 £23.61		Farm Experience	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13th October 2025 £215 in total
Trip 2	Dinosaur Workshop Teach Rex?		Chatsworth Park		Church	Church	Synagogue	Synagogue

Trip 3	Bridgewater Gardens	Lytham St. Anne's	Chester Zoo Wednesday 8th July 2026 £31.40 per child	Alton Towers
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Year 2 2026/27	Conkers	Acorns	Silver Birch	Willow	Holly	Chestnut	Elm	Oak
Trip 1	Manor Park		Lyme Park and Crow Wood		Manchester Museum		Outdoor Adventure	Residential
Trip 2	Peak Wildlife Park		Manchester Bus Tour and Z Arts Theatre		Mosque	Young Voices		Mosque
Trip 3	Formby Beach		Portland Basin Museum		Carsington Water		Llandudno	

3. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our stars who we have celebrated in our assemblies over the last few weeks who are:

Nursery Conkers Class	Brave Star	Hope is such a brave learner who is always ready to try new things.
	Honest Star	Minnie always makes sure she does the right thing and follows the school rules.
	Patient Star	Oscar is so patient and can always wait for his turn .
	Curious Star	Lottie loves to learn new things.
	Independent Star	Darcie is now such an independent learner and loves to try new things in Conkers Class
Reception Acorns Class	Brave Star	Layla just does not give up, even when she finds the learning tricky.
	Honest Star	Lolah is so good at letting adults know what she needs.
	Patient Star	Dee-Dee always waits patiently for adult attention and lets other children have their turn.
	Curious Star	Roman loves to ask questions so he can learn more.
	Independent	Arlo shows great initiative in selecting his own resources to solve problems in Acorns Class.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Creative Star	Archie comes up with some great ideas for his writing.
	Confident Star	George is confident when sharing his ideas with the class.
	Thoughtful Star	Tamsin is so kind to everyone in school.
	Enthusiastic Star	Bobby gives 100% to everything he does in school.
	Motivated Star	Alfred works so hard and loves to learn!
Year 2 Willow Class	Creative Star	We were so impressed by Priya's art work this week.
	Confident Star	Mylah knows her strengths and is always ready to embrace a challenge.
	Thoughtful Star	Jessica is a loyal and kind friend who looks out for everyone.
	Enthusiastic Star	Ruby is so motivated to learn and find out new things.
	Motivated Star	Oliver loves to learn and relishes a challenge.
Year 3 Holly Class	Motivated Star	Kaleb has achieved so many "firsts" recently as he is so keen to push himself and try new things.

	Grateful Star	Connor likes to work independently but is also very grateful for any adult help he receives.
	Responsible Star	Harvey is determined to make the best possible progress and has already made so many improvements to his presentation.
	Articulate Star	Ben makes great contributions in class discussions using sentence stems and a clear voice.
	Collaborative Star	Henry is becoming such a great learning partner and encourages others to join in.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Motivated Star	Florence has enjoyed her learning in school so much that she has created a PowerPoint at home as well.
	Grateful Star	Thomas is always receptive to feedback and puts what is suggested into practice.
	Responsible Star	Emma is so mature and reliable. She can always be relied upon to do the right thing at the right time.
	Articulate Star	Ivy is making some great contributions to our learning and she expresses her ideas very clearly.
	Collaborative Star	Faye works so well with her classmates; she listens, takes turns and encourages others.
Year 5 Elm Class	Patient Star	Tommy is such a good learning partner because he explains his thinking so clearly and patiently.
	Curious Star	Lucas loves to learn and always wants to find out more.
	Independent	Marshall works independently in every lesson and always challenges himself to do more.
	Honest Star	Archie is honest about his own abilities and knows when he is ready for an extra challenge.
	Brave Star	Barclay is a brave learner who embraces the Learning Pit and will try even when he is feeling challenged.
Year 6 Oak Class	Patient Star	Clayton is such a patient and good-natured member of our class.
	Curious Star	Wyatt loves to find out new things.
	Independent Star	Oliver has produced some wonderful independent writing
	Honest Star	Lilly is a very honest learner who knows when she can work independently and when she needs some support.
Orchard Class	Brave Star	Ethan has been facing lots of new challenges this week.
	Motivated Star	Jack has loved this week's maths lessons about pattern and has been making his own patterns as well.
	Patient Star	Billy shows great patience when he waits for his turn to try new activities.
	Curious Star	Erin is showing interest in everything we do in Orchard Class.
	Independent Star	Leo loves to count and now he is starting to write numbers correctly as well.

4. Curriculum Stars

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Dylan just loves books and always asks adults to read with him.
	Reading Star	Ada listens to stories so well and uses our class puppets and props to act them out too.
	Reading Star	Jorgie listens carefully to all our stories in Conkers Class.
	Reading Star	Grayson has loved listening to and re-enacting fairy stories.
	Reading Star	Mabel has really enjoyed retelling stories using the puppet theatre.

Reception Acorns Class	Reading Star	Luca has been listening so well at story time and working hard in his reading lessons.
	Reading Star	Mia just loves looking at and sharing picture books.
	Maths Star	Elsie gives such great explanations of her thinking in maths lessons.
	Reading Star	Isaiah was so enthusiastic in our reading treasure hunt.
	Maths Star	Vada showed her great understanding of positional language when playing with our small world figures.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	It has been lovely to see Beau develop into such a fluent and confident reader.
	Maths Star	Lola is working so hard in our maths lessons and uses concrete resources to support her thinking.
	Reading Star	Reggie loves our class library and takes time to recommend good reads to his classmates.
	Maths Star	Aeson uses mathematical language accurately to explain his answers and demonstrate his understanding.
	Reading Star	Tilly is such an enthusiastic reader and she is making great progress.
Year 2 Willow Class	Reading Star	Oliver takes responsibility for his home learning and makes sure he reads every day.
	Maths Star	Leo has such a good understanding of data and is able to record his findings clearly.
	Maths Star	Hunter loves his maths lessons and joins in with enthusiasm.
	Reading Star	Abbie has such a love of books and she is making wonderful progress with her reading.
	Reading Star	Aisha is making such good progress with her reading.
Year 3 Holly Class	Reading Star	Aria has been working so hard and is making great progress with her reading.
	Reading Star	Tommy has been engaging really well with our Literacy Tree text.
	Reading Star	Florence loves reading, joins in with our class literacy lessons and has scored highly in our recent tests.
	Reading Star	Ethan is committed to improving his reading and working very hard in class.
	Maths Star	Milan always gives 100% in maths lessons and is demonstrating impressive determination and resilience.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Harvey is so dedicated to learning his multiplication tables.
	Reading Star	Logan reads widely and this is having such a positive impact on his learning across the curriculum.
	Maths Star	Reggie has shown great commitment to learning his times tables and scored highly
	Maths Star	Rayah is shining in our maths lessons and making very pleasing progress.
	Reading Star	Florence reads all the time and loves exploring new authors.
Year 5 Elm Class	Maths Star	Evie is able to apply different methods to solve mathematical questions and explains her thinking very clearly.
	Reading Star	Isabelle is able to make such good predictions in our reading lessons.
	Maths Star	Alex has been working independently in maths and demonstrating a sound understanding of number and shape.
	Reading Star	Olivia is working so hard to improve her reading skills.
	Maths Star	Sofia is demonstrating such a sound understanding of mathematical principles

Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Annabella is showing such enthusiasm in our “post-SATs” maths lessons.
	Maths Star	Jax is so engaged with the class text, “Goodnight Mr Tom”.
	Reading Star	Eva just loves to read!
	Reading Star	Riley has made some great predictions about our class novel.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 7 th July	New intake Reception visit: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes trip to Carsington Water
Wednesday 9 th July	Conkers and Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Thursday 10 th July	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak Classes trip to Llandudno
Friday 11 th July	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Monday 14 th July	New intake Reception visit: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 17 th 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 th July	<i>School closes for summer holiday</i>
<i>Monday 21st July</i>	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd July</i>	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
HOLIDAY	
<i>Tuesday 2nd September</i>	<i>Staff training day in Manchester</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd September</i>	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
<i>Thursday 4th September</i>	<i>School opens for Autumn Term 1</i>
Monday 13 th October	Year 6 residential trip to Whitehall Centre
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Z-Arts Theatre
Thursday 16 th October	Individual children’s photographs
Thursday 23 rd October	Open Evening
<i>Friday 24th October</i>	<i>School closes for half term holiday</i>
HOLIDAY	
<i>Monday 3rd November</i>	<i>School opens for Autumn Term 2</i>
<i>Friday 19th December</i>	<i>School closes for Christmas holiday</i>
HOLIDAY	
<i>Monday 5th January</i>	<i>School opens for Spring Term 1</i>
<i>Friday 13th February</i>	<i>School closes for half term holiday</i>
HOLIDAY	
<i>Monday 23rd February</i>	<i>School opens for Spring Term 2</i>
<i>Friday 27th March</i>	<i>School closes for Easter holiday</i>
HOLIDAY	
<i>Monday 13th April</i>	<i>School opens for Summer Term 1</i>
<i>Monday 6th May</i>	<i>School closed (Bank Holiday)</i>
<i>Thursday 21st May</i>	<i>School closes for half term holiday</i>
HOLIDAY	
<i>Monday 1st June</i>	<i>School opens for Summer Term 2</i>
Wednesday 8 th June	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Chester Zoo
<i>Friday 17th July</i>	<i>School closes for Summer Holiday</i>
<i>Monday 21st July</i>	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd July</i>	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>

HOLIDAY

School opens again for the children on Thursday 3rd September 2026