



Newsletter
Thursday 13th March 2025
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Dear Families,

1. Dogs on School Premises

We love dogs at Gamesley which is why we have Joe. However, while we have bespoke insurance for our school dog, this does not cover family pets that come onto the premises.

We also know which of our children are afraid of or allergic to dogs and can take the steps to protect them while you may not have this knowledge. So, with regret, I must remind everyone that no family dogs should be on the school premises at any time, including on the playgrounds and at the front door.

Thank you everyone for your support.

2. 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 to make a booking instead.

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 31st 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!



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4. Willow Wood Sponsored Bunny Hop – Friday 4th April 2025



Once again, we will be supporting the wonderful work of Willow Wood Hospice. You will soon receive a sponsor envelope but 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.

5. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

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

Nursery Conkers	Independent	Minnie doesn't need to be asked to offer help and support to her classmates.
	Kind	Angel is always kind to all the children in Conkers Class.
	Brave	Lottie is able to stay calm and keep trying, even when things get tricky.
	Honest	Jorgie always does the right thing.
	Patient	Darcie is such a patient member of Conkers who always waits her turn.
Reception Acorns	Independent	Lilah has her own ideas and opinions which means she is a confident and independent learner.
	Kind	Mia is a most kind and helpful member of Acorns Class.
	Brave	Jasper demonstrates bravery and determination in his writing lessons.
	Honest	Alfie always explains exactly what has happened, even when he has made a mistake.
	Patient	Subahan is such a patient learner who doesn't give up when he doesn't understand something straight away.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Independent	Raina always spots jobs that need doing in our classroom and she loves to help.
	Resilient	Llando doesn't let cold or wet weather get in the way of enjoying his outdoor learning lessons.
	Creative	Aeson made a wonderful chalkboard in his DT after school club
	Confident	Reggie is so confident in class discussions, answering questions clearly and expanding on his ideas.
	Thoughtful	Ollie has been so kind and thoughtful towards everyone in school this week.
Year 2 Willow	Independent	Aisha has learned an important new skill and is very proud that she can zip up her coat independently.



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	Resilient	Leo did not give up in his recent writing assessment and should feel very proud of his finished piece of work.
	Creative	Harper illustrated her writing with some beautiful art work.
	Confident	Amira confidently takes charge of her own learning. She recognises both when she can work independently and when she needs to find additional resources to help her to complete a task.
	Thoughtful	Jessica is a thoughtful classmate who is always ready to share with the children in Willow.
Year 3 Holly	Responsible	Charlie has decided to take responsibility for the presentation of his work and has been practising diligently to improve it.
	Articulate	Adchu explains his ideas and thinking very clearly to his classmates.
	Collaborative	Lydia works so well in a group during our drama lessons.
	Kind	Tommy is a kind and supportive learning partner.
	Brave	Tommy is showing great determination and bravery and is really pushing himself to be an independent learner.
Year 4 Chestnut	Responsible	Faye not only takes responsibility for her own learning, she also looks out for her classmates and is always ready to support others.
	Articulate	Ivy always contributes to our discussions and expresses her ideas so clearly.
	Collaborative	Harry is a great learning partner, enthusiastic and always with a lovely smile!
	Kind	Olivia goes to great efforts to ensure everyone feels included and she gives the nicest compliments to us in Chestnut class.
	Brave	Adam is demonstrating great confidence and bravery when sharing his ideas with his class.
Year 5 Elm	Responsible	Sofia is a most determined and hardworking student who takes full responsibility for her own learning.
	Articulate	Alivia is developing so much confidence when speaking in class and explaining her learning.
	Collaborative	Sienna works so well in a group in our drama lessons.
	Tolerant	Sydney is understanding and tolerant towards her classmates, and younger children in after school clubs.
	Empathetic	Barclay is very interested in our RE lessons, and shows great tolerance and understanding of people with different belief to his own.
Year 6 Oak	Responsible	Kobi has a great attitude towards his learning and is developing drive and resilience.
	Articulate	Jax speaks clearly and articulately and uses correct vocabulary when explaining his mathematical thinking.
	Collaborative	Darcie is a great learning partner who not only contributes her own ideas, but also listens to other.



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Orchard Groups	Tolerant	Riley really understands that other people may think and feel differently to him, and always takes this into account.
	Empathetic	Dolcie has worked very hard this week and has been mature and thoughtful in her responses in our English lessons.
	Independent	Oliver chooses and makes decisions in Orchard Apples.
	Kind	Leo is kind to his friends and shows respect by taking turns politely.
	Brave	Ethan is pushing himself out of his comfort zone and exploring new textures.
	Motivated	Eric has been engaging so well with our “cause-and-effect” toys this week
	Patient	Erin is patient and kind towards all her friends in Orchard and is happy to take turns.

Our recent Curriculum Stars are:

Nursery Conkers	Riley has been listening so well to our class stories.
	Grayson is showing so much interest in books and listening to stories.
	Layla reads very regularly at home and has a real love of books.
	Louie loves looking at books
	Scarlett so enjoyed our dinosaur stories this week.
Reception Acorns	Some super number work from Sharu this week, who has been working on exploring numbers 6, 7 and 8.
	Roman is making very good progress with his reading.
	Noah has worked so hard this week in maths and has shown great understanding of part-whole models.
	Isabelle is reading every day at home and this is having a great impact on her learning in class as well.
	Layla has made such great progress in this week’s maths lessons about measurement.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Frank reads so well with an amazing “storyteller’s voice”.
	Logan challenges himself in our maths lessons and has the confidence to model his answers to the whole class.
	Ella shared her love of maths by creating a challenge for her classmates to complete.
	Tamsin works independently and is able to select the resources she needs to succeed in each lesson.
	Beau is a very careful and thorough worker. She reads instructions and thinks carefully about what is needed.
Year 2 Willow	Harlow is working so hard and making such pleasing progress in his phonics lessons.



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	Abbie is showing an amazing effort on Time Tables Rock Stars.
	Nevaeh reads at home consistently and this hard work is supporting the super progress she is making.
	Riley is making sure he reads at home every day.
	Harlow has been working very hard in his maths lessons.
Year 3 Holly	Alice is always ready for a challenge in her maths lessons.
	Jenson is showing such enthusiasm in our reading lessons and is discussing his books in detail.
	Ethan is reading regularly at home and this is making a really big difference to the super progress he is making in English lessons.
	Alexis has been so engaged in our maths lessons and has been offering support to others as a great learning partner.
	Harrison has been working so hard to develop his reading.
Year 4 Chestnut	Annabelle reads every day at home and this is supporting the great progress she is making in all areas of the curriculum.
	Mittziee's positive attitude towards her learning is a great example to all her classmates; she is not afraid of the learning pit and never gives up.
	Freya knows that reading is the key to all learning in school, and she makes sure always practises at home.
	Harvey is becoming a very confident mathematician and is making great contributions to our discussions.
	Georgia is reading every day at home and making great progress in lessons too.
Year 5 Elm	Tommy is showing great motivation in all aspects of his learning.
	Heidi has been giving some great answers in our fractions lessons this week.
	Farhan is practising his reading at home every day and is making such good progress in school as well.
	Isla loves reading both in class and at home.
	Alaska has been asking some super questions in our daily reading lessons.
Year 6 Oak	Lilly is absolutely smashing it in our guided reading lessons!
	Thomas is working so hard in our maths lessons and making a super effort.
	Charlie has been so motivated in our guided reading lessons this week.
	Finley has been demonstrating his good understanding in maths by sharing some great explanations with the class.
	Crystal has shared some super insights and ideas in guided reading lessons this week.

Our most recent "Respectful, Resilient and Ready" behaviour stars were Isaac who helps at the front door every day, Eliza who was incredibly kind at Young Voices, Faye who is a great learning partner and Vogue who has looked after Aisha so well since she joined our school.

Dates for your Diaries



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Friday 14 th March	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Monday 17 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings this week: No Wednesday Clubs
Friday 21 st March	Orchard Cherries Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Manchester Bus Tour trip
Friday 28 th March	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Monday 31 st March	Decorated eggs brought into school
Thursday 3 rd 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 th April	Whole School Bunny Hop in support of Willow Wood Hospice
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holiday
HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 22nd April	School opens for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 30 th April	Nursery Conkers trip to Pony Patch, Glossop
Thursday 1 st May	Reception Acorns trip to Pony Patch, Glossop
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 3 rd July	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes trip to Portland Basin
Friday 4 th July	Orchard Cherries Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Monday 7 th July	Conkers and Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Friday 11 th July	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am
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	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 21st July	Staff in school: training day
Tuesday 22nd July	Staff in school: training day

Kindest Regards,



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