



Newsletter
Thursday 24th April 2025
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Dear Families,

1. Y5 Family Dinner Day: Now rescheduled to Friday 4th July

Please note that the Year 5 Family Dinner Day which was originally scheduled for Friday 9th May has now been rescheduled to Friday 4th July. This is to allow us to have a special "Street party" lunch on Friday 9th May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day which was the end of the Second World War in Europe.

2. VE Day Celebrations in School: Friday 9th May

The children will be learning about VE day on Thursday 8th May. As this is also class photograph day, we will save our school-based celebrations until Friday 9th May. The children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes – hopefully in the colours of red, white and blue to reflect the colours of the Union Jack flag.

School dinner on Friday 9th May will be a special buffet style sandwich lunch for everyone. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home but would like to join in the fun at school, you can book and pay for a meal via Arbor.



3. Homework Leaflets

Your child should have brought their latest "home learning" booklets home just before we broke up for the Easter Holiday. If you have not yet received one, please message your child's class teacher via Dojo and we will pop a copy in their book bag.

There is no longer a set date for all homework to be returned to school. Instead we invite families to share family learning with us as and when it is completed. All work sent back into school will be celebrated in class and put on display for everyone to enjoy. Happy learning everyone!

4. Class Photographs: Thursday 8th May

Please ensure all children are dressed in smart, clean school uniform for their photograph. The children will take their shoes off for the pictures, so think about socks too! Thank you.

5. Early Years Open Morning: Wednesday 7th May

You and your neighbours should soon receive a leaflet inviting you to call into school and look round our beautifully refurbished Early Years department. We are looking forward to showing lots of visitors around Nursery and Reception so you can see how our youngest children enjoy learning and playing together.

6. Summer Term Dinner Choices Now on Arbor

We have changed the way you choose school dinner choices for your children. The new menu is now live on Arbor ready for you to make your selections.



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Nursery families who do not yet have access to Arbor should have received a paper copy of the menu; please let us know if you do not have one and we will send a copy home.

7. Wednesday Clubs

After school clubs will start again on Wednesday 7th May and run until Wednesday 25th June. We will be stopping clubs earlier than in previous terms to allow time for performances, new children visits etc: this is a very busy term! Look out for the booking letters which will be coming home early next week.

8. 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, all bookings for Early Birds and Night Owls for Primary School children must now be made on-line on Arbor. Unfortunately, Arbor does not have the facility for block-bookings so you will need make each booking individually.

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.

9. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

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

Nursery Conkers	Kind	Mabel has settled beautifully into Nursery and is so kind to all her classmates.
	Brave	Ada may be a new member of the Conkers team, but she has joined in every activity on offer with great enthusiasm.
Reception Acorns	Kind	Noah is a such a kind boy who looks out for his friends and offers support whenever he can.
	Brave	Azora is a great example of “feeling the fear but doing it anyway”! She doesn’t let nerves hold her back and gives 100% to everything she does.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Kind	Oliver is always kind to his classmates and loves to help the grown-ups with jobs.
	Brave	Frank relishes a new challenge and shares his enthusiasm and knowledge with other children in Silver Birch Class.
Year 2 Willow	Kind	Phakin is always kind to the other children in Willow Class.
	Brave	Hunter works so hard and tackles challenging tasks bravely and enthusiastically.
Year 3 Holly	Curious	Florence is such an inquisitive learner. She asks some great questions and loves to learn new vocabulary.



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	Independent	Lydia not only enjoys working independently, she is also always ready to encourage and support her learning partners to do their best.
Year 4 Chestnut	Curious	Florence asks such interesting questions to further her own learning.
	Independent	Annabelle is not afraid to ask for help when she needs it, but she always gives everything a go first and works independently whenever she can.
Year 5 Elm	Democratic	Natasha respects the decisions of others and is always polite.
	Moral	Spencer has a clear understanding of right and wrong and does his very best to follow class rules and tell the truth at all times.
Year 6 Oak	Resilient	Mia has shown real drive and determination in her learning this week.
	Moral	Oliver has a very clear moral code and always tries to the right thing in every circumstance.
Orchard Groups	Kind	Jack has been very kind and sharing with his classmates when building towers this week.
	Brave	Freya is always ready for a new challenge.

Our recent Curriculum Stars are:

Nursery Conkers	Freya loves listening to stories
	Blossom is developing a real love of books.
Reception Acorns	Maisie is our maths star because she loves numbers and finding patterns.
	Lolah just loves books!
Year 1 Silver Birch	George has such a positive attitude in every maths lesson.
	Ellia is such an avid reader both in school and at home.
Year 2 Willow	Oliver has been shining in this week's maths lessons on adding different lengths.
	Leo is reading so much and making excellent progress.
Year 3 Holly	It is so pleasing to see Marley gain confidence in our maths lesson. He is working hard and making great progress.
	Ethan is practising his reading at home and making some great contributions in our guided reading lessons in school.
Year 4 Chestnut	Mittziee is working so hard to make progress in reading – indeed she has a fantastic attitude to all her learning!
	Carter is really applying himself in our maths lessons and making some great contributions to the class learning.
Year 5 Elm	Harriet is gaining confidence with her reading and is contributing some great answers about our class novel.
	Archie loves books and is such an enthusiastic reader.



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Year 6 Oak	Kobi is showing real determination to make progress in maths, attending before school tuition lessons and giving 100% in class.
	Amber has a really positive attitude towards her reading and is making great progress.

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 22nd April	School opens for Summer Term 1
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut behind the scenes visit and workshop at Buxton Opera House
Wednesday 30 th April	Nursery Conkers trip to Pony Patch, Glossop
Thursday 1 st May	Reception Acorns trip to Pony Patch, Glossop
Thursday 1 st March	Local Elections: Gamesley Library being used as polling station
Friday 2 nd May	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Monday 5th May	School closed: Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 7 th May	Early Years Open Morning
Wednesday 7 th May	Wednesday clubs begin
Thursday 8 th May	Individual photographs
Friday 9 th May	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm Now taking place on Friday 4 th July 2025
Friday 9 th May	VE Day celebrations in school
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 16 th May	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 3 Holly Class to take part in Victorious Voices
Thursday 22nd May	School closes for half term holiday
Friday 23 rd May	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak behind the scenes visit and workshop at Buxton Opera House
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Monday 2nd June	School opens for Summer Term 2
Friday 6 th June	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Thursday 12 th June	"Parkrun" afternoon in school: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 13 th June	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Thursday 19 th June	"Parkrun" afternoon in school: Early Years, Years 1 and 2
Friday 20 th June	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Wednesday 25 th June	Last clubs night of the summer term.
Friday 27 th June	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Oak Class Production: 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 1 Silver Birch and Year 2 Willow Classes trip to Portland Basin



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Friday 4 th July	Orchard Cherries Family Dinner Day 11.50am Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Monday 7 th July	Conkers and Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes trip to Carsington Water
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	<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 4th September 2025

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith