



Newsletter
Thursday 30th January 2025
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Dear Families,

1. Mrs McEwan

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Andrea McEwan will be leaving Gamesley Primary School on Friday to take up an exciting new position supporting the central Trust team. Andrea will be missed very much by everyone at Gamesley but we are pleased that we will still see her in her role at the Trust.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Andrea for her years of dedicated service at Gamesley and wishing her every happiness in her new role.

2. Nuts and Allergies

Just a reminder that we are trying very hard to be a nut free school as we have a child here who has an extremely serious, indeed life-threatening, allergy. Please do not send any food into school which contains or may contain nuts or sesame.

If your child has eaten nuts for breakfast, please ensure they wash their hands and clean their teeth before they come into school.

Thank you everyone.

3. "Bookmark" Reading Charity

As you may have seen on our Facebook page, we are very pleased that the Bookmark charity is working closely with our school to support all our children in developing a love of books. They have donated over £2000 worth of books to school and soon we will be welcoming a team of reading volunteers into school, funded by Bookmark.

They have also given us a year's free subscription to their "Story Corner" magazine for all children in reception class upwards, and tomorrow your child will be bringing their first copy home to share with you. We hope you will enjoy reading the stories and completing the activities with your child.

4. Stars of the Week and Curriculum Stars:

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

Nursery Conkers	Patient	Layla is so good at sharing and waiting her turn.
	Curious	Elsie is interested in everything we do and cannot wait to start learning each morning.
Reception Acorns	Patient	Dilly is trying hard to be patient and wait her turn.
	Curious	Arlo asks some great questions and loves to find out more about the world around him.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Patient	Alfred never rushes his learning. He takes his time and makes sure he produces the best work possible.
	Curious	Oliver is a very curious and interested learner.



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Year 2 Willow	Patient	Riley has been patient and calm when facing challenges in his learning.
	Curious	Harlow loves to learn and asks lots of questions to find out more.
Year 3 Holly	Motivated	Harrison has worked so hard in our English lessons this week and shared some great ideas with the rest of the class.
	Grateful	Isabelle is so grateful for any adult support and always thanks us for our input.
Year 4 Chestnut	Motivated	Eliza's motivation and enthusiasm is infectious – everyone around her wants to do well too!
	Grateful	Harrison is such a contented and grateful child who makes the most of every learning opportunity.
Year 5 Elm	Motivated	Riley is giving 100% to all his learning and making great contributions in every lesson.
	Grateful	Millie thanks adults and children for their help and support.
Year 6 Oak	Motivated	Annabella always applies herself and is motivated to do the best she can.
	Grateful	When Mia was offered the opportunity to access some extra tuition at school, she embraced it fully and is working exceptionally hard.
Orchard Groups	Patient	Freya is so good at waiting her turn and sharing with others.
	Curious	Freddie loves to explore all the activities in Orchard Apples Class.

Our recent Curriculum Stars are:

Nursery Conkers	Dylan has loved listening to stories this week in Conkers Class.
	Fatima loves looking at books and listening to stories.
Reception Acorns	Great subitising from Isaiah this week. (<i>Subitising is the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them.</i>)
	Dee Dee is an enthusiastic reader who loves books and always works hard in her phonics lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Llando is now a Rekenrek expert and is using it very well to support him in his maths lessons.
	Leo is working so hard in his phonics lessons.
Year 2 Willow	We are so impressed with how hard Vogue is working in her phonics lessons and by the great progress she is making.
	Ruby is using her maths vocabulary so well to explain her thinking to her classmates.
Year 3 Holly	Charlie is demonstrating great commitment to his learning by remembering to read at home every day.



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	Delilah has been working very hard in our maths lessons this week and has mastered some tricky concepts.
Year 4 Chestnut	Thomas always works hard in our maths lessons and he shows super resilience when faced with a tricky problem to solve.
	Isaac is working so hard to improve his reading and is developing super fluency and understanding.
Year 5 Elm	Marshall is a thoughtful reader who is always able to discuss what he has read.
	Natasha never forgets to read at home and is developing a great love of books.
Year 6 Oak	Finley is putting 100% into his reading both in guided lessons in school and by practising regularly at home.
	Eva is such a talented mathematician who embraces challenge.

Our most recent “Respectful, Resilient and Ready” behaviour stars were Matilda who is always ready to help anyone on Silver Birch Class and Riley who is hardworking and enthusiastic in every lesson.

Dates for your Diaries

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
Thursday 27 th February	Year 3 Holly and Year 6 Oak Classes trips to Ashton Central Mosque
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
Monday 17 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings this week.
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
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.
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



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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,

Deborah Meredith