



Newsletter  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
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Dear Families,

### 1. Thank you!

Once again, we have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of our families. This year's Bunny Hop raised nearly £1500. Thank you so much everyone!



### 2. Staffing updates for September 2025

As you may already be aware, I've been spending some time in other schools in the Trust this year and this will be continuing in the future. My job title will be changing to "Executive Head" meaning that while I will still be very involved with Gamesley, I won't necessarily be in school every day.

Don't worry – the school will be in very safe hands! Ms Sutherland will take up the role of Head of School, Mrs Malik will be Assistant Head and Miss Brown will take over Ms Sutherland's current role as SENCO.

### 3. Headlice Alert!

Sadly after a few quiet weeks, our little visitors are back! Please don't be offended if we give you a call to let you know that we have spotted some little visitors in your child's hair. If you comb live lice out with a nit comb and plenty of conditioner as soon as you see them, you may have a chance to prevent them from laying their eggs (nits) which are so much harder to remove as they stick to the hair shafts.

### 4. Nursery Timetable from September 2025

We are very pleased that so many families are now choosing Gamesley Nursery for their 2 and 3 year olds early education. However, as more children join us, we need to make sure that we use the space and staff as efficiently as possible.

Therefore, from September our core offer for children who are funded for 15 hours each week will be:

Younger children (Nursery E1 and N1): Children can join this group in the term after their second birthday.	Afternoon Sessions in Catkins Class: 12.15 to 3.15
Preschool (N2): For children in their final Nursery year before moving to Reception Class. (In September this will be for those who will attain their 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday between 01.09.2025 and 31.08.2026)	Morning Sessions in Conkers Class: 8.45 to 11.45

There will continue to be full time places for children who are funded for 30 hours each week and there will also the option to pay for additional sessions in addition to the core offer.



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

Congratulations to our values stars from the last term who were:

<b>Nursery Conkers</b>	Honest	Grayson is very fair. He always takes turns and shares with his friends.
	Patient	Oscar is so patient and is able to wait for his turn and share.
	Curious	Riley is so interested in everything we learn in Nursery.
	Independent	Jorgie has worked independently to create some brilliant art work this week.
<b>Reception Acorns</b>	Honest	Tillie is kind, open and honest and as a result she has lots of friends in school.
	Patient	Sharu was so patient on our school trip and waited calmly for her turn to groom a pony.
	Curious	Reenie is loving learning about animals and is asking some great questions to find out more.
	Independent	Bella chooses her own activities and tries to solve problems before seeking adult help.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Honest	Leo is honest about his learning and takes his time to produce the best work he can.
	Patient	Annabelle always waits her turn. She also takes her time with her work, ensuring she always produces her best.
	Curious	Austin asks some great questions to find out more.
	Independent	Oscar always gives 100% when he is working independently.
<b>Year 2 Willow</b>	Honest	Abbie is always honest, both with her friends and with the adults in school.
	Patient	Olivia is always patient with her learning and is also an excellent turn-taker.
	Curious	Darcy asks some great questions in our lessons – she just loves to learn!
	Independent	Harlow has been working so hard in his maths lessons this week and has been completing lots of questions independently.
<b>Year 3 Holly</b>	Resilient	Marley is coping so well with managing adult reminders and as a result he is making great progress.
	Creative	Cody used his imagination to create a brilliant character description.
	Confident	We have been so pleased to see Jenson gain confidence with his writing. He is making great progress!
	Thoughtful	Amber is a thoughtful learner who takes great care with her work, especially her beautiful presentation.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut</b>	Resilient	Beau is grasping the concept of the “Learning Pit”; she keeps trying hard even when she finds a new concept tricky.



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	Creative	Georgia is a creative thinker who finds different ways to approach her learning.
	Confident	Alyssa is developing such pleasing confidence. She produces work of this highest quality, makes great contributions in class and is always ready to help others with their learning too!
	Thoughtful	Eliza is always kind and ready to help others.
<b>Year 5 Elm</b>	Spiritual	Avarie is a thoughtful girl who thinks deeply and asks some great questions.
	Mindful	Farhan is thoughtful and considerate and is always aware of others in his class.
	Kind	Olivia is thoughtful and considerate of everyone's feelings. She shows great empathy.
	Brave	Isabelle is becoming a brave learner who is able to push herself and take risks.
<b>Year 6 Oak</b>	Mindful	Tommie is a reflective learner who is also mindful of the needs of others in his class.
	Kind	Belle just embodies kindness – she is respectful and caring towards everyone in her class.
	Brave	Thomas was “as cool as a cucumber” during SATS week: unruffled, calm and ready for the challenge!
<b>Orchard Groups</b>	Motivated	Bodie is so keen to join in everything in Orchard Apples Class and he loves to learn.
	Patient	Freddie is able to wait patiently for his turn during group activities.
	Curious	Oliver is very inquisitive and loves to explore the learning environment.
	Independent	Jaxon is so independent when he joins Year 3 Holly Class for some of their lessons recently

Our recent Curriculum Stars are:

<b>Nursery Conkers</b>	Elsie loves to share books with an adult in our class library corner.
	Grayson has been using puppets and props to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.
	Hope has loved reading Maisy Mouse books this week.
	Elsie has enjoyed listening to the story of “The Three Little Pigs” and using props to join in with the story.
<b>Reception Acorns</b>	Jasper has been creating some beautiful complex patterns in our maths lessons.
	Lilah has found creative ways to build numbers up to 14.



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	Bonnie loves to read, both in school and at home.
	Dilly is showing great engagement with her learning and developing increasing accuracy when counting.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Ella has a great attitude towards her reading and also loves to look after our class library.
	Tilly is so enthusiastic in our maths lessons and is making great progress.
	Bobby is able to make links and spot themes between different books he has read.
	Kyon is so skilled at using sentence stems and the correct vocabulary when explaining his learning.
<b>Year 2 Willow</b>	Yowel is putting such incredible effort into phonics lessons and making great progress.
	Ruby has really engaged with our recent unit on fractions.
	Pawa is such an enthusiastic reader who is working very hard in school and at home.
	Harper has been drawing clock faces with great accuracy this week.
<b>Year 3 Holly</b>	Daisy is making such a strong effort in maths and is really driving her own learning.
	Kaleb loves to read and makes super contributions to our lessons.
	Mylah is an independent mathematician who will always give new learning a go herself before asking for adult help.
	Lincoln is always ready for a challenge in his maths lessons.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut</b>	Mia always reads at home and this is showing in the super vocabulary and ideas she applies to her written work in school.
	Mittziee has been working so hard to learn her times tables!
	Adam is showing great determination in our maths lessons and it is lovely to see the super progress he is making.
	Olivia can articulate her thinking so clearly in our maths lessons.
<b>Year 5 Elm</b>	Sienna has demonstrated such good understanding in our poetry lessons.
	Sydney has a great attitude in our maths lessons, never gives up and even asks for extra work!
	Luca is making such pleasing progress with his reading.
	Riley has loved spotting the clues in our murder mystery text. He could make a great detective in the future!
<b>Year 6 Oak</b>	Flo is making great progress in our maths lessons.
	Heidi has demonstrated amazing inference skills in our reading lessons this week.
	Shaynie should feel very proud of her hard work in our maths lessons leading to very pleasing progress.



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Oliver has made such great progress in his reading throughout the year and as a result he was confident and calm in his SATs test this week.
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## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day for Years 1 to 6: 9.30am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for new Reception Acorns families: 6.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	"Parkrun" afternoon in school: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 to 6: 9.30 am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Brass concert: 1.30 / Year 5 Brass concert: 2.15
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	"Parkrun" afternoon in school: Early Years, Years 1 and 2
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Sports Day (Catkins, Conkers and Acorns): 9.30am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last clubs night of the summer term.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day: 12.00
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reserve Early Years Sports Day (Catkins, Conkers and Acorns): 9.30am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Oak Class Production: 2.00pm and 6.00pm
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 Year 5 Elm Family Dinner Day 12.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	New intake Reception visit: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes trip to Carsington Water
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Conkers and Acorns trip to Formby Beach
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak Classes trip to Llandudno
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Orchard Apples Family Dinner Day 11.50am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	New intake Reception visit: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
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>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Staff training day in Manchester</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>School opens for Autumn Term 1</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 residential trip to Whitehall Centre



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Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual children's photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Open Evening
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School closes for half term holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>School opens for Autumn Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School opens for Spring Term 1</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closes for half term holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>School opens for Spring Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School closes for Easter holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed (Bank Holiday)</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for half term holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes for Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
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***School opens again for the children on Thursday 3rd September 2026***

Kindest Regards,

*Deborah Meredith*