



Dear Families,

## 1. Forest school dates

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Elm Class
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Oak Class
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Willow Class
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Holly Class
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Chestnut Class
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 5 Elm Class
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Oak Class

## 2. Attendance

Well done to Orchard and Chestnut Classes, who exceeded our target of 96% attendance this week. We're so proud of you! The children enjoyed some Golden Time this afternoon to celebrate.

## 3. Well-Being Award

As you know, we have been busy preparing for our accreditation visit in November for the Wellbeing Award for Schools. Below is a number of ways that you can support your children's well-being at home.

# Working Together to Meet Children's Wellbeing Needs.

## Physical and Basic Needs

- **Provide good nutrition and sleep:** These are foundational for both physical and mental health.
- **Encourage physical activity:** Daily walks or other exercise release feel-good hormones and help children release energy.
- **Create a safe environment:** A sense of safety is crucial for self-esteem and well-being.

## Emotional and Mental Health

- **Be there to listen:** Regularly check in with your child to create an open environment where they feel comfortable discussing their feelings.
- **Validate their feelings:** Help them put words to their emotions, and show empathy by seeing things from their perspective rather than minimising their concerns.

- **Be a role model:** Show your child how you cope with difficult emotions and look after your own mental and physical health.
- **Support their interests:** Help them identify and develop their passions, as this helps them thrive.

## Building Confidence and Independence

- **Encourage decision-making:** Give children opportunities to make their own choices and teach them that mistakes are learning opportunities.
- **Value their contributions:** Show your child that you value them by appreciating their strengths and achievements.
- **Play together:** Playing together not only helps children learn and solve problems but also strengthens your bond.

## Communication and Connection

- **Show affection:** Hugs, kisses, and other forms of physical affection reinforce feelings of love and security.
- **Use positive language:** Focus on your child's strengths and achievements, and show genuine interest in what they say.
- **Communicate effectively:** Show you are listening by giving eye contact and asking questions, even with babies.

### 4. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Patient stars who we celebrated last Friday:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Patient Star	Matilda always tells the truth.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Patient Star	Tobias waits patiently for his friends and teachers.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Patient Star	Isiah takes his time with work.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Patient Star	Ellia is a patient friend.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Patient Star	Leo always waits patiently for help. He is kind and patient with his friends.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Patient Star	Kaleb is very patient and always ready to learn.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Patient Star	Emma is always ready to learn and waits patiently for instructions.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Patient Star	Isabelle is a lovely patient member of the class.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Patient Star	Freddie waits patiently to take his turn.

...and also to our curriculum stars who were:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Blossom who loves listening to stories.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Lottie who enjoys story time and enthusiastically joins in with stories, rhymes and songs.

<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Reenie who asks great questions during story time.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	George who takes ownership of his home reading.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Maths Star	Harlow is reading daily at home and in class.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Maths Star	Alexis is making a big effort with her reading at home.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Maths Star	Harrison reads every night and is making a great effort.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Marshall is an avid reader and has amazing vocabulary as a result.

Many congratulations to our Curious stars who we celebrated today:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Curious Star	Elsie is so interested in our Autumn project.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Curious Star	Minnie was curious at the park, investigating the natural environment.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Curious Star	Dee Dee was enthusiastic about the science experiment.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Curious Star	Alfred is curious about how he can develop his learning further.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Curious Star	Ilsa -Rose is always waiting to find out more.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Curious Star	Alfred loves to learn more about his project.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Curious Star	Thomas asks questions to further his learning.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Curious Star	Lucas suggests amazing theories in guided reading lessons.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Curious Star	Erin is curious about our learning activities and always wants to take part.

...and also to our curriculum stars who were:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Aurora always loves listening to stories.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Grayson has done some super work in maths.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Maisie has been working independently in maths.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	Raina always actively participates
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Maths Star	Pawa has been working really hard in maths.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Maths Star	Stanley always does his best in maths.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Maths Star	Logan is resilient in maths.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Ariella has worked hard in reading.

## 5. 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.

Year 1 2025/26	Conkers	Acorns	Silver Birch	Willow	Holly	Chestnut	Elm	Oak
Trip 1	Manor Park Conkers – 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Acorns – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Manchester Art Gallery	Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 £23.61	Farm Experience	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 £30.30 per child	Alton Towers				

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				

We have lots of exciting enrichment activities planned for our Orchard Class and we will let parents know about any planned trips in due course, when the children have settled back into school.

## Dates for your Diaries

HOLIDAY	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 residential trip to Whitehall Centre
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Elm Class Forest School
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Z-Arts Theatre
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Conkers "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Acorns "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual children's photographs
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Oak Class Forest School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Open Evening: 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parties in Catkins, Conkers, Acorns and Orchard Classes
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Spooky Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b><i>School closes for half term holiday</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b><i>School opens for Autumn Term 2</i></b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Swimming Pool on site for 4 weeks: swimming lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Forest School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Acorns and Conkers library visit
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Willow Class Forest School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Holly Class Forest School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Chestnut Class Forest School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 5 Elm Class Forest School
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Acorns and Conkers library visit
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Oak Class Forest school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Conkers "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Acorns "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Holly Class sing at "Victorious Voices" concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime "Robin Hood" in school.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Orchard Class Family Dinner Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Conkers and Acorns Christmas Singalong: 9.15am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Silver Birch and Willow Classes nativity play: 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Parties in Catkins, Conkers, Acorns and Orchard Classes
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>School closes for Christmas holiday</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><i>School opens for Spring Term 1</i></b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b><i>School closes for half term holiday</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b><i>School opens for Spring Term 2</i></b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b><i>School closes for Easter holiday</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b><i>School opens for Summer Term 1</i></b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b><i>School closed (Bank Holiday)</i></b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b><i>School closes for half term holiday</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b><i>School opens for Summer Term 2</i></b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin (over next two weeks)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics screening this week

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Chester Zoo
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>School closes for Summer Holiday</i></b>
<b>Monday 20th July</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September 26</b>	<b><i>Staff training day in Manchester</i></b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September 26</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 26</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>