



NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th September 2025
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Dear families,

1. Forest school dates

Tuesday 16 th September	Year 1 Silver Birch Class
Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 2 Willow Class
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 3 Holly Class
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 4 Chestnut Class
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 5 Elm Class
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 6 Oak Class
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 2 Willow Class
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 3 Holly Class
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 4 Chestnut Class
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 Elm Class
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 6 Oak Class

2. Attendance

A big well done to our children and families as this week, four classes reached our attendance target of 96% by being in school every day and on time. Keep up the fantastic effort. We're aiming even higher next week!

3. The start of the day

We have been made aware of some congestion at nursery drop-off, which has made it difficult for some families, especially those with buggies. From Monday, the bottom nursery gate will be opened earlier, so families can wait by the inner gate instead.

We hope this small change makes drop-off smoother for everyone. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

4. The end of the day

The safety of our children is always our top priority. Please remember that we will always hold children back if a different adult comes to collect them and they are not on the contact list. In these cases, staff may need to contact a parent or carer for verbal permission before we allow the child to leave.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe.

5. Nursery books

Nursery reading books will be changed every Monday. For the rest of the week, families are welcome to keep reading bags at home and enjoy sharing stories together. Just a few minutes of reading each day makes a big difference. It helps build a love of books, strengthens language, and creates a lovely time to share.

6. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our kindness stars who we celebrated today:

Nursery Conkers Class	Kind Star	Arthur is kind and gentle to everyone in Conkers Class.
Reception Acorns Class	Kind Star	Amaya is always kind and helps the grown ups to tidy the class.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Kind Star	Vada looks after everyone in the class and is helpful to the grown ups.
Year 2 Willow Class	Kind Star	Beau is kind to everyone in her class.
Year 3 Holly Class	Kind Star	Holly is kind to adults and children alike.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Kind Star	Alexis is kind and helpful, especially with her learning partner.
Year 5 Elm Class	Kind Star	Olivia is always going out of her way to pay compliments. Invite others to play, and share ideas.
Year 6 Oak Class	Kind Star	Tommy helps others and shows kindness to everybody.
Orchard Class	Kind Star	Alfie always shares his toys and has welcomed everyone back to Orchard Class.

...and also to our curriculum stars who are

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Hudson loves sharing books and acting out stories with our toys and puppets.
Reception Acorns Class	Reading Star	George has worked hard, matching objects.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	Arlo has found lots of ways to sort objects.
Year 2 Willow Class	Reading Star	Reggie has done lots of reading at home.
Year 3 Holly Class	Maths Star	Yowel has worked very hard in maths, showing great concentration.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Tommy is working really hard in maths and tried so hard with his homework.
Year 5 Elm Class	Maths Star	Adam-Lahsean has demonstrated real resilience in maths.
Year 6 Oak Class	Reading Star	Erin pushes herself in maths and has a positive attitude.

1. Best wishes to Mrs Barton

We would like to wish Mrs Barton all the very best in her retirement. After many years of hard work and

commitment at Gamesley School, she is moving on to a new and exciting chapter. We thank Mrs Barton for her contribution to the school and wish her happiness in the years ahead.

2. 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 and will go “live” on Arbor as soon as the new school year starts next week (some payments have already been taken for the Year 6 residential trip).

Year 1 2025/26	Conkers	Acorns	Silver Birch	Willow	Holly	Chestnut	Elm	Oak
Trip 1	Manor Park		Manchester Art Gallery		Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15th October 2025 £23.61		Farm Experience	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13th 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 8th 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	
Tuesday 16 th September	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Forest School
Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 2 Willow Class Forest School
Thursday 25 th September	Conkers Class “Wheelie Morning”
Friday 26 th September	Acorns Class “Wheelie Morning”
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 3 Holly Class Forest school
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 4 Chestnut Class Forest School
Thursday 9 th October	Acorns and Conkers library visit

Monday 13 th October	Year 6 residential trip to Whitehall Centre
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 5 Elm Class Forest School
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Z-Arts Theatre
Wednesday 15 th October	Nursery Conkers "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 15 th October	Reception Acorns "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 16 th October	Individual children's photographs
Friday 17 th October	Year 6 Oak Class Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 6 Oak Class Forest School
Wednesday 22 nd October	Open Evening: 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Parties in Catkins, Conkers, Acorns and Orchard Classes
Thursday 23 rd October	Spooky Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 24 th October	Year 5 Elm Class Family Dinner Day
Friday 24th October	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 3rd November	School opens for Autumn Term 2
Monday 3 rd November	Swimming Pool on site for 4 weeks: swimming lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Forest School
Thursday 6 th November	Acorns and Conkers library visit
Friday 7 th November	Year 4 Chestnut Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 2 Willow Class Forest School
Friday 14 th November	Year 3 Holly Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 3 Holly Class Forest School
Friday 21 st November	Year 2 Willow Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 4 Chestnut Class Forest School
Friday 28 th November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 Elm Class Forest School
Thursday 4 th December	Acorns and Conkers library visit
Friday 5 th December	Reception Acorns Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 6 Oak Class Forest school
Wednesday 10 th December	Nursery Conkers "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 10.45am to 11.45am
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception Acorns "Stay and Play" Family Learning session: 2.00pm to 3.00pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 3 Holly Class sing at "Victorious Voices" concert
Thursday 11 th December	Pantomime "Robin Hood" in school.
Friday 12 th December	Orchard Class Family Dinner Day
Monday 15 th December	Conkers and Acorns Christmas Singalong: 9.15am
Wednesday 17 th December	Silver Birch and Willow Classes nativity play: 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 18 th December	Parties in Catkins, Conkers, Acorns and Orchard Classes
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 19th December	School closes for Christmas holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term 1

Friday 13th February	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 23rd February	School opens for Spring Term 2
Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 13th April	School opens for Summer Term 1
Monday 4th May	School closed (Bank Holiday)
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 21st May	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 1st June	School opens for Summer Term 2
Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin (over next two weeks)
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening this week
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Chester Zoo
Friday 17th July	School closes for Summer Holiday
Monday 20th July	Staff in school: training day
Tuesday 21st July	Staff in school: training day
HOLIDAY	
Wed 2nd September 26	Staff training day in Manchester
Thurs 3rd September 26	Staff in school: training day
Friday 4th September 26	Staff in school: training day