



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Dear Families,

### 1. Forest school dates

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 Oak Class, who achieved the highest attendance this week, exceeding our 96% target. They have earned themselves some Golden Time.

### 3. Swimming lessons in Years 4, 5 and 6

After last year's success, we will once again be offering swimming lessons on the school site for four full weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The pool will arrive on site over the half term holiday and it will be staffed by a fully qualified swimming instructor Abi, supported by a full-time life guard.

As we will spend the first couple of days assessing the children, please can every child in Chestnut, Elm and Oak Classes bring their swimming kit of costume, towel, hat (and goggles if they wish to wear them) to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November? We will be back in touch once the week starts to let you know which days your children will be swimming once we've completed these assessments.

You are welcome to come onto the playground when the gates open on the morning of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to view the pool, meet Abi and ask any questions you may have.

### 4. Wellbeing at Gamesley School and Nursery

As you know we are working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools by the end of this November.

You can find out more about our approaches to supporting all our children's mental health on our school wellbeing page [Wellbeing at Gamesley Primary School – Gamesley Primary School](#)

Here you will also find links to several useful documents including our Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, our Pastoral Care Policy and a comprehensive directory of support services that we can signpost you to.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you feel we can offer you any help or support.

## 5. Spooky Disco

Thursday 23rd October, 4.00pm to 5.00pm (Year 1 to Year 6)

Our first disco of the year will have a spooky theme. Children are welcome to come in Hallowe'en clothes if they wish, but please bear in mind that the theme is SPOOKY and not SCARY! We want our youngest children to have fun and not be frightened, so no masks or pretend weapons etc. please!

The cost of the disco is £2.00 payable on the door and no extra money is needed as this includes something to eat, drinks and face painting.

Our Orchard, Acorns, Conkers and Catkins children will be having their own spooky fun activities in class on Thursday instead of attending the disco.

We are hoping to decorate the hall and classrooms with some spooky carved pumpkins. There will be a prize for everyone who brings a carved pumpkin to school on Thursday 24th October and we will provide battery tealights so your pumpkins can be displayed in their full glory.

## 6. Early Birds and Night Owls Booking

In order to make sure that we have the appropriate number of staff for our Wrap Around provision, we cannot accept any bookings after 12pm Midday, for that day's Night Owls or the following morning's Early Birds. Many thanks for your understanding.

## 7. Poppy Appeal



We are now selling Poppies and other items to raise money for the Poppy Appeal.

Children can purchase a:

- poppy for a small contribution
- reflective poppy for their back pack, for 50p
- Bracelet for £1
- Snap band for £1.50

Your contributions to this wonderful cause will be very gratefully received.

## 8. Stars of the Week

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Independent Star	Louie has been very independent this week.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Independent Star	Freya selects and uses resources and play materials independently, and she returns them to the correct place.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Independent Star	Azora comes into school and independently tackles her morning tasks.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Independent Star	Bobby works independently and always challenges himself.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Independent Star	Darcy always works independently.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Independent Star	Charlie is always independent in his learning.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Independent Star	Mia always tries to solve problems independently.

<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Independent Star	Isla independently tackled brand new challenges at Whitehall.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Independent Star	Jaxon is driving his own learning with real enthusiasm.

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Charlie loves books.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Freya has learned many Set 1 sounds and can blend them to read words.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Roman is an enthusiastic reader.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Maths Star	Hunter has shone with his independent maths work.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Reading Star	Amira has given some great responses in guided reading.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Reading Star	Mylah is really enthusiastic about her reading.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Reading Star	Ivy uses effective vocabulary as a result of reading widely.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	George has worked hard in both maths and English this week.

## 9. 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		<b>Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 £23.61</b>		Farm Experience	<b>Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 £215 in total</b>
Trip 2	Dinosaur Workshop Teach Rex?		Chatsworth Park		Church	Church	Synagogue	Synagogue
Trip 3	Bridgewater Gardens		Lytham St. Anne's		<b>Chester Zoo Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 £30.30 per child</b>		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
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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

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
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>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>
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>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 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed (Bank Holiday)</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
<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>
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>School closes for Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September 26</b>	<b>Staff training day in Manchester</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September 26</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 26</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>