



Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

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

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 3rd November to Friday 28th 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 3rd and Tuesday 4th 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 3rd 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:

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

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

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Charlie loves books.
Reception Acorns Class	Reading Star	Freya has learned many Set 1 sounds and can blend them to read words.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	Roman is an enthusiastic reader.
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Hunter has shone with his independent maths work.
Year 3 Holly Class	Reading Star	Amira has given some great responses in guided reading.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Reading Star	Mylah is really enthusiastic about her reading.
Year 5 Elm Class	Reading Star	Ivy uses effective vocabulary as a result of reading widely.
Year 6 Oak Class	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 th October 2025 Acorns – 9 th October 2025	Manchester Art Gallery	Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15 th October 2025 £23.61	Farm Experience	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13 th 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 th 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
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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

HOLIDAY	
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	<i>School closes for half term holiday</i>
HOLIDAY	
Monday 3rd November	<i>School opens for Autumn Term 2</i>
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	<i>School closes for Christmas holiday</i>
	HOLIDAY
Monday 5th January	<i>School opens for Spring Term 1</i>
Friday 13th February	<i>School closes for half term holiday</i>
	HOLIDAY
Monday 23rd February	<i>School opens for Spring Term 2</i>
Friday 27th March	<i>School closes for Easter holiday</i>
	HOLIDAY
Monday 13th April	<i>School opens for Summer Term 1</i>
Monday 4th May	School closed (Bank Holiday)
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 21st May	<i>School closes for half term holiday</i>
	HOLIDAY
Monday 1st June	<i>School opens for Summer Term 2</i>
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	<i>School closes for Summer Holiday</i>
Monday 20th July	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
Tuesday 21st July	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
	HOLIDAY
Wed 2nd September 26	<i>Staff training day in Manchester</i>
Thurs 3rd September 26	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>
Friday 4th September 26	<i>Staff in school: training day</i>