



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
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Dear Families,

### 1. Forest school dates

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 2 Willow Class
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Holly Class
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Chestnut Class
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 Holly Class and Chestnut Class, who exceeded our target of 96% attendance this week. We're so proud of you! Every day in school makes a difference. It means children don't miss out on valuable learning, special activities, or time with their friends. Even just a day or two away can make it harder to keep up, so we encourage everyone to aim high together. Let's keep working as a team so that more classes can reach (and even beat!) our 96% goal next week. Every day counts, and together we can make it happen!

### 3. Nursery morning pick up

Just a reminder that the morning session for Nursery ends at 11.40am and gates will be opened promptly to avoid children waiting for too long.

### 4. We are a nut free school

A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school to help keep all of our children safe. We kindly ask families not to send in snacks or lunches that contain nuts, and to avoid items labelled "may contain nuts." We know this can sometimes be tricky when shopping, but your support makes a huge difference for the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. Thank you for working with us to keep our school safe for everyone.

## 5. A message from Isla: Charnwood House Captain

“Congratulations to everyone in Charnwood, for achieving a full tube of house points. We will have an extra, well-earned playtime on Monday. I feel so proud of everyone in my house. Keep up the good work!”

## 6. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Brave stars who we celebrated today:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Brave Star	Millie is always brave and willing to try new things.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Brave Star	Harvey is so resilient when playing and learning.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Brave Star	Luca is brave and challenges himself with his learning.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Brave Star	Leo tries to master new skills with real bravery.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Brave Star	Elliot takes risks with his learning.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Brave Star	Florence is always brave with her learning.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Brave Star	Phoebe has been so brave starting a new school and has settled in well.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Brave Star	Millie is brave with her work, and socially. She always stand up for what she knows is right.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Brave Star	Lucas has been so brave, starting in Orchard Class and has made a brilliant start.

...and also to our curriculum stars who are

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Jaxon loves to share books.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Harper enjoys reading in school and at home.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Lolah puts 100% effort into reading lessons in school.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	Annabelle is a great partner teacher.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Maths Star	Abbie enjoys even the trickiest challenges in maths.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Maths Star	Henry is enjoying our novel so much, he has bought a copy to read at home.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Maths Star	Rayah has impressed us with her growing inference skills.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Alaska loves our guided reading sessions and works so hard.

## 7. 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		<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	

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 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 2 Willow Class Forest School
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Conkers Class "Wheelie Morning"
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Acorns Class "Wheelie Morning"
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Holly Class Forest school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Chestnut Class Forest School
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Acorns and Conkers library visit
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><i>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</i></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><i>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>School closes for Summer Holiday</i></b>
<b><i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b><i>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</i></b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b><i>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September 26</i></b>	<b><i>Staff training day in Manchester</i></b>
<b><i>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September 26</i></b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b><i>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 26</i></b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>