



Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

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 Elm Class, chestnut Class and Willow 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.

This week, we enjoyed a very special event at Dukinfield Town Hall. Our well-being ambassadors were presented with awards by Karen Burns, the CEO of Victorious Academies Trust, and the Mayor of Tameside. Our ambassadors have already started their new role and have lots of plans to make a big difference in school over the coming months.

Please don't forget, we are here to support the well-being of our children and families too. If there is anything we can do to help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Tammy Goodwin, our pastoral manager.

5. Early Birds and Night Owls Booking - Reminder

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.

6. 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.

7. Children in Need

Friday 14th November 2025

This year we are challenging our children to find sponsors and complete "25 Acts of Kindness" between now and Friday 14th November. If your children want to go ahead and be kind without collecting sponsor money, that's also fine!

On Friday 14th we will be inviting the children to come into school wearing their own clothes (maybe with a splash of Pudsey yellow or something spotty) in exchange for bringing some cakes for a cake sale in the afternoon. Don't forget to bring some spends to buy some cakes as well!

No nuts please as we have children here with severe allergies

8. Christmas Fair

We are now busy planning for our Christmas Fair which will be held straight after school on Wednesday 3rd December (3.45pm to 5.00pm).

We will be starting to collect donations when we return to school after the half term holiday including:

Small unused gifts for a children's "Secret Present" stall

Teddies and soft toys for a "Teddy Tombola"

"Bric a Brac", toys and books

There will also be a number of designated donation days which we will remind you about nearer to the time, including:

Friday 21st November: trainer day in exchange for chocolate for the children's chocolate tombola

Friday 28th November: Trainer Day in exchange for bottles for the grown-ups tombola

Wednesday 3rd December: Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for cakes and mince pies to serve or sell at the fair

Thanks everyone

9. Stars of the Week

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Kind Star	Layla is a very kind friend.
Reception Acorns Class	Kind Star	Scarlett is a very kind friend and always makes others feel welcome.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Resilient Star	Dilly always gives 100%.
Year 2 Willow Class	Resilient Star	Annabelle is a resilient learner.
Year 3 Holly Class	Democracy Star	Ella knows everyone should have a voice.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Democracy Star	Delilah listens to others and is respectful.
Year 5 Elm Class	Democracy Star	Alyssa represents her class and speaks up for her classmates.
Year 6 Oak Class	Democracy Star	Barclay is a considerate House Captain and classmate.
Orchard Class	Kind Star	Jack is always kind and uses his manners.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Ronnie loves reading.
Reception Acorns Class	Maths Star	Darcie has done great 1 more and 1 less work.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	Elsie is a great reading partner.
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Ollie has worked hard on his number formation.
Year 3 Holly Class	Maths Star	Phakin has mastered calculations with exchanges.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Jenson has challenged himself in maths.
Year 5 Elm Class	Maths Star	Florence always has a good attitude in maths and participates well in discussions.
Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Archie is really motivated in maths.

10. 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 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

Autumn 2	
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
Wednesday 5 th November	Y1/2 Silver Birch and Willow Trip to Manchester Art Gallery
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
Thursday 13 th November	Year 1 Parents drop in Girls football at Glossopdale
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 All Junior classes attending Dance event at Glossopdale
Friday 28 th November	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 Elm Class Forest School
Wednesday 3 rd December	Christmas Fair 3.45-5pm
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 Year 4 Chestnut Parent drop in 9.30 am

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	<i>School closed (Bank Holiday)</i>
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>