



Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

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, Holly and Willow Class who achieved the highest attendance last week, exceeding our 96% target. They have earned themselves some Golden Time.

3. Swimming lessons in Years 4, 5 and 6

We do hope the children haven't been too disappointed about the lack of swimming lessons last week. Abi and her team have been working hard to solve the technical issues and are confident that lessons will begin today.

4. Poppy Appeal



This week we will continue 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.

5. Book Shop

Our bookshop is now fully restocked with lots of fantastic new titles for all ages and interests. Every book is just **£2 each**, a great bargain and a perfect way to encourage a love of reading! Children can browse and buy, any day of the week!

6. Children in Need

Friday 14th November 2025

Don't forget, 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

7. 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. This includes -

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

8. Stars of the Week

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Brave Star	Oakley is happy to try lots of new things.
Reception Acorns Class	Brave Star	Harper is willing to try new things and challenge herself.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Creative Star	Jasper used lots of mixing techniques in art.
Year 2 Willow Class	Creative Star	Frank is a creative thinker.
Year 3 Holly Class	Individual Liberty	Ruby expresses her views in a variety of ways.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Individual Liberty	Harry is happy to share his individual opinions.
Year 5 Elm Class	Individual Liberty	Frank always advocates for others.
Year 6 Oak Class	Individual Liberty	Sydney is confident when expressing her opinions.
Orchard Class	Enthusiastic Star	Oliver has been excited and enthusiastic when exploring in the sensory room.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Layla has loved acting out Fairy Tales.
Reception Acorns Class	Maths Star	Rory has been exploring circles and triangles.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths Star	Bella has been writing lots of number sentences to represent the same question.
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Llando has worked hard in maths and is making good progress.
Year 3 Holly Class	Reading Star	Riley is enjoying the texts and uses powerful vocabulary when answering questions.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Milan has a fantastic attitude to Maths homework.
Year 5 Elm Class	Maths Star	Harry has learnt his times tables.
Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Luca has shone in maths 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	

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
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 Trainer day in exchange for chocolate for the Christmas Fair.
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 Trainer Day in exchange for bottles for the grown-ups tombola
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 Elm Class Forest School
Wednesday 3 rd December	Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for cakes and mince pies to serve or sell at the fair 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	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	<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>