



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th October 2025

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Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

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| 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/shorts, 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:

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| 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:

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| Nursery Conkers Class | Reading Star | Ronnie loves reading. |
| Reception Acorns Class | Maths Star | Darcie has completed 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 |
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| Trip 1 | Manor Park Conkers – 8 th October 2025 Acorns – 9 th October 2025 | | Manchester Art Gallery 5 th November 2025 | | Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15 th October 2025 £23.61 | | Farm Experience 13 th & 20 th November 2025 | Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13 th October 2025 £215 in total |

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| 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 | |

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| 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 | |
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| 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 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 |

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| 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 |
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| 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 | School opens for Summer Term 2 |
| 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 | School closes for Summer Holiday |
| Monday 20th July | Staff in school: training day |
| Tuesday 21st July | Staff in school: training day |
| HOLIDAY | |
| Wed 2nd September 26 | Staff training day in Manchester |
| Thurs 3rd September 26 | Staff in school: training day |
| Friday 4th September 26 | Staff in school: training day |