



Dear Families,

## 1. Forest school dates

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Oak Class
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Silver Birch Class
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Willow Class
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Holly Class
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Chestnut Class
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Elm Class
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 6 Oak Class
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Silver Birch

## 2. Attendance

Well done to Orchard Class who achieved the highest attendance this week, 100%! They have earned themselves some Golden Time., as well as Elm Class with 96%.

Our overall school attendance was 93.3% which is up a little on last week. Well done everyone.

Don't forget, if it's a minor illness such as a cold, we have Calpol in school and are happy to give a dose, with your permission. Staff will now send a Microsoft form to parents and carers via DOJO so that permission can be easily given.

## 3. Christmas Fair

Thank you everyone for supporting our Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many families and friends! You helped us raise almost £1000 which will be put to very good use in school.

## 4. Staffing

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Jenny Parker back after her maternity leave. In January, Year 5 Elm Class will be taught by Mrs Parker and Miss Carly Turner. Over the next two weeks, both teachers will spend time with the class, ensuring a smooth transition in January.

When Miss Toni Bruce goes on her maternity leave in January, Year 1 Silver Birch will be taught by Miss Sam Dawson. Miss Dawson is very excited to be joining the KS1 team, and is already spending time with the children.

## 5. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November :

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Patient Star	Tristan is always patient and is happy to take turns.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Honest Star	Lottie is patient with her friends.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Thoughtful Star	Layla is a thoughtful friend.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Oscar Star	Oscar is a thoughtful learner in all he does.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Respect	Mylah is always respectful to others.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Respect	Marley has shown respect to everyone.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Respect	Eliza is respectful in the way she treats everyone in school.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Respect	Alaska is thoughtful and respectful.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Patient	Billy has been patient whilst waiting to take his turn.

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Leo loves to read.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Evie has worked hard in maths lessons.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Alfie has been really focused in maths lessons.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	Beau tries hard in reading lessons.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Reading Star	Olivia works hard in maths.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Reading	Alice has started a lunch time book club.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Reading Star	Mittziee has had a great week mastering some maths skills.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Isabelle has tried really hard in guided reading.

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 28th November:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Curious Star	Harvey is asking questions about lots of things.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Curious Star	Freddie is curious about the world and can't wait to learn.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Enthusiastic Star	Roman shares learning at home and gives 100%.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Enthusiastic Star	Tilly is enthusiastic about aspects of his learning.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Resilient	Vogue gives 100% and never gives up.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Resilient	Ben is always resilient, even when he finds the work challenging.

<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Resilient	Carter laughs in the face of adversity.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Resilient	Rory is demonstrating a lot of resilience.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Curious	Lucas is always curious about his learning.

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	English Star	Hope always enjoys sharing books.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Minnie is beginning to sound out and read words.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Mia is great at freeze framing during Talk Through Stories.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Maths Star	Aeson is developing confidence in addition and subtraction.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Reading Star	Harry has worked hard in reading comprehension.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Maths Star	Cody is making great progress in maths.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Maths Star	Logan has worked hard in maths lessons.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Spencer has worked hard to learn new maths vocabulary.

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Independent Star	Hope is becoming very independent.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Independent Star	Angel zips up her own coat and puts on her shoes independently.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Motivated Star	Reenie is always ready to learn.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Motivated Star	Lola is always motivated.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Creative	Phakin is always creative with his work.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Creative	Hugo is always very creative in his written work.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Creative	Harry creates great art work and is always careful with his work.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Creative	Harriet is a very talented artist.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Independent	Jack is doing really well with his independent activities.

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Sylvia is trying very hard with her reading.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Maths Star	Tobias quickly recalls numbers 1 more.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Sharu is amazing at shape sorting.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	Kyon loves sharing his knowledge about shapes.

<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Reading Star	Ruby is so enthusiastic in maths.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Reading	Adchu diligently reads at home.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Reading Star	Isaac has shown great understanding of fractions.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Sofia has made great progress in reading.

## 6. 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.

Year 1 2025/26	Orchard	Conkers	Acorns	Silver Birch	Willow	Holly	Chestnut	Elm	Oak
Trip 1		Manor Park Conkers – 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Acorns – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		Manchester Art Gallery	<b>Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre</b> <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b> <b>£23.61</b>		Farm Experience	<b>Residential trip to Whitehall Centre</b> <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b> <b>£215 in total</b>	
Trip 2		Dinosaur Yoga Workshop Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February £2.95 per child		Chatsworth Park	Church Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Church Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Synagogue	Synagogue	
Trip 3		Bridgewater Gardens Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 £12.70 per child		Lytham St. Anne's	<b>Chester Zoo</b> <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b> <b>£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

Autumn 2	
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 Year 4 Chestnut Parent drop in 9.30 am
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: Conkers 9.15am in the classroom and Acorns 9.30am in the Hall.
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><i>School closes for Christmas holiday</i></b>
	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><i>School opens for Spring Term 1</i></b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b><i>School closes for half term holiday</i></b>
	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b><i>School opens for Spring Term 2</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b><i>Dinosaur Yoga Workshop – Conkers, Acorns and Orchard classes</i></b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b><i>School closes for Easter holiday</i></b>
	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b><i>School opens for Summer Term 1</i></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><i>School closes for half term holiday</i></b>
	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</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>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>School closes for Summer Holiday</i></b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September 26</b>	<b><i>Staff training day in Manchester</i></b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September 26</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 26</b>	<b><i>Staff in school: training day</i></b>