



NEWSLETTER
Wednesday 19th November 2025
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Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

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| Monday 24th 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 Holly Class, Elm Class, Orchard Class, Silver Birch Class, Oak Class and Willow Class who achieved the highest attendance this week, exceeding our 96% target. They have earned themselves some Golden Time. Our overall school attendance was 96.6%! A fantastic achievement!

3. Swimming lessons in Years 4, 5 and 6

Swimming lessons have been going...swimmingly! The children are making super progress. Thank you for ensuring that your children have their kits in every day.

4. Children in Need

Many thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts for this fantastic charity. The children have really enjoyed dressing up, and of course eating some tasty cakes at the cake sale on Friday. If you still have some sponsorship money at home, please send it in this week.

5. Snacks

Thank you so much for the care you put into packing snacks for your children each day. We really do appreciate it. Lately, we've noticed that a few children are arriving with bags of sweets or large chocolate bars. As you can imagine, this can sometimes mean they're not very hungry by lunchtime, which makes it harder for them to get the energy they need for the rest of the day. We'd be really grateful if you could help us by choosing small, healthy snacks that keep children going without spoiling their appetites.

A quick safety reminder too: whole grapes can be a choking hazard, so please make sure they're cut in half lengthways before being sent into school.

Thank you for your continued support. It really does make a big difference!

6. A little lunchtime reminder

We know it's lovely to catch a glimpse of your child during the day, and we completely understand the temptation to say hello. We do ask, though, that parents and carers avoid calling children over to the fence at lunchtime. This is so that we can keep all children safe.
 If you ever need to pass on a message, just ring the school office and we'll happily make sure it reaches your child.
 Thank you for helping us keep lunchtimes relaxed, safe, and enjoyable for all!

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 have started to collect donations 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 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:

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| Nursery Conkers Class | Honest Star | Henri always explains what is happening and follows the rules. |
| Reception Acorns Class | Honest Star | Jorgie owns her own actions. |
| Year 1 Silver Birch Class | Confident Star | Tillie answers questions with confidence. |
| Year 2 Willow Class | Confident Star | George is confident in his own ability. |
| Year 3 Holly Class | Rule of Law | Harper knows why we have rules and always follows them. |
| Year 4 Chestnut Class | Rule of Law | Lydia understands and always follows our rules. |
| Year 5 Elm Class | Rule of Law | Faye always sets a good example. |
| Year 6 Oak Class | Rule of Law | Olivia T is a fantastic role model. |
| Orchard Class | Motivated Star | Ethan has been motivated while exploring the sensory room. |

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

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| Nursery Conkers Class | English Star | Jaxon has really enjoyed using the puppet theatre. |
| Reception Acorns Class | Reading Star | Amaya loves story time and is learning to blend simple sounds. |
| Year 1 Silver Birch | Reading Star | Noah has been using Fred in his Head. |
| Year 2 Willow Class | Reading Star | Tamsin has been reading some tricky words. |

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| Year 3 Holly Class | Reading Star | Abbie has been giving some great answers in guided reading. |
| Year 4 Chestnut Class | Maths Star | Isabelle always makes a great effort. |
| Year 5 Elm Class | Reading Star | Freya always reads at home. |
| Year 6 Oak Class | Reading Star | Isabelle has tried really hard in guided reading. |

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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| 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 |

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| 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 | <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 | School closed (Bank Holiday) |
| 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> |