



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19th November 2025
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Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

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:

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:

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.

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
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	
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	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