



NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th December 2025
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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of the term, we are so proud of the joy, effort, and achievements our pupils have brought to school. From their hard work in lessons to the sparkle they've added to our Christmas celebrations, they have truly made this term special.

We also want to thank our families and wider school community for your continued support. Your encouragement and partnership mean so much.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in January.

1. Forest school dates

Tuesday 6 th January	Year 2 Willow Class
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 3 Holly Class
Tuesday 20 th January	Year 4 Chestnut Class
Tuesday 27 th January	Year 5 Elm Class
Tuesday 3 rd February	Year 6 Oak Class
Tuesday 10 th February	Year 1 Silver Birch

2. Attendance

Well done to Elm Class who achieved the highest attendance this week, an impressive 98.5%! They have earned themselves some Golden Time., as well as Orchard Class at 97.2% and Chestnut Class at with 96%.

Our overall school attendance was 93% despite all the bugs that have been going around. Well done everyone.

3. Staffing changes in Orchard Class

We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Cath Smith today. After many years at Gamesley school, Cath is starting a new role much closer to home. Staff and children alike, will miss her very much and are so grateful for all her hard work and the impact she has had on so many of our children.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lucy Maddock to our Orchard Class team. Although joining us in the role of HLTA, Lucy is a fully qualified teacher with a wealth of experience supporting children with additional needs. Her expertise and passion for inclusive education will be a wonderful asset to our resource base, and we are excited for the positive impact she will have on both pupils and families.

4. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 19th December:

Nursery Conkers Class	Brave Star	Hudson K is always brave in nursery.
Reception Acorns Class	Brave Star	Ada was so brave when she sang so beautifully in the sing along.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Brave Star	Bonnie Rae was brave standing in front lots of people.
Year 2 Willow Class	Brave Star	Marlinn-Mason is always brave when he asks for help.
Year 3 Holly Class	Thoughtful Star	Amira always thinks of others.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Thoughtful Star	Ethan is always thoughtful about his work.
Year 5 Elm Class	Thoughtful Star	Beau makes everyone smile.
Year 6 Oak Class	Thoughtful Star	Evie looks after everyone.
Orchard Class	Confident Star	Erin grows in confidence every day.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Aurora loves to read.
Reception Acorns Class	Maths Star	Freya has tried hard with her shape work.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths Star	Lolah uses technical language in maths lessons.
Year 2 Willow Class	Reading Star	Alfred reads for pleasure and this shows in his writing.
Year 3 Holly Class	Reading Star	Billy Joe has great confidence in maths lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Reading	Harvey is resilient in maths lessons.
Year 5 Elm Class	Reading Star	Annabelle has grown in confidence during maths lessons.
Year 6 Oak Class	Reading Star	Tommy always reads at home, even during this very busy last week of term.

5. 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 th October 2025 Acorns – 9 th October 2025		Manchester Art Gallery		Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15th October 2025 £23.61		Farm Experience	Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13th October 2025 £215 in total
Trip 2	Dinosaur Yoga Workshop Tuesday 24 th February £2.95 per child			Chatsworth Park		Church Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Church Thursday 12 th March 2026	Synagogue	Synagogue
Trip 3	St James Church Interactive concert	Bridgewater Gardens Thursday 11 th June 2026 £12.70 per child		Lytham St. Anne's		Chester Zoo Wednesday 8th 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

HOLIDAY	
Monday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Wednesday 14th January	Y3 BFG day
Friday 16th January	Year 6 Family Dinner Day
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term holiday
Friday 23rd January	Year 5 Family Dinner Day
Friday 30th January	Year 4 Family Dinner Day
Wednesday 4th February	Year 4 drop in – Guided Reading
Friday 6th February	Year 3 Family Dinner Day
Thursday 12th February	Acorns and Conkers Grandparents stay and play
HOLIDAY	
Monday 23rd February	School opens for Spring Term 2
Tuesday 24th February	Dinosaur Yoga Workshop – Conkers, Acorns and Orchard classes
Wednesday 11th March	Year 4 Drop in Maths
Tuesday 17th March	Year 6 Drop In Reading

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