



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

Wednesday 11 th March	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Year 5 Elm Class
Thursday 12 th March	Year 2 Willow Class Year 3 Holly Class
Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Oak Class Year 4 Chestnut Class

2. Attendance

During the last week of the last half term, our whole-school attendance sat at **92%**. We know this time of year can be tricky, and we really appreciate every family who works hard to get children in, on time, each day.

Being in school, right from the start of the morning, makes such a difference. It helps children settle, feel part of the class, and get the most from their learning and friendships.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's see if we can give our attendance a little boost this term and start each day together, ready to learn.

3. World Book Day Thursday 5th March

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. There's no pressure to buy anything new as we'll also be making simple costumes and props in school, such as masks and accessories, so that everyone can join in the fun and feel part of the day.

We're excited to launch our World Book Day *Book Plate Competition*! Each child will be bringing home a template tonight so they can design their own book plate at home. Their illustration should be of a favourite book character or a scene from a book, and we ask that no writing is added to the image.

Finished designs should be returned to school by Thursday 5th March. We can't wait to see all the creativity the children bring to their artwork.

4. Comic Relief Friday March 20th

We're excited to be supporting Comic Relief again this year. It's always a brilliant day filled with fun and laughter, all while raising money for important causes. This year, we're inviting children to join in the fun by wearing a silly accessory to school; a bow tie, a wig, a tutu, funny glasses... the sillier the better! We suggest a £1 donation for taking part.

And of course, a classic red nose is always welcome.

Red Noses will be on sale in school during the week leading up to Comic Relief, so everyone will have the chance to join in.

5. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 30th January:

Nursery Conkers Class	Independent star	Louie always tried to figure things out for himself.
Reception Acorns Class	Independent star	Amaya likes to choose her own challenges.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Independent star	Elsie is an independent learner.
Year 2 Willow Class	Independent star	Ella loves to take on extra responsibilities.
Year 3 Holly Class	Responsible star	Riley takes responsibility for his own learning.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Responsible star	Amber takes responsibility for her own learning.
Year 5 Elm Class	Responsible star	Franky takes responsibility for improving his own work.
Year 6 Oak Class	Responsible star	Riley takes on extra learning.
Orchard Class	Creative Star	Oliver is creative in the way he plays.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Jaxon loves to read.
Reception Acorns Class	Maths Star	Ada can find groups of 6,7,8 and 8 in maths.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths Star	Arlo is enthusiastic in maths.
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Beau has persevered with her new topic in maths.
Year 3 Holly Class	Maths Star	Jessica has enjoyed helping other children in maths.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Reading Star	Lincoln is an avid reader.
Year 5 Elm Class	Maths Stars	Mittziee never gives up!
Year 6 Oak Class	Reading Star	Olivia T loves to share ideas in guided reading sessions.

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 6th February:

Nursery Conkers Class	Kind Star	Aurora is always kind
Reception Acorns Class	Kind Star	Harvey has helping hands and always tidies up.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Resilient Star	Alfie is resilient and ready to try again.
Year 2 Willow Class	Resilient Star	Oliver shows resilience when tackling tricky concepts.
Year 3 Holly Class	Articulate Star	Pawa always articulates her thoughts clearly.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Articulate Star	Cody expresses himself thoughtfully.
Year 5 Elm Class	Articulate Star	Florence is able to share thoughts and ideas in a controlled way.
Year 6 Oak Class	Articulate Star	Archie can explain his understanding clearly.
Orchard Class	Kind Star	Lucas is always kind.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Leo loves reading time.
Reception Acorns Class	Reading Star	Minnie listens attentively during story-time.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	Vada works hard to learn her phonics.
Year 2 Willow Class	Reading Star	Ellia takes on extra challenges and likes to read longer texts.
Year 3 Holly Class	Reading Star	Oliver reads questions carefully.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Reading Star	Hugo loves to read.
Year 5 Elm Class	Reading Star	Eliza makes great contributions during Guided Reading.
Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Millie is very motivated to develop her basic skills.

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 13th February:

Nursery Conkers Class	Brave Star	Arthur is always brave when trying new challenges.
Reception Acorns Class	Brave Star	Freya has a go at new challenges with a smile on her face.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Creative Star	Maisie produces lovely art work.
Year 2 Willow Class	Creative Star	Raina worked hard on her clay sculpture.
Year 3 Holly Class	Collaborative Star	Billy Joe is a really supportive group member.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Collaborative Star	Lincoln is a helpful member of the team.

Year 5 Elm Class	Collaborative Star	Annabelle enjoys challenges with her friends.
Year 6 Oak Class	Collaborative Star	Olivia is supportive of other members of the group.
Orchard Class	Focused Star	Jack shows good focus and shows a readiness to learn.

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 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 Yoga Workshop Tuesday 24 th February £2.95 per child	Dinosaur Yoga Workshop Tuesday 24 th February £2.95 per child		Chatsworth Park 26 th March 2026 £8.17		Church Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Church Thursday 12 th March 2026	Whitehall Wednesday 4 th March 2026 £10.50 per child	Whitehall Friday 6 th March 2026 £10.50 per child
	Animal Therapy in school 20 th April 2026 £13.88								
Trip 3	St James Church Interactive concert	Bridgewater Gardens Thursday 11 th June 2026 £12.70 per child		Lytham St. Anne's Thursday 7 th May £13 per child		Chester Zoo Wednesday 8 th July 2026 £30.30 per child		Alton Towers Tuesday 16 th June 2026 £28.00	

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	Whitehall Residential 25 th September 2026 £228.57
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	

Dates for your Diaries

HOLIDAY	
Monday 23rd February	School opens for Spring Term 2
Tuesday 24th February	Dinosaur Yoga Workshop – Conkers, Acorns and Orchard classes
Friday 27th February	Year 1 Family Dinner Day
Wednesday 4th March	Year 5 Elm Whitehall visit
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Reception Acorns Family Dinner Day Year 6 Oak Whitehall Visit
Wednesday 11th March	Year 4 Drop in Maths Year 3 Holly Church Visit
Thursday 12th March	Year 4 Chestnut Church visit
Friday 13th March	Orchard Class Family Dinner Day
Tuesday 17th March	Year 6 Oak Drop In Reading
Thursday 26th March	Year 1 and 2 trip to Chatsworth Nursery and Acorn parties Easter Disco
Friday 27th March	Year 4 chestnut Family Dinner day School closes for Easter holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 13th April	School opens for Summer Term 1
Monday 20th April	Animal Therapy Orchard Class
Friday 24th April	Year 6 Family dinner day
Friday 1st May	Year 5 Family Dinner Day
Monday 4th May	School closed (Bank Holiday)
Thursday 7 th May	Silver Birch and Willow Trip to Lytham St Annes
Friday 8 th May	Year 4 Family Dinner Day
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 15 th May	Year 3 Family Dinner Day
Thursday 21st May	School closes for half term holiday
HOLIDAY	
Monday 1st June	School opens for Summer Term 2
Friday 5th June	Year 2 Family Dinner Day
Friday 12th June	Year 1 Family Dinner Day
Friday 19th June	Reception Family Dinner Day
Friday 26th June	Orchard Family Dinner Day
Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin (over next two weeks)
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics screening this week
Thursday 11 th June	Conkers and Class Acorns to Bridgewater Gardens
Tuesday 16 th June	Elm and Oak Class trip to Alton Towers
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