



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

1. Forest school dates

Wednesday April 22nd	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Year 5 Elm Class
Thursday April 23rd	Year 2 Willow Class Year 3 Holly Class
Friday April 24th	Year 6 Oak Class Year 4 Chestnut Class

2. Attendance

Our whole-school attendance for this week is 94.2%.

We're still a little short of our 96% target, but it's encouraging to see that we're tracking slightly higher than at this point last year. Thank you to everyone who is helping us keep routines strong. Every day really does make a difference to your children's learning, confidence, and friendships.

We'll keep working together to lift attendance even further over the coming weeks.

3. 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!

And of course, a classic red nose is always welcome. Red Noses are now on sale in school for £2 each.

We will also be holding a cake sale. Please send in cakes and biscuits on the day, and children will be able to visit the cake sale during the afternoon. Each tasty treat will cost 50p.

No nuts please as we have children with severe allergies.

4. Easter Egg Competition

It's nearly Easter and so it's time to launch our annual decorated egg competition. Our theme this year is "Dream Big!" so children may want to think about what they want to be when they grow up!

There'll be a winner from each class plus a little chocolate treat for everyone who takes part. All entries to be in school on Monday 23rd March please so we can enjoy them for the last week of term – don't forget

to include a label with your full name and class.
Good luck everyone!

5. Bunny Hop

We will all be hopping in support of Willow Wood Hospice on Friday 27th March. If you'd like to donate, please use the link that Mrs Meredith posted on Dojo.

6. Easter Parties

Nursery and Reception Acorn's Easter parties will be held on Thursday 26th March. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes.

7. Orchard Party

Orchard Class are excited to invite their grown-ups to their Easter party on Thursday 26th March. The fun will start at 2pm.

8. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 27th February:

Nursery Conkers Class	Honest star	Harvey is a very honest little boy.
Reception Acorns Class	Honest star	Harper always tells the truth.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Confident star	Hafsa is always confident, kind and friendly.
Year 2 Willow Class	Confident star	George is confident and shares his ideas.
Year 3 Holly Class	Kind star	Oliver is kind to staff.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Kind star	Tommy W is tolerant of his friends and is always kind.
Year 5 Elm Class	Tolerant star	Harrison is a great partner and is kind to everyone.
Year 6 Oak Class	Tolerant star	Isabelle is polite and kind to all.
Orchard Class	Patient star	Billy is patient when waiting for his turn.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Sylvia loves to share books.
Reception Acorns Class	Reading Star	Ada is developing a love of reading.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	Layla reads every night at home.
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Annabelle has been practicing her times tables
Year 3 Holly Class	Maths Star	Priya is really confident answering questions in maths.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Charlie is working really hard on his times tables.
Year 5 Elm Class	Reading Stars	Alyssa is really motivated and loves guided reading sessions.

Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Sienna has been doing really well with her maths basic skills.
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Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 6th March:

Nursery Conkers Class	Patient Star	Blossom is patient with her friends.
Reception Acorns Class	Patient Star	Scarlett is always kind and patient.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Thoughtful Star	Marlenn-Mason is thoughtful and kind, bringing people's coats in after playtime.
Year 2 Willow Class	Thoughtful Star	Ella is a thoughtful friend and loves to look after her friends.
Year 3 Holly Class	Brave Star	Yowel is brave and takes risks with his learning.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Brave Star	Adchu is brave when talking in front of the class.
Year 5 Elm Class	Empathetic Star	Beau is kind and helpful
Year 6 Oak Class	Empathetic Star	Olivia W shows great empathy to her friends.
Orchard Class	Curious Star	Freddie is always curious when exploring the environment.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading star	Oakley loves sharing books
Reception Acorns Class	Maths Star	Grayson has been working so hard in maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Reading Star	Sharu is always interested in the text and works hard.
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Lola perseveres with tricky questions.
Year 3 Holly Class	Reading Star	Mylah asks lots of questions in Guided Reading.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Abdullah has worked hard in maths.
Year 5 Elm Class	Maths Star	Ivy has had a positive attitude during maths lessons.
Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Millie has worked very hard on her basic skills in maths.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Curious Star	Millie loves to find out new things.
Reception Acorns Class	Curious Star	Evie has spent the week exploring, questioning and discovering.
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Enthusiastic Star	Elsie is always eager and engaged in her learning.

Year 2 Willow Class	Enthusiastic Star	Osman is always enthusiastic in every lesson.
Year 3 Holly Class	Honest Star	Hunter is honest and a great friend.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Honest Star	Milan is always keen to learn.
Year 5 Elm Class	Enthusiastic Star	Isaac has a great attitude to his learning.
Year 6 Oak Class	Enthusiastic Star	Avarie is a really reflective learner
Orchard Class	Independent Star	Erin is becoming so independent and loves to do things for herself.

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

Nursery Conkers Class	Reading Star	Charlie is a really keen reader.
Reception Acorns Class	Reading Star	Isaiah loves to read.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Maths Star	Tobias can subitise (knows that 5 can be made from 3 and 2.)
Year 2 Willow Class	Maths Star	Tamsin has a great attitude in maths lessons.
Year 3 Holly Class	Maths Star	Riley is making super progress in maths lessons.
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Maths Star	Florence has amazed everyone this week during maths lessons.
Year 5 Elm Class	Reading Star	Emma gives 100% effort in all reading activities.
Year 6 Oak Class	Maths Star	Alivia has put it so much effort, especially in maths lessons.

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.

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	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 8th 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	

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

Tuesday 17th March	Year 6 Oak Drop In Reading
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief
Thursday 26th March	Nursery and Acorn and Orchard Parties Easter Disco
Friday 27th March	Bunny Hop 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