



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

### 1. Forest school dates

Wednesday June 17th	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Year 5 Elm Class
Thursday June 18th	Year 2 Willow Class Year 3 Holly Class
Friday June 19th	Year 6 Oak Class Year 4 Chestnut Class

### 2. TOF Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who has already purchased tickets for our raffle in support of TOFS (Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula Support) and in memory of our lovely pupil Harlow. TOFS is the primary UK-based charity providing lifelong support, information, and awareness for people born with TOF. They support families through the lifelong challenges of the condition, offering resources for parents and adults, peer-to-peer support, and organizing annual OA/TOF Awareness Week.

Thanks to the generosity of many local businesses, there are many wonderful prizes to be won at the draw next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May so please continue to show your support by purchasing tickets either from the school office, or on the playground after school. Tickets are £1 per strip.

### 3. Summer Fair Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 4pm-5.30pm

#### Get Ready for Our Biggest & Best Summer Fair Ever!

We are thrilled to announce that preparations are officially underway for this year's Summer School Fair, and we are aiming for it to be our biggest and best one yet!

We are planning a wonderful array of stalls, games, and activities for the whole community to enjoy. It promises to be a fantastic day of fun, and we would love for as many of you as possible to get involved.

#### A Special Cause: The Harlow Memorial Trim Trail

This year, the Fair holds a very special meaning. Following the wishes of our parent community, all proceeds from the event will go towards the installation of an amazing **new Trim Trail**.

This trail is being built in loving memory of Harlow, serving as a lasting and joyful tribute to a truly wonderful pupil. We are honoured to be creating this space where children can play and thrive for years to come.

### **Can You Help?**

To make the day a success, we are looking for a little bit of help with our catering. If any families have a gas BBQ (or even two!) that we could borrow for the day, we would be incredibly grateful.

Having the right equipment will ensure we can keep the crowds fed while maximizing the funds raised for the Trim Trail.

### **What's Next?**

I will be sending out a follow-up letter next week with more specific details about the Fair, including:

- Information on how you can volunteer or run a stall.
- Ways to donate items for our raffles and tombola.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us make this a truly memorable event for our school and for Harlow.

## **4. Important: New Parental Consents on Arbor**

To ensure we are providing the best possible care and following the most up-to-date safeguarding and health protocols, we have added three new permission forms to the Arbor Parent Portal.

We kindly ask that you log in and update these consents as soon as possible. These permissions cover essential aspects of your child's daily school experience:

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### **1. Digital Safety & Internet Use**

This consent allows your child to access the internet under staff supervision. We use the internet as a vital tool for learning, and this permission ensures your child can participate in our digital curriculum and use educational apps safely within our filtered school network. After the half term holiday, from Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will not be allowing children access to the internet unless consent has been given.

### **2. Intimate Care & Support**

At our school, we want to ensure all children are comfortable and dignified throughout the day. This consent allows designated staff members to provide intimate care when needed, such as assisting with a change of clothes or changing nappies. This ensures we can respond quickly and sensitively to your child's needs. Parents of nursery children will be given a paper copy of the consent to sign and return. The forms will be handed out on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May and must be returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. After this date, staff will not be able to give intimate care and support without written consent.

### **3. Sun Cream Application**

With the warmer weather approaching, we want to keep everyone safe in the sun.

- What we provide: We will now have Nivea Factor 50 sun cream available in all classrooms.

- Our request: We still ask that children are sent to school with a high-factor sun protection already applied in the morning.
- Top-ups: This consent allows staff to help children "top up" their sun cream during the day if the weather is particularly bright or if they are spending extended time outdoors.

**Action Required:** Please log in to your Arbor account and navigate to the 'Consent' section to tick these boxes. If you have any trouble accessing the portal, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our children safe, happy, and ready to learn!

## 5. Stars of the Week

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Patient Star	Harvey is always patient with his friends.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Honest Star	Grayson always tells the truth.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Honest Star	Sharu is always honest and reliable.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Honest Star	Frank is honest and has given some very constructive criticism to his partner.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Resilient Star	Lacey is resilient and doesn't give up, even when learning is tricky.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Resilient Star	Stanley has demonstrated great resilience when learning his times tables.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Spiritual Star	Florence always puts other people's feelings before her own.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Spiritual Star	Blake always does the right thing; he is focused and hard working.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Independent Star	Oliver has enjoyed lots of independent activities.

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Millie for super reading.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Maths Star	Angel has worked really hard at her maths.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Reading Star	Dilara has wowed us with her phonics.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	Alfie has really enjoyed our reading book.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Reading Star	Neveah reads regularly at home.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Reading Star	Connor loves to read and it really shows in his work!
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Reading Star	Olivia A is a thoughtful reader.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Maths Star	Isabelle's vocabulary and focus in maths has been amazing!

Many congratulations to our Values Stars who we celebrated today:

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Patient Star	Harvey is patient and happy to wait for his turn.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Patient Star	Lottie is always patient with her friends.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch Class</b>	Patient Star	Layla is patient and caring.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Patient Star	Bobby is a patient friend.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Creative Star	Amira has lots of very original and creative ideas.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Creative Star	Tommy is very creative and his sketchbook is a joy to look at.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Thoughtful Star	Carter thinks about the needs of others.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Thoughtful Star	Isla is thoughtful about her work.
<b>Orchard Class</b>	Creative Star	Lucas is really creative, especially when playing with sensory materials.

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

<b>Nursery Conkers Class</b>	Reading Star	Henry H is showing real interest in his reading.
<b>Reception Acorns Class</b>	Reading Star	Jorgie is reading independently.
<b>Year 1 Silver Birch</b>	Maths Star	Jasper has worked hard to learn about height and length.
<b>Year 2 Willow Class</b>	Reading Star	Alfred is a terrific reader and reads for pleasure.
<b>Year 3 Holly Class</b>	Maths Star	Darcy has amazed her teacher with her focus in maths.
<b>Year 4 Chestnut Class</b>	Reading Star	Lydia loves to get lost in a good book.
<b>Year 5 Elm Class</b>	Reading Star	Logan W is an inquisitive reader.
<b>Year 6 Oak Class</b>	Reading Star	Harriet has impressed everyone with her reading skills.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 Acorns – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		Manchester Art Gallery		<b>Creative Workshop at Z Arts Theatre Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 £23.61</b>		Farm Experience	<b>Residential trip to Whitehall Centre Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>

							<b>2025 £215 in total</b>
Trip 2	Dinosaur Yoga Workshop Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February £2.95 per child	Dinosaur Yoga Workshop Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February £2.95 per child	Chatsworth Park 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 £8.17	Church Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Church Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Whitehall Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 £10.50 per child	Whitehall Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 £10.50 per child
	Animal Therapy in school 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 £13.88						
Trip 3	St James Church Interactive concert	Bridgewater Gardens Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 £12.70 per child	Lytham St. Anne's Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May £13 per child	Chester Zoo Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 £30.30 per child		Alton Towers Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Silver Birch and Willow Trip to Lytham St Annes
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Family Dinner Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Family Dinner Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for half term holiday</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 2 Family Dinner Day</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Family Dinner Day</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception Family Dinner Day</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Orchard Family Dinner Day</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin (over next two weeks)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics screening this week
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Conkers and Class Acorns to Bridgewater Gardens
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Elm and Oak Class trip to Alton Towers
Friday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut Classes Trip to Chester Zoo
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes for Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	

<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September 26</b>	<b>Staff training day in Manchester</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September 26</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 26</b>	<b>Staff in school: training day</b>