



Newsletter
Monday 16th October 2023
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Dear Families,

Individual and Family Photographs: Thursday 19th October

The arrangements for photograph day will be as follows:

1. 8.45am: Family groups including afternoon Nursery Children and baby brothers and sisters.

Please come to the front door *after* you have dropped your other children off at the school gate. You will be asked to sign in and wait in the hall. When it is your turn to have your children photographed, we will collect them from their classrooms for you. This is to avoid crowding in the hall and to ensure the children do not miss lesson time.

The photographer is only here for the morning, so if your child is in nursery in the afternoons only, you are welcome to come along at 8.45am to have their photograph taken on their own and/or with siblings.

2. Family groups of children in school.

If your child has not already had a group photograph taken and they have brothers and sisters in school, we will arrange for them to have their picture taken together.

3. Individual photographs.

We will also arrange for *all* children to have their individual photograph taken. As above, afternoon Nursery children should arrive at 8.45am if you wish their picture to be taken.

Proofs will be sent home with your children within a couple of weeks, and there is no obligation to buy any pictures.

Family Dinner Days



Up to two adults plus younger siblings are invited to come along to this term's family dinner days starting with Year 6 Oak class this Friday. If you would like to book a school dinner please let the school office know by 9.15am on the day at the very latest – adult dinners cost £4.26 each and children's meals are £3.25. .
Alternatively, you are welcome to bring along a packed lunch.

Year 6 Oak	Friday 20 th October	12.30pm
Year 5 Elm Class	Friday 27 th October	12.30pm
Year 4 Chestnut Class	Friday 10 th November	12.30pm
Year 3 Holly Class	Friday 17 th November	12.30pm
Year 2 Willow Class	Friday 24 th November	12.15pm
Year 1 Silver Birch Class	Friday 1 st December	12.15pm
Reception Acorns Class	Friday 8 th December	12.00 noon



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Open Evening: Wednesday 25th October 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Do let any of your neighbours, family and friends who are currently deciding which Nursery or Primary School to choose about our forthcoming Open Evening. This is an opportunity for families to meet staff, have a tour of the school and hear about the high-quality education on offer from both schools. We look forward to seeing lots of you on Wednesday 25th – no need to book, just come along.



Spooky Disco: Thursday 26th October, 4.00pm to 5.00pm (Year 1 to Year 6)

Our first disco of the year will have a spooky theme. Children are welcome to come in Hallowe'en clothes if they wish, but please bear in mind that the theme is SPOOKY and not SCARY! We want our youngest children to have fun and not be frightened, so no masks or pretend weapons etc. please!

The cost of the disco is £2.00 payable on the door and no extra money is needed as this includes something

to eat, drinks and face painting.

Our Orchard, Acorns, Conkers and Catkins children will be having their own spooky fun activities in class on Thursday instead of attending the disco.

We are hoping to decorate the hall and classrooms with some spooky carved pumpkins. There will be a prize for everyone who brings a carved pumpkin to school on Thursday 26th October and we will provide battery tealights so your pumpkins can be displayed in their full glory.

Year 1 Silver Willow Harvest Assembly: Thursday 26th October – 2.30pm



Families of children in our Year 1 Silver Birch Class are invited to join us for a Harvest celebration on Thursday 26th October. Please come to the front office from 2.15pm to sign in and take your seats.

As always, we are inviting all our families to make a small donation of non-perishable foods, toiletries or household cleaning items. All donations will be distributed to families in need. Thank you very much for your support.



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After School Clubs

There are still a few spaces in many of our after-school clubs. Please book via the Arbor app or if you having difficulty logging in, just give the office a call and they will help you. Clubs finish this term on Friday 15th December and there are no clubs in the week beginning Monday 16th October as staff will be busy holding Parent Teacher meetings. The clubs on offer this term are:

Club	Day	Open to...
Music	Mondays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak
Curling	Mondays	Year 2 Willow and Year 3 Holly
Cross Country and Athletics	Mondays	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak
Wellbeing	Tuesdays	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut
Football (full / waiting list)	Wednesdays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak
Wellbeing	Thursdays	Year 5 Elm and Year 6 Oak
Yoga	Thursdays	Year 2 Willow and Year 3 Holly
Tag Rugby	Thursdays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak
Board Games	Thursdays	Year 3 Holly, Year 4 Chestnut, Year 5 Elm, Year 6 Oak

The School Bookshop

As you know, both schools are committed to helping all our children develop a love of reading and we want every child to have a little library of their own books at home to reread and enjoy. Our school bookshop is open for business every day. All the books are brand new and for sale for just £2.00 each... and because it is run by the PTA, the children can bring cash in to buy a book rather than use Parent Pay.



Children in Need: Friday 17th November

The school has a small number of head bands and wrist bands for sale in support of Children in Need. Alternatively, we have been told that "One Stop" will also be stocking the charity merchandise. Children are welcome to wear their head or wrist bands to school on Friday 17th November if they wish to do so.





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Christmas Pantomime (Pinocchio): Monday 4th December



This year, rather than travelling to the theatre, we will be watching a pantomime in school. The performance will be on Monday 4th December with our younger children watching in the morning and the older ones in the afternoon. Please note; Catkins class will not be watching the performance as they are not yet ready to sit for a full hour. There is no charge to our families for this activity as all costs are being met by the Primary School PTA and the Nursery School Fund.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day: Thursday 21st December



As usual, we will be celebrating the last day of term by eating a delicious Christmas dinner together in the hall. Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will book a Christmas dinner for your child and if you are not eligible for Free School Meals, will pop a charge of £3.25 on Parent Pay. Nursery children who usually stay for lunch will be served a Christmas dinner too.

It is also a Gamesley tradition that we invite all the children to add something Christmassy to their usual school clothes on the last day of term. This may be a Christmas jumper if you have one, or if not a different, brightly coloured top or simply a piece of tinsel in their hair.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our stars who were chosen for embodying the value of being "patient".

Nursery Conkers	Minnie is able to wait her turn and shares well with other children.
Reception Acorns	Aeson is always patient and kind when he is playing with his friends.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Jessica always waits patiently and calmly for her turn and she is also a patient and supportive learning partner.
Year 2 Willow	Harvey waits patiently in class and is also able to stay calm when things go wrong and allow the adults to help to sort things out.
Year 3 Holly	Faye is always patient and calm both on the playground and in the classroom.
Year 4 Chestnut	Lucas always sits so patiently and calmly when he is working in the classroom.



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Year 5 Elm	Thomas is a calm and patient presence in the classroom and when playing with his friends.
Year 6 Oak	Charlie is thoughtful and calm, and so can be a patient participant in group and partner work situations.

..and to our "Curious" stars who were chosen last Friday.

Nursery Conkers	Alfie is always interested in his learning and gets involved in every activity.
Reception Acorns	Oliver asks some super questions to find out more about our learning in Acorns Class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Ruby is always excited about new learning in Silver Birch Class, and she asks very good questions to find out even more.
Year 2 Willow	Alexis is a curious learner who always wants to find out more.
Year 3 Holly	Mia asks lots of insightful questions in class, and completes research at home to find out even more.
Year 4 Chestnut	Sydney ask lots of questions about her learning in class and about the wider world.
Year 5 Elm	Oliver is an enthusiastic member of the class who shows curiosity and is always eager to learn more.
Year 6 Oak	Thiyosh demonstrates curiosity and a desire to learn in all areas of the curriculum.
Orchard Class	Ollie loves exploring the Orchard learning environment and is always looking for new things to learn.

Very well done too to last week's maths stars (and our Nursery Conkers Class reading star)

Nursery Conkers	Roman loves to share books in school and at home.
Reception Acorns	Ella is working hard in our daily maths lessons.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Ella is making great progress in maths because she demonstrates such good learning behaviour in every lesson.
Year 2 Willow	Alice is making great progress in maths, and this week she was able to apply her knowledge of number bonds within ten to solve related number facts to 100.
Year 3 Holly	This week Isaac has demonstrated great resilience in maths lessons and with determination has found his way out of the learning pit.
Year 4 Chestnut	Averie works independently and confidently in maths lessons and pushes herself to complete the daily challenges.
Year 5 Elm	Wyatt is always determined to do his very best in maths lessons.
Year 6 Oak	Summer is showing a great attitude in maths lessons and is pushing herself to do her very best.



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And congratulations to our reading stars who were chosen on Friday.

Nursery Conkers	Amber loves spending time with books both in school and at home.
Reception Acorns	Austin always remembers to read at home with a grown-up, and he also loves our daily "Talk Through Stories" lessons in class.
Year 1 Silver Birch	Abbie is making super progress in her Read Write Inc lessons. This is due to her hard work at home and her positive engagement in school.
Year 2 Willow	Lydia loves reading in school and at home and this week brought one of her favourite books in to share with the class.
Year 3 Holly	Ivy has developed so much confidence and fluency recently and is now happily reading aloud to the rest of her RWI group.
Year 4 Chestnut	Riley is enjoying his reading both in school and at home and he is making some super contributions in our "Reading Explorers" lessons.
Year 5 Elm	Oliver has been making some fantastic contributions in our "Reading Explorers" lessons.
Year 6 Oak	Alice is an enthusiastic and confident contributor in our "Reading Explorers" lessons.

Kindest Regards,

Deborah Meredith

Dates for your Diary	
Thursday 19 th October 23	Individual photographs for all Nursery and School children.
Friday 20 th October 23	Year 6 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Wednesday 25 th October 23	Flu Vaccines for primary school children
Wednesday 25 th October 23	Open Evening: 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 26 th October 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Class Harvest Festival assembly
Thursday 26 th October	Class based spooky fun days for Orchard, Acorns, Catkins and Conkers
Thursday 26 th October	Spooky Disco for Years 1 to 6: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Friday 27 th October 2023	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop in school (rearranged date)
Friday 27 th October 2023	Year 5 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Friday 27th October 23	Schools close for Autumn Half term Holiday
Monday 6th November 23	Schools open for Autumn Term 2
Friday 10 th November 23	Year 4 Family Dinner Day: 12.30pm
Tuesday 14 th November 23	Year 2 Willow Class trip to Manchester Art Gallery
Thursday 16 th November 23	Year 1 Silver Birch Class trip to "Eureka" Museum
Friday 17 th November 23	Children in Need day
Friday 17 th November 23	Year 3 Family Dinner Day: 12.20pm
Friday 24 th November 23	Year 2 Family Dinner Day: 12.15pm



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Friday 1 st December 23	Year 1 Family Dinner Day: 12.10pm
Monday 4 th December 23	Pantomime performances of "Pinocchio" in school
Friday 8 th December 23	Reception Family Dinner Day: 12.00 noon
Monday 18 th December 23	Clubs have now finished for this term.
Thursday 21 st December 23	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 21st December 23	Schools close for Christmas Holiday
Monday 8th January 24	Schools open for Spring Term 1
Friday 16th February 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 26th February 24	Schools open for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 7 th February 24	Year 5 Elm Class take part in "Young Voices" concert
Wednesday 28 th Feb 24	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns classes take part in Baby Dinosaur workshop in school
Thursday 29 th February 24	Year 6 Oak Class trip to Ashton Central Mosque
Tuesday 19 th March 24	Year 1 Silver Birch Manchester Bus Tour
Tuesday 26 th March 24	Year 3 Holly and Year 4 Chestnut classes trip to Chester Zoo
Thursday 28th March 24	Schools close for Easter Holiday
Monday 15th April 24	Schools open for Summer Term 1
Wednesday 17 th April	Nursery Conkers and Reception Acorns trip to Bridgewater Gardens
Tuesday 21 st May 24	Year 6 Oak class visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 23rd May 24	Schools close for Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June 24	Schools open for Summer Term 2
Thursday 6 th June 24	Year 1 Silver Birch visit to Portland Basin
Tuesday 9 th July 24	Y2 Willow Class visit to Lytham St. Anne's
Tuesday 23rd July	Schools close for Summer Holiday