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1<sup>st</sup> April 2025



Dear parent/carer,

**Year 1 School Trip – Danbury Park Habitat Day– Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – 9am-3.15pm**

An educational visit has been organised for class 3 and 4 as part of our topic. The day's activities will link in with our science topic and will include activities such as:

- Minibeast hunting - search and identify a variety of creepy crawlies
- Pond dipping - see the creature of this hidden habitat up close (water level dependent)
- Habitat comparison - consider features of the habitats and why species are suited to them
- Sensory experiences - season activities that immerse everyone in the sights, sounds, smells and textures of the environment
- Food chains, variation and classification - games and activities that introduce concepts and consolidate learning
- Den/habitat building - create shelters or homes, considering the needs of animals

The children will be **outside for the whole day** and will therefore need to wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

If it is cold/wet, all children will need:

Warm waterproof coat, plus a hat and gloves, sturdy footwear or welly boots, school jumper, polo top and trousers (eg tracksuit bottom. No jeans please as they take longer to dry if they get wet).

If it is warm/sunny, all children will need:

School jumper, polo top, trousers to protect their legs and sturdy footwear (SANDALS AND BARE LEGS ARE NOT ALLOWED). Sun screen should be applied before coming to school and they will need a named sun hat for protection.

Your child will need to bring a **throwaway** packed lunch (NO NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE) and drinks in a named carrier bag. No lunch boxes and preferably no school water bottles, everything should be disposable. If the weather is particularly warm, please ensure to pack an additional drink of water for your child. All items should be in a **small named backpack** for your child to carry.

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to registration as the coach will need to leave on time. If the coach is delayed for any reason coming back to school, you will be notified via Edulink at the earliest opportunity.



Overall cost: £1159  
Venue: £464  
Coach travel: £695

In order to cover costs, we ask for a contribution of **£18.00** per child which is payable via Parent Pay. If not enough contributions are received, the visit may have to be cancelled. If you have any concerns regarding the contribution, please speak to someone in the office.

Please consent to your child attending the trip and pay the full contribution on Parent Pay by no later than **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.

If you need the catering team to make a packed lunch for your child (this will consist of a sandwich, piece of fruit OR a slice of cake and a drink), please indicate in the relevant box on Parent Pay.

We do need parent helpers to come along on the trip. If you think you would be able to help, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. We may need helpers to drive themselves to and from the venue due to limited space on the coach.

We are always looking into ways to ensure that every child in school has the opportunity to attend or participate in events and school trips. With all trips and events that require a contribution from parents, we only ever ask for a contribution to cover the costs involved, calculated for each child.

On Parent Pay we have opened up a payment option where parents can donate to a fund which will be used to help support children in school, whose family are struggling financially. This payment option opens each term and parents may contribute as little or as much as they like.

The fund is called 'Every Child an Opportunity' and parents are not obligated to contribute to this fund.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cook/Mrs Fairley  
Year 1

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