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Dear parent/carer,

Reception School Trip – Thorndon Park – Friday 24th April 2026 – 9am-3.15pm

An educational visit has been organised for class 1 and 2 as part of our topic. The day's activities will link in with the storyline of 'The Gruffalo' and will include activities such as:

- Woodland trail: problem solving challenges and a scavenger hunt
- Animal homes: explore the habitats of Owl, Mouse, Fox and Snake
- Singing and storytelling: bring the story and its characters to life
- Animal dens: create mini homes that real woodland creatures would like to move into
- Act like an animal: practice some animal talents that develop coordination and attention

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 including coach and venue: £1045.70
PSA funding: £25.70

In order to cover costs, we ask for a contribution of **£17.00** 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 or would like to pay in instalments, please speak to someone in the office.

Please give your consent for your child to attend and pay the contribution on Parent Pay by no later than **Friday 20th March 2026**.



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 the sandwich choice on Parent Pay.

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. This payment option is where parents can donate to a fund via Parent Pay 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 Robertson / Mrs Timms/ Mrs Jones
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