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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

2nd February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 1 Local History Trip to Wycombe Museum
Tuesday 10th March 2026

I am delighted to share that Year 1 will be visiting Wycombe Museum to support our learning about the local area and history of High Wycombe. Whilst at the museum they will get to take part in different hands-on activity sessions led by an experienced session leader to develop their understanding, explore original artefacts and even get dressed up and take part in role play! We will also have time to look round Wycombe Museum and ask questions about the different things that interest us to deepen our understanding.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 10th March and the children will walk to the museum. We will leave promptly at 9:15am and will return to school at approximately 2:30pm.

The class teacher and class LSAs will be present on the trip, but we will require a further two to three parent helpers to attend the trip as well. If you are available on that day and would like to come and support the class, please let me know via the school office by **Monday 23rd February**.

Your child will need a packed lunch for this trip. If you want a Packed Lunch from Fresh Start for this school trip, please make sure you have chosen the Packed Lunch replacement option and ordered any meal before 9am Thursday 5th March 2026. If you do not do this you will need to supply your own Packed Lunch from home.

The cost of the outing will be **£7.80** per child and therefore we are requesting this as a voluntary contribution. Please can we request that voluntary payment for this trip be made via Parent Pay. Please do not send in cash or cheques; this payment will be set up on your Parent Pay account. We would ask that payment is made as soon as possible and by the latest **9am 23rd February**. If you do not currently hold a Parent Pay account, please visit the school office so that we can reissue you with a letter containing your login details.

Please be advised that we will only be able to go ahead with the trip if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. If you anticipate any difficulties in making a contribution, please contact the Headteacher, and the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.



Requesting financial contributions for an educational visit
School Trips – Voluntary Contributions

It has been brought to the school's attention that perhaps some parents are unsure why schools ask for a voluntary contribution but then contact parents when they have not contributed. Our letters are written in a way that does not exclude a child because a parent is unable or unwilling to pay for a trip. Below is an explanation as to why we promote school trips but also why we ask for voluntary contributions.

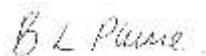
The value and importance of educational visit:

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit:

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is normally requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. **However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support.**

Yours sincerely,



Miss Plume
Year 1 class teacher

