

# High Wycombe Church of England School

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courageous.....for the  
Lord your God is with you*

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24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 2 Trip to FSC (Field Studies Council) Amersham Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

On **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026** we are taking the class to Amersham FSC. The children will explore surroundings and living things in the environment and ask questions about animals in their habitat. They will collect, identify and begin to classify organisms into different groups.

In Year 2 the children have been learning about 'living things and their habitats' in their science lessons. The activities will include child-led discovery and exploration to foster enjoyment and curiosity about the natural world, as well as support holistic child development such as listening skills, independence, fine and gross motor skills and physical literacy.

The coach will be leaving school promptly at **9.00am** and will arrive back at school at approximately **3.00pm**.

On the day of the trip itself the children will **not** be wearing school uniform. They should come to school wearing:

Tracksuit bottoms/walking trousers  
Sturdy shoes (or wellies if wet)  
Waterproof coat  
NO jeans or shorts

Myself and two members of staff will be accompanying them on their visit. There will also be a member of the FSC Amersham Team leading the day's activities. We will require one further parent helper 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 **9am Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

If you want a Packed Lunch from Fresh Start for this school trip, please make sure you have chosen the **Packed Lunch replacement option & ordered any meal before 9am Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. If you do not do this you will need to supply your own packed lunch for the trip.

The cost of the outing will be **£23.00** 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 of **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. 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 Head teacher; the matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.



Yours sincerely



Mr S Biddle  
Year 2 Class Teacher

**Requesting financial contributions for an educational visits**  
**School Trips – Voluntary Contributions**

It has been brought to the schools 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.**

