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

18th March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Reception Trip to Odds Farm
Thursday 16th April 2026

During the Spring Term the children have been developing their knowledge and understanding of how animals and plants grow and change, extending their vocabulary and continuing to develop observational skills.

On Thursday 16th April, Reception will be visiting Odds Farm. During the visit the children will have a tour round the farm to learn about farming practices, animal parents and babies. Weather depending, the children will also be able to ride the Tractor Ride during their visit.

Due to the nature of this trip, the children should come to school in their own clothes i.e. Tracksuit Bottoms, Trainers or Wellies (if wet), Waterproof Coat

Miss Blandford and an LSA will accompany the class on this trip, but we will require a further four parent helpers to attend the trip. 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 March. The children will be leaving school at 9am and returning for 3pm. We will be travelling to Odds Farm by coach.

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 & ordered any meal BEFORE 9am Thursday 9th 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 **£27.20 per child**. 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 **Friday 27th 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.

Yours sincerely,

Blandford

Miss Blandford
Reception Class Teacher



Requesting financial contributions for 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 visits:

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.**

