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

17th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 2 Trip to Maidenhead Synagogue
Wednesday 3rd June 2026

In Year 2 the children have been learning about Judaism in their RE lessons and as part of their learning we would like to take them to visit the Synagogue in Maidenhead on **Wednesday 3rd June**. They will get to look at the features of a Synagogue, meet members of the Jewish community and get to ask them questions about what they have been learning about.

As part of the trip the children will be offered a drink of blackcurrant juice, a digestive biscuit and some challah bread. Please complete the online Form by **Monday 4th May**, to confirm which foods the children may have. Please note that the challah bread and digestives contain gluten.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/v7mSF7DNbZ>

The coach will be leaving school promptly at **9.00am** and will arrive back at school at approximately **12.00pm**

The children are expected to wear full school uniform, including footwear.

We will be back for lunch so there is no need to change lunch arrangements.

The cost of the outing will be **£7.80** 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 4th May**. 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.

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

Mr Biddle
Year 2 Class Teacher

