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Information re: school trips & events Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and that your child is settling smoothly into the new academic year.

We are writing to share our planned educational visits and visitors for your child's class for the upcoming year. Throughout this time, we aim to offer up to three events, which will consist of either off-site trips or in-school workshops delivered by external visitors. These experiences are a valuable and exciting part of the curriculum, designed to enrich and enhance the children's learning. In addition, we will continue with events and activities linked to fundraising for charities, such the NSPCC Number Day and special event days such as World Book Day and Spanish Day.

To help you plan and manage the cost, we wanted to inform you of the upcoming expenses as early as possible. Once each trip or workshop has been added to ParentPay, you will be able to make payments towards them. Please note that while payment options will open early, more detailed information regarding the specifics of each trip will be sent out closer to the actual event dates.

Date	Venue	Enrichment	Cost
5th November 2026	Guy Fawkes Workshop	History - Guy Fawkes Night	£6.70
Term 3 Date TBC	Chatham Dockyard	History - Christopher Columbus & Captain Cook	£20.00 approx
Term 4 Date TBC	Owl workshop - in school	Science - animals	£5 approx
Term 5 Date TBC	Toy Workshop - in school	History - Toys & Transport	£10.50 approx

We always strive to keep costs as low as possible for our families. Where achievable, we offset expenses through funding from the school, as well as kind donations from FIRPS, for which we are extremely grateful.

Unfortunately, during the last academic year, the majority of our trips ran at a significant deficit due to outstanding parent payments. As a school, we are unable to absorb these ongoing financial losses. Consequently, if sufficient payments are not received for a planned event, there is a possibility that it may have to be cancelled. This will also have an impact on the booking of any future trips.

We hope that providing this advance notice is helpful for your family's budgeting for the year ahead. If you would like to speak to the school regarding any financial difficulties you may have, please contact the office in confidence.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in ensuring we can continue to offer these memorable experiences for our pupils. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely, Istead Rise Teaching Team