

Dear Parents/Carers

**Year 2 visit to Colchester Zoo on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Topic	Travel and Time	Cost
The purpose of the trip is to consolidate the children's learning in Science, focusing on habitats and animals, including humans. In addition to this, the trip will form part of our learning about Kenya in Geography and Art. The children will also complete pieces of writing about this.	We will travel by one double decker coach. There will be enough seats for each child. Nobody will be allowed to sit on the front seats. The coach is equipped with seat belts.  We will leave school at 9.00am and return at 3.00pm (approx.)	There are 2 costs as some children have already informed us they are using their Gold Cards.  Gold Card holders (you have already informed your teacher) the cost is £8.50/child to cover the coach costs.  Non-Gold Card holders the cost is £15.50/child. This is to cover coach costs and entrance fee. This is payable in 2 instalments if required.
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Arbor payments</b>
All children will be supplied with a free basic packed lunch (a plain cheese roll, piece of fruit and piece of cake), <b>unless you opt out and inform the school office by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. If you have not opted out by this date, a packed lunch will be provided by the school.</b> You will still however, need to provide a bottle/carton of drink for your child.  If you are providing your own packed lunch, please send in a named disposable bag.	Children should wear school uniform, and a waterproof coat.  Please ensure children wear suitable shoes (trainers or comfy school shoes).  Children will be expected to carry their lunch and belongings, so please send them with a rucksack containing only the essentials (no toys please).	Payment is by Arbor only, we cannot accept cash into school.
<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Free School Meals (not UIFSM)</b>	<b>Travel Sickness</b>
Please can you ensure full payment is made by <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.</b>	All children from YR - Y2 are eligible to a school meal (UIFSM).  If your child is currently entitled to Free School Meals (not UIFSM), the cost of this trip will be covered by the school.	If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure a tablet is given before school and another, if necessary, given to the teacher in a named envelope, with specific instructions as to how & when it is to be given.
<b>Spending money</b>	<b>Parent Helpers</b>	
None required.	No parent helpers are required for this trip as it is covered by members of staff and current volunteers at the school. Thank you.	

Yours sincerely

*Mrs S Davey*

*Mrs R Bodsworth*

*Miss E Riddleston*