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Year 5 River Thames Visit Tuesday 14th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the Year 5 Geography and English curriculum we have booked to visit the River Thames, London on Tuesday 14th October 2025. The visit will include riverside and foreshore fieldwork which includes recording geographical features using scientific equipment and assessing the water quality through chemical testing. In addition to this, pupils will collect historical artefacts to allow them to gain an understanding and awareness of the past and compare this with the present. We feel that the children will benefit greatly from this hugely memorable experience, one that also will include the opportunity to see a number of London landmarks whilst on route.

As the children will be walking from the tube station to the location of the trip and exploring the river they will need to wear appropriate footwear for the day. They will also need to pack a pair of waterproof shoes and a change of socks (just in case). The children will change into their waterproof shoes before entering the river site and will change back into their shoes after the visit. Children will be carrying their footwear throughout the day so please ensure that they are packed in an appropriate bag. The children are to wear normal school uniform for this trip. If your child is liable to suffer from travel sickness, would you please make sure that he/she takes medication before coming to school.

The visit will be led by the Year 5 teachers. We will be travelling by train to London, leaving school at 9am. To assist with this, we ask that the children are in school at 8:30 am to allow for a prompt departure. We will be leaving London at approximately 2:30pm and aim to be back at school by 5pm. If this time changes you will be notified by the office staff.

In order for the trip to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of **£15** to cover the cost of the river experience. **Please make your contribution via your MCAS account (under clubs/trips).**

Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please).

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team