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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 Birch Trip to Hampton Court Palace – Tuesday 13th October 2026

As part of the year 5 topic work this term, I am delighted to share that we have planned a trip to Hampton Court Palace. Year 5 will be taking part in King Henry's Court workshop where the children will learn about life in the Tudor court.

Children should arrive at school for normal registration. We will be travelling by coach and will leave after registration and return to school by 3.20pm. Children should wear school uniform and wear comfortable shoes. They will need a packed lunch, a couple of healthy snacks and a bottle of water in a backpack that they will carry throughout the day.

If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals and you would like them to have a school packed lunch (chicken baguette), please let the school office know by Tuesday 6th October at the latest. If we do not receive a request for a school packed lunch, we will assume that a home packed lunch will be provided.

To meet the cost of the trip, we are asking for a contribution of £28.00. Please logon to the Arbor Parent Payment Portal and make payment by Tuesday 6th October 2026.

Please note that, in line with the national guidelines, as this activity takes place substantially within the school day, the cost of the activity is considered as a voluntary contribution. **However, should sufficient contributions not be made, the activity will not be viable and will not go ahead and may have to be cancelled at short notice.** Please note that the school holds no funds to support these activities and are costed very carefully to ensure no surplus. Parental contributions only fund their child's costs. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss this further.

We understand that the ongoing cost of living crisis is making things tough for many families, so if you would like to help and are financially able to do so, you can sponsor a child by donating to support another child in joining this trip. To do this, when you make the payment for your own child on Arbor under the trips tab, you can simply overpay, ie. If you wish to make a £20 donation, you can make payment for £48.00.

We will need some parent helpers on the day. If you are available and would like to volunteer, please let the school office know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Bradshaw
Head of School