



21 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Educational Visit to Lyme Regis Museum for Owls & Goldfinches – Wednesday 11 June 2025

The Visit

An educational visit has been arranged to Lyme Regis Museum as part of our summer term topic learning all about Mary Anning. We have arranged for the children to take part in a real-life fossil hunting session on the beach, led by the museum staff, as well as a visit to the museum itself in the afternoon.

Timings

Due to the journey time to Lyme Regis, and in order to maximise the time we have there, we will leave school at **8:30am** on Wednesday 11 June 2025 and will return to school at approximately **3:45pm**, traffic depending. The office staff will liaise with parents on the day regarding a return time.

What to Bring

We will provide a packed lunch for your child but we ask that you provide your child with their own named water bottle. We will be eating lunch in a space provided. The children will need to **wear school uniform and sturdy footwear** as the fossil hunting will go ahead on the beach, even if the weather is wet!

Cost

The cost of this visit will be £21 (**please provide consent and payment via Arbor under the Trips section**). FCIS have very kindly subsidised part of the cost of the trip for our children, and without this subsidy, the cost would have been considerably higher, so we are extremely grateful to FCIS for helping with this trip. We appreciate that families are more stretched than ever financially at the moment, which is why we have given you as much notice as possible. Unfortunately, the soaring costs of hiring a coach to take the children to Lyme Regis and back have contributed to the cost of the trip being higher than we would like. This increased cost is not due to the journey length, but rather the general cost of a day hire for the coach and driver, as we are seeing this

price increase across all our school trips unfortunately. We really want to continue offering our children the opportunity of taking part in school trips, as they are so important to the children's learning, and hope that you will be able to support us in continuing to offer the children these wonderful opportunities. It is important that the children have these first-hand experiences, and this is a wonderful opportunity for children to walk in the footsteps of Mary Anning fossil hunting on the beach.

If sufficient monies are not received by mid-May, the trip may have to be cancelled.

Can you Help?

We do also rely on your help to accompany, supervise and work alongside the children on school trips. We need a specific number of adults to help on the day, without which the trip would not be able to go ahead. If you are able to give us your time to help accompany us on our school trip, please contact the Year 1 teaching team, or the school office, as soon as possible. Please note all adult helpers must be DBS checked (through Hampshire County Council). Please see the office staff for details of how to obtain this.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

The Year 1 Teaching Team.