



21 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Year R trip to Hillier's Education Centre, Romsey on Thursday 27 March 2025

We have organised a trip to Hillier's Education Centre on **Thursday 27 March 2025**. Our theme for the day will be 'Signs of Spring'. We will look for any changes that may have taken place outdoors and we will be taking part in activities that will open our eyes to nature. It gives us a wonderful opportunity to build upon the learning of our Forest Fridays with different habitats to explore and nature to encounter.

We have arranged for a coach to take the children to Hillier's and back. The coach will leave school at 9:30am and the children will be returned to school by 3pm, to be picked up from their classrooms in the usual way.

We are asking for a contribution of £22 per pupil (please provide consent and payment via Arbor under 'Activities' then 'Trips'). 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 Hillier's and back have contributed to the cost of the trip being higher than we would like. Sadly the fact Hillier's is close by has little impact on the cost of the coach hire. We have explored other options of getting the children to and from Hillier's, but are unable to find a suitable, less costly alternative. 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 allowing the children to take part in these wonderful opportunities.

The children need to have their Wellington boots, (if using the ones kept in school you may like to check they still fit as they will be wearing them all day!) a warm waterproof coat (we will be going outside even in the rain!) gloves and a hat. The children will need a named water bottle and they will be given a packed lunch - please only send in a drink and not lunch.

We would be grateful for any adult help on the day. Please contact the school office if you are able to help (you will need to have had a DBS check). Please aware that we can not guarantee that you will be working a in a group with your child as it is important that we maintain the correct adult to child ratios.

Thank you for your support

The Year R Team.