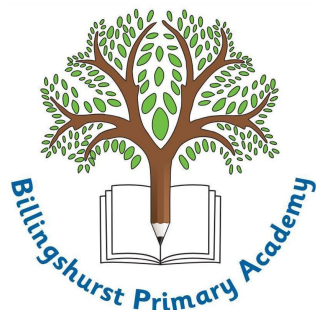




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Follow-Up: Enrichment Activities & Voluntary Contribution for 2025–26

Thank you for your patience as we finalised the schedule of planned enrichment activities and trips for the upcoming academic year. We are now pleased to share an overview of the experiences we aim to provide for each year group, building on our recent letter introducing the new voluntary donation system.

We believe that learning outside the classroom is a vital part of a rich and balanced education. These experiences deepen children's understanding, bring curriculum topics to life, and create lasting memories. From science workshops and museum visits to drama performances and cultural experiences, these activities are designed to complement classroom learning and support children's wider development.

This year, infant children (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) will not be attending the pantomime at The Hawth Theatre. Instead, they will enjoy a visiting pantomime performance in school, delivered by Rainbow Theatre. We've made this change as for many of our younger children, the busy environment, the very noisy large theatre can feel overwhelming, which can limit their enjoyment. By bringing the pantomime into school, we aim to create a more relaxed and intimate environment, where all children can fully enjoy the performance. The cost for the infants will be included in your £30 contribution. Years 3,4,5 & 6 will continue to go to the Hawth theatre for the Christmas Pantomime performance. The cost of this ticket is not included in the £30 contribution due to the ticket and coach costs.

Planned Trips and Enrichment Activities – 2025–26

While we are excited to share this schedule with you, please note that these plans are subject to change. Adjustments may be necessary depending on the level of donations received and unforeseen events beyond our control.

EYFS

- *Autumn:* Rainbow Theatre: Sleeping Beauty Pantomime (in school)
- *Spring:* Chicken hatching experience (children observe, monitor, and care for eggs and chicks)
- *Summer:* Farm animals visit the school

Year 1

- *Autumn:* Rainbow Theatre: Sleeping Beauty Pantomime (in school)
- *Spring:* Brighton Toy & Model Museum trip (History: 'Toys Through Time')
Fairy Tales theatre experience
- *Summer:* Chinese dragon dance workshop (Geography: "What is it like to live in Shanghai?")



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Year 2

- *Autumn:* Rainbow Theatre: Sleeping Beauty Pantomime (in school)
- *Spring:* Zoolab science workshop (Life cycles)
- *Summer:* East Head Chichester Harbour coastal field trip
Castle & Knight workshop

Year 3

- *Autumn:* Lion Man clay workshop
- *Spring:* Fishbourne Roman Palace trip and workshop (History: Romans)
Natural History Museum Volcanoes (in-school workshop)
- *Summer:* Wakehurst Place trip and workshop (Millennium Seedbank)
British Museum Ancient Egyptian workshop (in-school workshop)

Year 4

- *Autumn:* Kew Gardens trip (Geography: Why are rainforests important to us?)
- *Spring:* River fieldwork (Geography: Rivers)
Western Sussex Rivers Trust workshop
- *Summer:* Tate Modern art exhibition trip, London

Year 5

- *Autumn:* British Museum Greek workshop (in-school workshop)
- *Spring:* Circus workshop (Science: forces)
Sussex Dolphin Project workshop (in school)
- *Summer:* South Downs Planetarium & Science Centre trip

Year 6

- *Autumn:* Natural History Museum Evolution (in-school workshop)
Amberly Working Museum trip – Victorians workshop
- *Spring:* Rainbow Theatre “We’ll Meet Again” WW2 workshop & experience
Imperial War Museum trip , London



A Note on the Voluntary Contribution

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have already contributed the **£30 voluntary donation**. As mentioned in our initial letter, this contribution covers day trips, workshops, and enrichment activities like the ones listed above (excluding the Hawth pantomime production, residential trips, and Young Voices, which are costed separately).

Some parents have expressed concerns about the school collecting money upfront. Please be reassured that:

- **If the full £30 is not used**, the remaining balance will be **rolled over to the following school year**.
- For families of children in **Year 6**, any unspent credit at the end of the year will be **refunded via ParentPay** to your original payment card.
- The donation remains **voluntary**, and no child will ever be excluded from activities based on financial contribution.

We appreciate your support in helping us offer all children a rich variety of meaningful and enjoyable experiences throughout the year. If your family is facing financial difficulty, or if you have any questions about the donation or planned activities, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence.

Thank you once again for your understanding, patience, and partnership.

With best wishes,

Ms Marion Ley

Headteacher



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