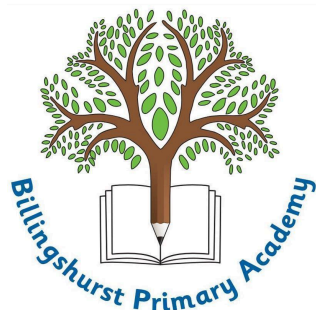




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Enrichment Activities & Voluntary Contribution for 2026 - 2027

Our teams and teachers have been busy planning an exciting range of trips and enrichment activities for the year ahead. We are delighted to share an overview of the experiences and opportunities we have planned for each year group, which will provide our pupils with valuable opportunities to explore new interests, develop their skills and create lasting memories.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing these valuable opportunities, we will continue with the £30 voluntary contribution, introduced last academic year. This contribution helps us to fund enrichment activities and trips throughout the year, ensuring that pupils can benefit from a wide range of additional experiences.

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.

For the second year, our infant children (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) will enjoy a visiting pantomime performance in school, delivered by Rainbow Theatre. We have continued with this approach as we feel that, for many of our younger children, the busy and often noisy environment of a 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 of this performance **is included** in the £30 voluntary contribution.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue to enjoy a visit to The Hawth Theatre for the Christmas pantomime. This provides our older children with the opportunity to experience a live theatre performance in a professional setting. Please note that the cost of this visit, including the theatre ticket and coach travel, **is not included** in the £30 voluntary contribution and will be requested separately.

Planned Trips and Enrichment Activities – 2026 - 2027

While we endeavour to deliver all planned trips and enrichment activities, please note that these are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

EYFS

Autumn - Panto in school

Spring - Eggs delivery

Summer - Farm trip

Year 1

Autumn - Panto in school

Spring - Brighton Toy Museum trip

Summer - Chinese dragon dance workshop

Year 2

Autumn - Panto in school & Daux Wood visit

Spring - Zoo Lab workshop

Summer - Witterings Beach trip

Year 3

Autumn - Local field work village walk

Spring - Fishbourne Roman Palace trip

Summer - Ancient Egypt online workshop with The British Museum & Wakehurst Gardens Trip

Year 4

Autumn - Lodge Hill (paid separately)

Spring - River field work with Western Sussex rivers

Summer - Tate Modern London Trip

Year 5

Autumn - Ancient Greek workshops & local fieldwork

Spring - Kennings reading & Wonderdome visit to school

Summer - Weald and Downland Museum trip & trip to the beach

Year 6

Autumn - Victorian experience

Spring - Rainbow Theatre evacuation day & Imperial War Museum trip

Summer - Year 6 production and leavers events & Tile Barn (paid separately)

A Note on the Voluntary Contribution

We appreciate that families may have questions about how the voluntary contribution system works. Please be reassured that:

- Any unspent balance will be rolled over to the following school year, allowing children to benefit from any remaining funds.
- For families of children in Year 6, any unspent balance at the end of the academic year will be refunded via Parent Payment Portal.
- The donation remains entirely voluntary, and no child will ever be excluded from activities based on whether a contribution has been made.



For children in Years 1 and 2, any funds rolled over from the previous academic year (25-26) will be taken into consideration when calculating the amount payable for this year. Families will be notified of their individual balances and the amount due in due course.

Further information about making contributions through 'Parent Payment Portal' will be shared shortly.

We appreciate your continued 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 voluntary contribution or planned activities, please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence.

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

With best wishes,



Ms Marion Ley

Headteacher



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