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Dear Parent and Carers,

Re: Colchester Castle trip in January 2026 - LKS2

In the new year, we will begin a new topic in Year 3/4. We will base our term's study around the theme of 'Invaders and Settlers'. Initially, our work will focus on the Celts and Romans, followed, after half term, by the Saxons and Vikings. We have organised several learning experiences to further engage the children and support their learning.

On **Monday 19th January**, we have an exciting visit to Colchester Castle planned for a day of exploring the museum. The children will take part in a number of interactive experiences and discover the impact that Romans had on our part of the world.

All children are required to wear full school uniform please. We will be travelling by coach, departing from Highlands Drive at 9.00am and returning at approximately 3.00pm. The children will not need anything to eat or drink on the coach (no sweets please). A packed lunch will be required with a refillable named water bottle (please do not include cans or fizzy drinks). We suggest you put this in a suitable named back-pack or school bag. It will be stored safely during the day.

If your child requires travel sickness tablets please administer them before school in the morning and give the ones for the return journey to the class teacher in a named envelope with full instructions written on the front.

The cost of the trip will be **£19.50** to cover the cost of transport and entry fee to Colchester Castle. In line with the Education Reform Act of 1988 (Section 118 (2)), this amount can only be asked for as a voluntary donation and will not prejudice any child's attendance. However, I must stress that if enough donations are not received then the trip will have to be cancelled. The school does not receive funding for trips of this nature.

Permission for your child to accompany us and payments can be made via the School Gateway App, our online payment system.

If parents are unable to make any voluntary contribution because of financial difficulties, please discuss this with Mrs Hewer. If your child is unable to attend this activity due to illness, then the cost of the activity will be reimbursed.

Kind regards

S.Gibson

Miss Gibson, On behalf of Foxes, Badgers and Otters Classes

