

All Saints' C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 1/2 Trip to Hedingham Castle: Thursday 6th February 2025

I am pleased to share some exciting news! As we continue to work on our brilliant castles topic, we now also have a brilliant plan to take the children in Years 1 and 2 on a trip to Hedingham castle.

This will be a fascinating and exciting trip for the children and there will be lots of fun and educational activities throughout the day. We will also have the castle's in-house Historian guiding us through a fascinating history of the most well-preserved Keep of its kind in the country.

The children will need to be at school to be registered by their class teacher by 8.45am that morning. The coach will leave promptly after morning registration.

In order to easily identify our pupils they must wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan. As they will be taking part in various activities during the day, they may wear other casual comfortable clothing including tracksuit bottoms, leggings and trainers etc (no denim please). They will also need a warm waterproof coat. We suggest you dress the children in layers as the weather can be very unpredictable at this time of year but more often than not can be quite chilly.

A packed lunch will be required (please do not include cans or fizzy drinks). **If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child, please complete the attached form and return it to the office by Friday 31st January 2025** at the latest. The children can also bring a healthy snack to eat when we arrive before the activities commence.

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.

In order for your child to attend these activities you must give permission via the School Gateway App. The total cost of this activity will be **£15.50** per child to cover the cost of transport and entry free to Hedingham 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 activities will have to be cancelled. The school does not receive funding for activities of this nature.

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

Yours sincerely

E Smith

Mr E Smith
KS1 Phase Leader



KS1 Visit to Hedingham Castle on Thursday 6th February 2025

My child will require a packed lunch provided by the school: **YES/NO** (please delete as appropriate)

Child Name:.....Class:.....

The packed lunch provided by the school will include a roll or sandwich with a choice of either ham or cheese and a piece of fruit. You will need to provide a drink and suitable bag to put them in (please indicate below your choice of filling below).

Please select the sandwich option you would like your child to have by ticking the box below.	
Cheese	☐
Ham	☐

Please complete and return by **Friday 31st January 2025** the latest, so that the packed lunches can be prepared on time.