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Dear Parents

We thought it may aid your financial planning to understand the trips and costs your child will encounter during their time with us. The costs are based on last year so are approximate costs. Some of the costs are less because FOSS kindly give every class £200 from monies raised to reduce costs of trips.

Our aim for September 2026, is to continue with Years 1 to 6 having five one hour swimming lessons an academic year. We will keep costs to a minimum by using the school minibus to transport the children. Year 2 and Year 6 will go in the Autumn Term, Year 1 and Year 3 in the Spring Term and Year 5 and Year 4 in the Summer Term. The cost of the five lessons will be £25.00 per child, per academic year. School will continue to subsidise swimming costs because it is such a life skill but with PE funding stopping this will be more challenging. Payment will be a termly fee of £25.00 and we will send out a parentmail a few weeks before swimming starts to remind you and give you the opportunity to save / put aside the money. Please pay on Parentmail PMX and give your consent. If you are struggling financially please do arrange a meeting with myself.

We have also reviewed how much we asked for class trips / visitors / residential last academic year, to ensure it is appropriate and they were value for money. Costs are taken from 2025/26 so may vary slightly this year.

Year Group	Trips/Visitors/Residentials
Foundation	Roves Farm - March - £17 Little City - June - £9
Year One	Victorian trip - January - £15 Didcot Railway - March - £20 Warwick Castle - May - £34
Year Two	Cotswold Wildlife Park - October - £12 SS Great Britain - April - £26
Year Three	Wantage Museum - October - £5 Roman Workshop - January - £7.50 Trip to London - March - £35
Year Four	Buscot Weir - September - £5 Science Oxford workshop - November - £10 Hill End Overnight Residential - May - £82.00, payable by instalments - £30 in March, £26 in April and £26 in May



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Year Five	Space Explorers Day @ Rutherford Appleton Laboratory - October - £5 We the Curious - March - £35 PGL payments start for Year 6 (see Year 6)
Year Six	Secrets & Spies Coleshill Trip - October - £6 PGL Residential - November - Paid during Year 5 and Year 6 though instalments 6 x £40 and 1 x £35 totalling £325 - in March, April, May, June, July, August, September Air Tattoo - July - No cost Junior Citizens -£5

As a school we all go to the Panto in December at a cost of approx. £22.

The class teachers have worked really hard to ensure they have kept costs to a minimum but the learning experience to the maximum. It is our intention to keep undertaking visits or having visitors because they enrich the curriculum so much and enliven the learning experience for the children. However, we also recognise how in current financial climates it can be difficult, so we aim to keep closely to these costs and hope that now you have this information you will be able to budget / save for this academic year.

As I previously indicated, the budget is very tight for the coming year, with most of the budget being spent on staffing, so trips / visitors will have to be cancelled if we do not receive enough payments. Hopefully though this will not be the case, as forewarned is forearmed. If you are struggling financially please do arrange a meeting with myself.

Throughout the year we will also raise money for charities eg. Children in Need, Comic Relief, Save the Children and FOSS will organise fundraisers for the school eg. discos / Christmas Hampers / Summer Fete

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards
Amanda Willis