

Colchester Castle: Otter and Squirrel Classes

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the Year 2 history curriculum in the spring term we will be exploring castles. To support this further we have arranged a visit to Colchester Castle on **Monday 16th March 2026**. The visit allows the children to have guided tours of the various parts of the castle, look at some artefacts linked to the castle as well as other hands-on activities.

This is an exciting experience for your child and will support their understanding of how people lived in castles as well as being able to explore a castle, bringing our theme to life.

The cost of this trip is **£20 per child**. This price includes the cost of the coaches, entrance fee to Colchester Castle and insurance. Payments for this trip will need to be paid by **Friday 27th February 2026**.

The children will need to be at school promptly for **8:30am** to ensure we are able to leave at 9.00 am. The children will return to school at approximately **3:15pm**. If there are any delays, we will ensure to let you know in advance.

The school can provide each child with a packed lunch for the trip. If you would prefer to pack your own child's lunch, we kindly ask that any packed lunches are sent in a disposable bag rather than a lunchbox to help with limited space. Please follow our usual school lunch guidelines (balanced lunch, no nuts), with a normal lunch portion. Please indicate which lunch option your child would like on the form at this link. **If we do not receive a completed form by Tuesday 10th March you will have to provide a packed lunch from home.**

The children will need to wear school uniform, a coat and comfortable footwear. A high-viz jacket will be provided for your child to wear. Please ensure you child has their bring in a water bottle.

If you would like to help your child's class on the day of the trip please notify the class teacher and they will get back to you if your help is required.

Please ensure that any travel sickness medication is administered at home before your child comes to school. If they require a further dose for the return journey, please bring the medication to the school office the day before the trip and complete the necessary medication consent form.

Payment for this trip and parental consent need to be completed via Arbor. If there are any problems with using your Arbor account or accessing the lunch form please speak to a member of the office staff. Instructions for making payment for this trip on Arbor are included in the email accompanying this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss N Goodman

