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St Francis CE Primary School

Together in God's love we care, trust and respect

September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 5 and 6 visit to Gilbert White's house- 24th and 25th September 2026**

As part of our study of the text The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, we have arranged a visit to Gilbert White's house. The house provides children with opportunities to learn about explorers and the natural world. You can find more information about it here: https://gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk/

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| Dates | Year 6 classes will go on 24th September<br>Year 5 classes will go on 25th September |
| Travel arrangements | By coach from school |
| Snack / lunch arrangements | Packed lunch in a disposable bag |
| Drinks needed | Water bottle |
| Free school meals | If your child is entitled to free school meals, we can arrange for the kitchen to provide a packed lunch. Please make sure you indicate this on SCOPAY. |
| Clothing | Children should attend school in normal, smart school uniform for the trip, including school shoes. Please make sure they have a hat and sun cream or coat, as appropriate for the forecast that week. |
| Contribution toward visit cost | To help towards the cost of the trip we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £22, please pay via SCOPAY. |
| Contributions/ consents deadline | 14th September 2026 |
| Pick up/ drop off arrangements | Usual school drop off and collection times, coach will depart at 9.30am and arrive back approx. 3pm |
| Volunteers | We will need additional adult volunteers to run this trip. If you are available and have a St Francis DBS and have completed the annual volunteer update paperwork, please let us know via the Scopay form. We will contact you by 17th September to confirm. Thank you |

Parents/carers who wish to donate but cannot pay the full amount are encouraged to pay whatever they are able. Families in receipt of **targeted** free school meals can get a discount of up to 50%. Unfortunately, targeted free school meals does not include families newly eligible for FSM due to receiving universal credit. If you are not sure whether

this applies to you, please contact the office in confidence. If you are not able to make any contribution, please tick the relevant box on Scopay.

We would strongly encourage all families who are not already listed as eligible for Free School Meals (targeted or expanded) to check their eligibility. You can do this online here: https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary

If you have not previously volunteered with the school, or have not completed the annual update please see our website for more information: https://www.stfranciscepprimarysch.co.uk/volunteering-at-school/

Yours sincerely,

Mr Taylor & Mr Viney, Mrs Parkes, Mrs R Morgan, Mrs Lea
Year 5 and 6 Teachers