



July 2026

Dear Parents

2026– 2027 TRIPS AND WORKSHOPS

As we are nearing the start of the new academic year, we thought it would be useful to let you know in advance of the trips and events that we have planned for the year and the associated costs. We are conscious of how expensive trips have become and with that in mind, have decided to limit year groups to one external trip per year, together with one professional workshop taking place at school to support their topic work.

In another change, we have booked our annual pantomime visit with Camberley Theatre this year. The performance takes place in the morning so the children will return to school and be ready for collection at the usual time which will prevent the traffic/parking/collection issues that we have all experienced with the pantos in previous years.

YEAR GROUP	WHERE	WHEN	COST PER PUPIL	PAYMENT DEADLINE
EYFS	Zoolab workshop	WEDNESDAY 21 ST APRIL 2027	£13.50	19 th Mar 27
YEAR 1 & 2	FAST Museum	TUESDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER & THURSDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER 2026	£12.00	16 th Oct 26
YEAR 1 & 2	Victorians Workshop	FRIDAY 8 TH JANUARY 2027	£8.50	11 th Dec 26
YEAR 3 & 4	Fishbourne Roman Palace	WEDNESDAY 21 ST OCTOBER 2026	£23.50	2 nd Oct 26
YEAR 3 & 4	Egyptian Workshop	FRIDAY 11 TH JUNE 2027	£8.50	21 st May 27
YEAR 5 & 6	Lepe Country Park	MONDAY 28 TH SEPTEMBER 2026	£19.00	10 th July 26
YEAR 5 & 6	Viking & Anglo-Saxon Workshop	FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2027	£8.50	29 th Jan 27
KS1 & KS2	Panto	KS2 15 TH DECEMBER 2026 KS1 16 TH DECEMBER 2026	£18.25	10 th July 26

As you are aware from the letters we send out, we are only allowed to ask for 'voluntary contributions' for topic-based trips and events and we are aware that this phrase causes confusion amongst parents. This term must be used by all schools to ensure that no child is excluded from a trip that involves the curriculum because their family are unable to pay. Please note, that at Hawley, we would never exclude a child on this basis.

We do not make any profit on trips and visits; the total cost of the coach and activity/entrance fee is divided by the amount of children taking part and it is this figure that is requested as the 'voluntary contribution' or cost per pupil on the table above.

Whilst we can help families who cannot afford to pay the contribution, we would request that you make the payment if you are able to do so. Like many schools, our budget does not stretch to

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paying for all pupils and if we do not get enough 'contributions' we will be forced to cancel the trip; not something we want to do. It's a tough balancing act!

The pantomime trip is different as it is a treat as opposed to a curriculum-based visit, which is why we can ask for a '*payment*'. Once again, we do not want any child to miss out, so will do our best to support families who are experiencing financial difficulties – just contact us.

On this note, after the tremendous support we received from our parent community during this academic year, we will once again set up a Donation section, under the trips section of Arbor. If you should wish to donate to school to help support families who are unable to afford to pay, please do so using this 'event'. **However, please do not feel obliged to do so; it is entirely voluntary and not an expectation at all.**

Letters with more detail will be sent out in the usual way several weeks before the trip as normal.

Thank you for all your support and we all hope we can continue to provide wonderful experiences that enhance the curriculum for all the children at Hawley.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jane Baker', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Jane Baker
Headteacher