

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parent / Carer;

## 2025 - Year 1 Visit to Colchester Zoo

This year, to support learning in Science, the children in Year 1 will be going to Colchester Zoo on the following dates:

**Snakes and Foxes – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Squirrels and Owls – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

The visit will take place during school hours and the children will be back by 3.15pm.

Our visit to the zoo is an exciting day out. As well as getting to see hundreds of different animals there will be an opportunity to join in KS1 curriculum linked workshops and also see collections of artefacts that will inspire our children and enrich their understanding of nature, science and the world around them.

We will be travelling by coach. Your child will need to wear their school uniform and appropriate footwear. Packed lunches for all children will be provided by school on this day and so children will not need to bring anything extra into school with them. Please note that children will not need any spending money on the day either.

### Contribution Payment for the Visit

The total cost of the visit to school will be approximately £3,600 (or, in other words, £30 per child); however, we will use school funds to subsidise some of the costs incurred. Accordingly, we kindly ask you to help us by contributing **£20 per child**, which we ask you to pay via ParentMail.

**If you have difficulty in paying, then it is important that you speak to either Donna Bonifacio or Kelly Ager as soon as possible.** Unfortunately, if we don't receive sufficient contributions, we may



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have to either cancel the whole visit (less our deposit) or future planned visits through lack of funds; This is obviously something that we want to avoid.

**Please note that we will need all Year 1 children to be in school by 8:30am on the day that their class goes to Colchester Zoo.** This is so that we can get to the zoo bright and early and make the very best of our day.

The coaches will be leaving at 8:45am sharp so please, please make sure that your child is in by 8:30am at the very latest.

### Parent Helpers

There are a number of places on the coach and we hope some parents will come along to help us. If you are interested in helping you **must** complete and submit the ParentMail form which is now available. This needs to be done by **9am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the latest.** As soon as we have an idea of numbers, and if we need you, your child's teacher will let you know.

### Consent Form

Please also note that, in order for your child to come on this visit, you need to complete the consent form on ParentMail and return it to us, also no later than **9am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.** Without your consent, we cannot take your child on this visit.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Jordan  
Headteacher



## Visit Checklist



1.	Complete the Consent Form in ParentMail – <b>DEADLINE Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
2.	If you want to volunteer to help – Complete the Parent Helper Form in ParentMail – <b>DEADLINE Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
3.	Make the Contribution Payment of £20 using ParentMail – Click on 'Payments' and then on 'Shop' – add to basket, tick the consent box and then pay! <b>DEADLINE Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	