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Educational Visit: Butser Ancient Farm on Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 4 class will be visiting **Butser Ancient Farm in Waterlooville** on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026** to experience a hands-on day of learning linked to our History topic all about the Anglo-Saxons.

- The children will visit reconstructions of ancient Saxon houses nestled in the rolling countryside of the South Downs National Park to explore what life was like in the past.
- They will also work together as a team to create a section of wattle fence. Wattling is an ancient building technique used in the construction of fences and walls. It is the basis for most of the buildings at Butser Ancient Farm.
- The class will be challenged to reconstruct the past through a real archaeological excavation plan alongside a range of artefacts and coordinates. They will work as a team to explore the 'post-excavation' elements of an archaeologist's role and how individual artefacts can be pieced together to build up a picture of life in the past.
- We will also take part in a hands-on pottery activity, preparing and using materials straight from the ground to design, create and decorate an item of pottery.

On **Tuesday 22nd September 2026**, the children will need to be **dropped off at school for 7.30am and then picked up from school at 5.00pm**. We will be travelling from school by coach, via Wightlink car ferry, to Portsmouth. We will then travel approximately 30 minutes to Butser Ancient Farm.

The trip will cost **£47 per child**, to include the site entry, workshop activities, and travel to and from the venue via coach and ferry. Please log in to Arbor to consent and pay for the visit. We are aware that this is a substantial amount for an educational visit, however it is very good value for money and will really enhance their learning. Please be assured that any other educational visits during the school year will not cost as much. Therefore we wanted to let you have the details before the end of term and are extending the payment deadline longer than we normally would.

Please can we ask that you have provided consent and pay for this visit on Arbor by Friday, 11th September. If you need an extension to the payment deadline, please contact the school office.

'All our children can achieve success!'

The children will need to **dress in outdoor clothing and sturdy shoes** and bring an appropriate coat or sun cream and sun hat depending on the weather, as we will be outside for most of the trip. Please note that it is likely that the children's clothes and shoes will get muddy / dirty due to some of the activities. You may wish to send an additional pair of light shoes and a plastic bag for the muddy ones for the way home!

Please also send your child with **a healthy snack, a packed lunch and a full bottle of water** for the day in a rucksack they can carry themselves. There is a bottle refill station at the venue.

Please complete this quick [online form](#) by the **11th September** at the very latest.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Hanson', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mrs Lucy Hanson
Year 4 Teacher