

26th January 2026

Dear Year 6 parents,

Year 6 Educational Visit to Ashdown Forest, Thursday 12th March 2026

As part of our Evolution and Adaptation topic, we would like to take Year 6 to visit Ashdown Forest. With links to Science and Outdoor Learning, this will be a great opportunity for the children to extend their knowledge even further.

The trip will focus on the habitats within the forest and how different species have adapted to suit the environment and how this leads to variation of species. This will further benefit their understanding in a practical setting in order to make it more memorable.

This trip will be predominately outdoors and the children will need to be dressed comfortably and appropriately for the site and weather. **They will not require any money on the day and mobile phones need to be kept at home.**

All children will need:

- a packed lunch – all rubbish will need to be taken home, so please keep this in mind when packing their lunch to cut down on rubbish. There are facilities to collect fruit and vegetable waste on site for composting but we cannot dispose of other waste from packed lunches. (This is in line with the Country Code which asks us to always take our litter home). On the day, children **will need to bring a packed lunch**. For those needing to **cancel hot lunch for this day or book a packed lunch**, please go to your ParentPay portal **by the Thursday 26th February 2026 at the latest**.
- to wear old clothes that they don't mind getting dirty and ensuring that they are wearing long trousers and sleeves. If cold weather, ensure you have enough layers of clothing too!
- suitable footwear – walking boots or wellies
- plenty of water for the day
- sun hats if sunny and waterproofs if wet

Travel arrangements:

To make this trip free for all families, **children will need to be dropped off at the Ashdown Forest Centre, Education Barn (Postcode: RH18 5JP) by 9:30am** where we will be waiting to register the children outside the barn (if the weather permits) by the picnic benches. **The children will need to be collected at 14:30** (outside the Education Barn again). These timings allow drop off and pick up around siblings. There is a car park at the Forest Centre. We encourage car-sharing to help accommodate working parents and lessen the environmental impact on the forest so **please include on the consent form details of who will be collecting your child**. Please complete the attached Google form by **Friday 27th February**.

<https://forms.gle/DdFeJaMjLtrfTNwNA>

LbQ academic support groups will be cancelled on this day to accommodate this visit.

Kind regards,

Ms McKnight
Year 6 Teacher

Mrs Ridgers
Year 6 Teacher