

Responsibility

Respect

Compassion

Courage

5th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

During the summer term we are planning two activities to enrich the children's learning. The first is a visit from the 'Owl and Raptor Centre,' where some owls will be visiting us at school. The second is a trip to the seaside. We will be visiting Ovingdean Beach where we will be connecting with nature and exploring the environment to enhance our geography curriculum. Please see below for more information about each activity.

Wednesday 22nd April 2026: Owl and Raptor Centre Experience.



To launch our summer 1 topic 'What makes us like other animals?', we have arranged for the Owl and Raptor Centre to visit the children in school. They are bringing four different species of owl along for us to meet and are going to talk to the children about habitats and adaptation, which are two key areas of our science learning. This experience also works as an excellent hook into our new text 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

This will take place at school on **Wednesday 22nd April**.

Wednesday 10th June 2026: Brighton Beach School visit to Ovingdean Beach.



To launch our summer 2 topic 'Eyes to the skies', we are planning a visit to Ovingdean beach where we will spend the day taking part in a variety of activities lead by an organisation called 'Brighton Beach School'. The beach activities will vary from physical wide - game type activities, to creative art work, conservation tasks and scientific based activities such as identifying creatures in rock pools. We will be exploring the natural coastal environment and learning how to protect it along with looking at the geographical landmarks found at the coast. We hope the day will be thoroughly enjoyable for the children.

Please make payment of **£17.20** which will cover the cost of both the owls visiting, the cost of the coach and the beach educational workshop. The PTA have very kindly contributed towards the cost of the coach and we would like to thank them for this. The contribution is voluntary but you will understand that the experience cannot take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute. You are invited to contact us, in confidence, if you are unable to pay. Please make your payment via online bank transfer on the Arbor App.

We are offering you the option of paying in two instalments:

- Instalment 1 **£8.60** is to be **paid by Tuesday 31st March.**
- Instalment 2 **£8.60** is to be **paid by Thursday 30th April.**

If you would prefer to pay in **one instalment** that is also fine. Please pay the full amount **by Thursday 30th April.**

Please complete the Google Form via the following link, by Friday 27th March at the latest. If you are able to join us as a parent helper on the beach trip, please indicate this on the google form <https://forms.gle/XDCL51LWEgts1DZ9>

Packed Lunch Choices**Option 1**

Packed lunch and drink from home, a piece of fruit for a snack, and a bottle of water. Please note that due to severe allergies, NO NUTS or Nutella products are to be brought on the trip. **If you have a hot meal booked, please cancel it before Thursday 28th May.**

Option 2

Chartwells packed lunch. You will need to order this online via ParentPay, the same as you do with hot meals.
Deadline for ordering: Thursday 28th May.

We look forward to your child enjoying these experiences, which will enhance their learning.

Thank you

The Year 2 Team