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Year 5 Trip to Colchester Castle – The Romans

Dear Parents/Carers,

To coincide with our Year 5 Humanities topic in the Spring term, 'The Romans' we have arranged a visit to Colchester Castle on Wednesday 28th January 2026. This is an exciting trip for our pupils to attend which will assist them with their studies. They will explore history in the place where it happened. Pupils will take on the role of archaeologists and learn about the events that led up to Boudica's revolt. They will discover the impact this had on people's lives as Colchester changed from an Iron Age settlement to a prosperous Roman town.

We will be leaving school by coach at 9:00am and need all pupils to be in from 8.40am to register. We will leave around 2pm and aim to return to school by 2.45p.m. In case of traffic, please check Arbor as we will communicate with you via this.

Every child will need a packed lunch (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks). Packed lunches should be in strong, disposable carrier bags to be easily disposed of. If your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals and you wish to order a school packed lunch, please let the school know by Wednesday 21st January 2026. On this day, please make sure lunches on Arbor are updated or your account may be charged.

If you are available to help out, please ensure that you give your details; you will be notified by the class teacher if we need you. The cost of the trip is £14.00 per pupil. Please pay this on Arbor by Wednesday 21st January 2026. If you have particular reasons why you cannot make this payment, please do speak with the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Scott & Miss Palmer

