



20th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 5 Rivers Trip

On Monday 20th October and Tuesday 21st October 2025, Year 5 will be taking part in a field trip to study a local river as part of our geography curriculum. We will be taking half the year group (Angelou and half of Zephaniah) on Monday and the other half (Banjo and half of Zephaniah) on Tuesday. Zephaniah class will receive a note closer to the time saying which day they will be attending the trip. We will be travelling by coach to the site. Due to a generous subsidy provided by the Wessex River Trust Travel Grant, the cost of the trip will be £1.70.

Please click the following link to complete the online form to give permission for your child to attend. We would appreciate a parent volunteer on both days. If you are available, please indicate this on the online response form and you will be contacted in due course.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MRLGEHfmt8>

The trip will take place during the morning, and we will return for lunch (due to the nature of the trip, it would be unsanitary to have a mid-morning snack so please ensure the children have had a good breakfast) and plenty of lunch to eat back in school (school dinners will be served as normal on return).

Riverbank session: Monks Brook, Places Leisure (Eastleigh)

At the riverbank, the children will take part in a fun, interactive and engaging session. They will gain a sense of ownership of a local river, look closely at river features, take a short wildlife walk, river dip for invertebrates and play water use games. Prior to this trip, the children will also take part in an interactive assembly which covers river features, wildlife and heritage sites and focuses on saving water. These sessions will both be run by Wessex Rivers Trust and are funded by Southern Water.

What to wear?

Children should dress for the weather on the day (the trip will go ahead in light rain and cold conditions). School uniform must be worn on the top half (with long sleeves) but the bottom half ought to be suitable for outdoor activity such as leggings or jogging bottoms (**no jeans**). If your child has **waterproof trousers**, please provide these in a bag for the trip. We recommend **wellies** or old trainers which can get wet for footwear. We would also **encourage waterproof coats and a warm hat/gloves** if the weather becomes cold. **Please provide your child with a change of trousers, socks and shoes to change into when they return to school.** Even though the children will be in long trousers and sleeves, please check your child thoroughly for ticks when they get home from school.

Please ensure that you complete the online permission slip by Friday 10th October 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coomber (Year 5 Leader)