

25th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about a Y5/6 trip in May to Pateley Bridge, as part of our river topic, where we will undertake a River Study.

In order to give the children an opportunity for first-hand experience of river features and to practise some geographical field skills, we will be embarking on a half day visit to the river Nidd, in Pateley Bridge. The trip will take place over 2 days with Mrs Brooke and Mrs Howes' classes visiting on Tuesday 20th May and Mrs Sykes and Mr Longley's classes on Thursday 22nd May. We will be departing from Western at 9.15 a.m. and returning at approximately 1.30p.m.

Children will need a packed lunch for this trip, although one will be provided by the canteen if your child usually has a school lunch. They do not need to wear school uniform but should wear warm clothing, plenty of layers and sturdy shoes. The children will need a warm and waterproof coat and a rucksack to carry their lunch in.

Whilst there is no obligation for you to make any voluntary contribution, the school really values any donation that you are able to make. For this visit, we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £9 to cover the coach cost which can be made through Arbor "Trips". However, in the event that a parent does not make any contribution, his/her child will not be treated any differently. Please note that by logging onto Arbor and making your contribution, this will also constitute consent.

If the school receives insufficient voluntary contributions, the trip may be cancelled. To ensure we do not incur any cancellation costs, we are asking if any contributions could be made by Friday 9th May. If any parent feels that they may be in a position to pay more than the amount stated above in order to help a family who may be struggling, this can also be done via Arbor.

Thank you

From the 5/6 team.