

21st April 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

To support our learning of our key question this half term, "Is Australia a continent or a country?", particularly our science unit on animals and their habitats, I am delighted to inform you that Year 2 will be going on an exciting school trip to **Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Friday 8th May 2026**. In addition to guided tours of the park, the children will be taking part in a workshop called: World Habitats & Adaptations. They will learn about desert, polar, savannah and rainforest habitats. They will also learn about some of the animals in the park's collection that live in these various habitats and what they need to survive there. The session includes being hands on with a range of animal bio-facts and live animals. As with any trip, an extensive risk assessment has been conducted after a pre-visit trip.

In order to make the most of our time at the park, and considering the distance of our journey, we will be departing from school promptly at **8:30 a.m.** To facilitate a smooth departure process, we kindly request that children arrive at school between **8:00 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.** This will allow sufficient time for registration, toilet visits, organising belongings, finalising groupings and ensuring that all children are securely seated on the coach for our timely departure. We anticipate returning to school at approximately **4:30 p.m.**

To help cover the cost of this trip and the subsequent coach costs, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£16 per child**, payable via Arbor. However, in the event that a parent is unable to contribute, his/her child will not be treated any differently. Through Arbor, you are able to make a payment and also consent to your child taking part in the trip. **We request this is done by Wednesday 6th May 2026.**

We would like to extend our utmost gratitude to the PTA for generously donating a significant amount to the coach cost. This has been made possible by the wonderful donations from our Western community over recent years. It highlights the sheer importance of our PTA and the impact of their commitment and dedication.

Should you have any questions or concern, please do not hesitate to contact us via our year group email address: year2@wes.rklt.co.uk. We will send further communication closer to the time.

Yours sincerely,
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