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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wren Class & Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo – Tuesday 14th April 2026

We would very much like to take the children in Wrens Class and Year 1 to Marwell Zoo on **Tuesday 14th April 2026**. The visit will enhance the children's learning about animals and their habitats which Year 1 have been learning about this term and Wren Class are due to start their new topic for the Summer Term – Whose Footsteps?

Marwell Zoo is an excellent place to learn about many aspects of the curriculum. Marwell Zoo is a 140-acre park with 100's of animals including giraffes, tigers, leopards, meerkats, penguins and more. The children will be embarking on 'Expedition Marwell' where they will step into the footsteps of Professor Seymour, an explorer from Marwell's past, and set off on a hands-on adventure around the zoo. The children will also have the chance to explore close up, one of the popular animal habitats, where they'll start to see animals as fellow beings with their own personalities and stories! We are hoping that the children will be more connected to nature, do more to protect it, and see more of what is around them after their visit.

The day will be led by qualified Marwell Zoo Staff and will provide opportunities to learn about different animals and their habitats. We will be taking the children by coach to and from the zoo. We will be leaving school at 8:30am and then returning to school for the end of the school day at approximately 3pm. As we would like to leave at 8:30am prompt we would ask that all children are in school at 8:15am so we can register them, make sure they have been to the toilet and on the coach ready to depart at 08:30am.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch to school with them on the day. If possible, we would like the lunch to be packed in a backpack. It would be great if all wrappings could be disposed of once the contents have been eaten, so no lunch boxes please. We would also like to request that children **DO NOT** bring bananas or kiwi in their packed lunch as we have a child with an allergy to these. The children will also need a water bottle with them for the day. The children will need to wear their school uniform and comfortable shoes or trainers. They will also need a waterproof coat in case of showers. If the weather forecast is for a very warm, sunny day then we would advise you to apply sun cream in the morning and send a sunhat with your child.

If your child is prone to having toilet accidents, please could they bring spare clothing to change into as we have a limited supply that we can take with us. The subsidised cost for the trip would be **£23.50 per child**, which would include a guided visit to the zoo and the return coach travel cost. We would like to thank the PTA for helping to subsidise the trip and donating £5 per child towards the cost.

You can make a voluntary contribution via ScoPay (please see Wrens & Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip) and by doing so you will be giving permission for your child to go on the trip. Please make payments by Friday 27th March 2026. As always, if you are unable to contribute towards the trip, please let us know in confidence. Trips of this nature can only go ahead with your contributions.

Regards Mrs Coe and Miss Grigulis
Class Teachers