

Year 3 - Trips for the Year

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

The Year 3 team have been busy planning some exciting activities for the children that link in with their learning. To give you a whole year overview and to help with financial planning (transport costs add a significant amount to the cost of a trip), we have planned a mixture of onsite **and** offsite activities. These include a trip to a local church, an in-house Dinosaur Dome and a trip to Ufton Court.



Farleigh Wallop Estate - Countryside learning and outdoors event

Children will be learning about life and work in the countryside and at Farleigh Wallop Estate. They will take part in several outdoor learning experiences including investigating animals, Farming, Forestry and Woodland and Conservation on the Estate.

We are requesting a contribution of £10.40 for this trip.

Church Visit – St Thomas of Canterbury, Worting, Basingstoke

As a part of our upcoming RE unit on sacred places, we are planning a visit to our local church, St Thomas Church. This trip will give the children an opportunity to explore how the church is special to Christians by exploring the traditional layout and having a guided tour.

Children from Rooksdown will be transported by minibus to the church and children from Greenbank will be walking the short distance to the church.

There is no charge for the transport or trip for this activity.



Dinosaur Dome - <https://www.sciencedome.net/dinosaur-dome>

As a part of our upcoming History topic about Mary Anning and extinction, a mobile planetarium will be brought into school. The show starts with time travel back to the Jurassic times with pictures of early earth landscapes. The programme then gives an interactive introduction to dinosaurs and talks about the fossils in the local Jurassic coast, using 360-degree pictures of the dinosaurs.

We are requesting a contribution of **£9.00** for this activity.



Egyptian Workshop – <https://www.portalstothepast.co.uk/classes/ks2-ancient-egyptians/>

This fun, absorbing and interactive workshop introduces children to the fascinating and enigmatic world of the ancient Egyptians. The children participate in activities throughout the day as they learn about what happens following the death of a mighty Pharaoh, including tomb building, the mummification process, burial ceremonies and, finally, the crowning of the new Pharaoh.

Also includes:

- Doing basic maths, the Egyptian way, and learning how to measure in cubits
- Discover fascinating facts during an Egyptian-themed quiz
- Hounds and Jackals – an easy Egyptian board game
- Egyptian artefacts and way of life

We are requesting a contribution of **£6.90** for this activity.



TRIP DATES	Rooksdown	Greenbank
Farleigh Wallop Estate	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026
Church Trip	Friday 13 th November 2026	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Dinosaur Dome	Tuesday 19 th January 2027	Wednesday 20 th January 2027
Egyptian Day	Tuesday 27 th April 2027	Thursday 29 th April 2027

The cost for these workshops and trips will appear on your child's Arbor account soon. The amounts are calculated assuming that each child takes part and contributes to ensure we raise sufficient funds. Please note should there be insufficient voluntary contributions the school reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip. The school does not make any profit on these trips and so by making these contributions you are helping to ensure that the school funds go further.

Students eligible for Pupil Premium (Targeted FSM) will have their school trip and workshop costs covered by their funding allocation. Please note that under current government guidelines, Pupil Premium discounts apply only to Targeted FSM allocations. If you are unsure whether your child qualifies for Targeted FSM and Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

In the absence of a formal Fundraising Friends team at Greenbank, and thanks to the dedication of Greenbank staff, we raised enough funds to support every class and contribute toward school trips. We also extend our gratitude to our Rooksdown Friends for their efforts last year and for ringfencing funds to support Rooksdown class trips this academic year.

We are looking forward to some exciting experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 3 Team