

September 2025

### Year 4 - Trips for the Year

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

The Year 4 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 an in-house Roman Soldier workshop, an in-house dance workshop and swimming lessons at Queen Mary's College pool with Kim Chapman Swimming School.

#### Roman Workshop -

The pupils will join in the drama and excitement as Titus Flavius, a brave Roman Centurion, takes them on his mission to avenge his fallen soldiers and recruit new fighters to defend the Roman Empire.

From marching in Roman formations to wielding Roman weaponry, this experience will bring Roman history to life in a fun and engaging way.

We are requesting a contribution of **£6.00** for this activity.



#### Swimming Lessons - <https://www.kimchapmanswimmingschool.co.uk/>

The children will receive 30 minutes tuition each week from qualified instructors from The Kim Chapman Swimming School at Queen Mary's College. It is expected that your child will take part in this programme as it is a compulsory element of the National Curriculum.

They will need to bring in a swimming costume, towel, goggles (if required) and **swimming caps (these are compulsory)** in a waterproof bag so that they can dry and change properly again afterwards. If they decide to wear their costume underneath their school uniform, please remember to **pack underwear**.

If your child suffers from asthma, their inhaler will be taken to the lessons each week. We hope that by the end of the course all children will have become swimmers and those who can already swim will show improvement.



Pupils will be transported by a licenced minibus; we are requesting a contribution of **£20.50** towards this transport cost. The school will be paying for the cost of the swimming lessons and so no contribution is requested to cover these costs.

### **Dance Workshop**

We are excited to invite the Kings Theatre Academy to come into school and run a dance workshop supporting our learning in class. They will be creating a dance responding to music and linking to their Summer term topic of 'Saving the World'. Children will need to be in PE kits for the day of their workshop.

This workshop will be entirely funded by the school, so there is no cost for this activity.

TRIP DATES	Rooksdown	Greenbank
<b>Roman Workshop</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
<b>Swimming Lessons</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Dance Workshop</b>	April TBC	April TBC

The cost for these workshops and trips will appear on your child's Arbor account in advance of the date for each trip/activity. 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. **Please note that if your child receives pupil premium funding the cost of the activity will be covered using their funding allocation.**

As we are a cashless school, please pay online via scopay.com. If you would like a link code to set up an online payment account, please contact the school office.

We would also like to thank our Fundraising Friends teams for their continued contributions towards our activities. This is the last year that we will have funding for Greenbank pupils as, sadly, our Friends committee closed at the end of last academic year due to the lack of volunteers. We hope that this can be resolved before the next Academic year with a new Friends committee and that we will have funding again to help future trips and activities.

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

Yours sincerely,  
The Year 4 Team