

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 - <https://schoolhistoryvisits.co.uk/>

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.

The children are welcome to dress up if they would like to, or they can wear PE kit.

We are requesting a contribution of **£6.95** 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**.

Pupils will be transported by a licenced minibus; we are requesting a contribution of **£19.75** 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.

We are requesting a contribution of **£4.40** for this activity.

TRIP DATES	Rooksdown	Greenbank
Roman Workshop	Monday 28th September 2026	Tuesday 29 th September 2026
Swimming Lessons	Monday 22nd February to Monday 22nd March 2027	Monday 22nd February to Monday 22nd March 2027
Dance Workshop	Monday 19 th April 2027	Monday 12 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 4 Team

