

September 2025

Year R - Trips for the Year

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

The Year R 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 farm animal visit and a trip to Wellington Country Park.

Mill Cottage Farm - <http://www.mcfefarm.org.uk/>



Mill Cottage Farm will be coming into the school grounds in the Spring Term. This exciting day will allow the children to meet some familiar farm animals and learn about their lives on the farm. In the Spring Term, we begin to learn about the life cycles of animals; the farm provides an excellent learning platform through a hands-on environment.

We are requesting a contribution of **£4.00** for this activity.



Wellington Country Park - <https://wellingtoncountrypark.co.uk/school-visits-2026/>

The children will become Bug Detectives as we explore the ancient woodlands of the country park on a search for magnificent minibeasts! It is an exciting journey of discovery, searching for beautiful butterflies, slimy slugs, wonderful woodlice and impressive shield bugs. This is an hour-long workshop led by their staff. The day includes access to the park where there is a nature trail, a big adventure play area, and life size dinosaur park. It also includes a train ride and a farm workshop led by our team.



We are requesting a contribution of no more than **£22.00 (final price TBC)** for this activity.

TRIP DATES	
Mill Cottage Farm	Tuesday 21st April 2026
Wellington Country Park	Wednesday 6th May 2026



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 team for their continued contributions towards our 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 R Team