

September 2026

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.

Manor Farm - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/manorfarm/education>



The children will go back in time to understand life as a Victorian child.

They will learn about household chores such as washing, chamber pots, rag rug making or take part in an authentic Victorian school lesson within our historic farmhouse. Discovering how Victorians preserved fresh foods for lean times and try Victorian Etiquette.



They will explore the historic machinery and Victorian farming and play Victorian games. Staff dress in period costume and bring learning to life through engaging role play.

We are requesting a contribution of no more than **£21.00** for this activity.

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

The children will become Animal Farm Detectives and this interactive and engaging workshop will guide your detectives around the Animal Farm as they use all their senses to explore. They will discuss and identify livestock and domestic animals including:

Recognise basic characteristics of different breeds, species. Recognise animals and their young and have an understanding of animal needs and the importance of care.



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 fun train ride.

We are requesting a contribution of **£19.00** for this activity.

TRIP DATES	
Manor Farm	Wednesday 14th April 2027
Wellington Country Park	Wednesday 26th May 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 R Team

