

Wednesday 5th November.

Year 4 River Mersey Fieldtrip.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share details about an exciting day trip which has been planned for our Year 4 children.

To support our geography learning this term, as part of our topic on rivers, we have arranged a visit to the River Mersey. Each class will attend on a different day: Class 14 and half of Class 15 on **Monday 24th November**, and Class 16 with the other half of Class 15 on **Wednesday 26th November**. I can confirm the date your child will attend the trip on is **Monday 24th November**.

During the trip, children will take part in a range of activities led by a qualified instructor. These include a water quality survey, identifying and classifying invertebrates, **and** using a map to locate features of the river.

The morning is divided into a river survey walk and river sampling. In the afternoon, the children will travel in canoes along the river to study further points where erosion and flood protection features are visible. They will use rafted canoes – this is two canoes strapped together by a wooden beam to make a catamaran that is extremely stable, cannot turn over and is easier to paddle by the group. Between six and eight people can fit in one raft, which will be supervised whilst on the river by both a qualified leader and a member of school staff. The section of river we will use is classified as Grade 1, and all trip leaders are fully qualified and very experienced. We have attached photos so parents can better visualise what these activities will look like.

The cost of the trip is **£27.50** which is payable online via Parentmail. As this trip is classed as an optional extra, full payment will be required.

Children should wear warm clothing, bring a change of clothes in case of rain, a packed lunch in a disposable bag with a disposable drink (no nuts or fizzy drinks, please), and a waterproof coat. Children will travel by coach and will depart and return within the normal school day, so drop-off and collection arrangements will remain as usual.



Please confirm your child's place by completing the online permission form by **Tuesday 18th November 2025**.

If your child suffers from Asthma, please make sure that they have their inhalers with them or any other medication they might be taking on the day, or they will not be able to go on this visit. Our 'Administered Medication Form' is available from outside the office and will have to be filled in for any medicines being taken.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Willocks
Year 4 Year Group Lead

Please click on the following link to give your permission –

<https://forms.office.com/e/cGKw1MBDZ2>