

September 2026

Geography Y7 Trip to the Living Rainforest

Dear Parent and Carers

To continue to support your child's personal development, we would like to make you aware about an amazing Geography trip for our year 7 pupils to the Living Rainforest, in Berkshire. This will take place on **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November 2026**.

This is a great opportunity for your child to experience the sights, sounds and smells of a tropical rainforest. Biomes are part of the KS3 Geography curriculum so this trip will really enhance their understanding of rainforests and bring the Natural Environment topic to life.

The Living Rainforest won the Travel Award for Excellent Geography learning for the second consecutive year in 2024 and we are excited to bring this opportunity to our pupils.

During our visit your child will experience an 'Amazing Adaptation' guided tour; have time to explore the rainforest with Selwood staff and volunteers and complete a workshop.

5th November – Tutor groups E, F, L & S

6th November – Tutor groups M, R & W

Both trips will depart from school at **07:45am**, pupils will meet at the bus loop at **07:30am** and would look to return back to school for **4.30pm/5.00pm**.

The cost of this trip will be between **£25.00-£30.00** depending on the number of pupils attending, this includes tickets and coach travel. If you would like your child to attend this trip, please complete the link below and make a non-refundable deposit payment of **£5.00** via ParentPay to secure their place by **Friday 25th September 2026**

<https://forms.gle/HNHEQtzs9EH59qi67>

Once numbers and deposits have been confirmed we will book the tickets and add the confirmed remaining balance to ParentPay, the final deadline for payments will be **Friday 9th October 2026**. **Please note that this trip is non-refundable in any circumstance.**

Pupils need to be in full school uniform for this trip and arrive with a packed lunch and drinks for the day. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will be provided with a packed lunch on the day.

You may be able to use your Selwood Activity Voucher against the balance of this trip, please indicate on the link above and you will be notified by the finance team if this is not possible.

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.

I must stress that as with any trip the school reserves the right to remove a pupil if we have concerns regarding the child's willingness to co-operate with adults or they pose a health and safety risk. Should this situation arise, or if you do not wish for your child to participate, an alternative school-based activity will be arranged.

Yours Sincerely

Ms G Roberts
Head of Humanities