



January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 8 Visit to Thorpe Park on Friday 3rd July 2026

I am writing to inform you of our intention to run a trip for Year 8 pupils to Thorpe Park in Chertsey, Surrey.

This is entirely for leisure purposes and based on past experience, should be a very enjoyable day for all concerned. Pupils must ensure that they are in school for an early registration at **7.20am** so that they can be on the coach and ready to leave Selwood by **7.30am**. Pupils who catch a school bus will need to find alternative transport to ensure that they arrive at school on time. We will be returning at approximately **8.00pm** giving us about 8 hours at Thorpe Park.

Pupils will not have to wear school uniform and they will be allowed to bring mobile phones to keep them occupied on the journey. The school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage to such items. These would be brought at the owner's risk and all pupils will be expected to look after them themselves throughout the day. The pupils can bring a packed lunch or can buy lunch at the park, there are a variety of fast-food places at which to eat but please be aware that Thorpe Park operates as a cashless park. It will also be sensible to bring a change of clothes if pupils intend going on water rides.

The cost of this trip will be between **£40.00-£50.00** depending on the number of pupils attending and will include entrance and coach hire. If you would like your child to attend this trip, please complete the link below and make a non-refundable deposit payment of **£10.00** via ParentPay to secure their place by **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

Once numbers and deposits have been confirmed we will book the tickets with Thorpe Park and add the confirmed remaining balance to ParentPay, the final deadline for payments will be **Friday 29th May 2026**.

Please note that once tickets are purchased, they are non-refundable in any circumstance.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you may be able to use your Selwood Activity Voucher, please indicate on the link below and you will be notified by the finance team if this is not possible.

If your child requires additional medication for this trip, we will require this to be handed into reception in the original packaging and clearly labelled no later than **Wednesday 24th June 2026**, pupils with asthma are encouraged to carry their own inhalers.

Senior Leaders have been assigned responsibility for 'out of hours and emergency contact' for the duration of the trip. This will mean that a senior leader back here in school will provide you

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with travel updates and make contact should there be a need whilst your child(ren) is on the trip. These communications will be sent direct to the emergency email address shared with us on the google permission form, therefore please ensure you let us know if there are any changes made before the trip.

For this particular trip the out of hours contacts is **Rebecca Martin Scott** (rmartinscott@selwood.mnsp.org.uk). You are advised to also check your junk folders. Should you have any queries relating to the trip after 16.00pm, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Martin Scott. For queries before this time, please reach out to the school in the usual way.

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.

Please complete the form via the following link to let us know if your child would like to go on this trip.

<https://forms.gle/WKy18xVwEq1aieus7>

Yours Sincerely
Mr Fraser Sharp
Head of Year 8