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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share that we have booked a trip for **Reception** to visit **The Corn Exchange Theatre in Newbury** to watch **Sleeping Beauty** on **Tuesday 1st December 2026**. This promises to be a fun and educational experience for the children, and a fantastic introduction to the festive season!

Sleeping Beauty is a magical and much-loved fairy tale about Princess Aurora, who falls under a spell cast by an evil fairy. With the help of her friends and a brave prince, the story unfolds with plenty of adventure, music, laughter and audience participation. Pantomimes are a wonderful introduction to live theatre for young children, encouraging imagination, confidence and enjoyment through a fun and interactive performance.

The show begins at 10:00am. We will be leaving school promptly at **8:45am** by coach and will return after lunch, in time for the usual end-of-day pick-up. To ensure we are seated in time for the show, we ask that children arrive at school via the front office slightly earlier at **8:15am**.

Your child will need:

- To arrive at school promptly by **8:15am**. Please note: late arrivals risk missing the trip.
- To wear **full school uniform with a touch of Christmas** (e.g. festive socks, hair accessories etc.).
- A **packed lunch**, as we will return to school after lunchtime.
- Bring a **bottle of water**. We will provide a snack for the children to have on arrival at the theatre.

The cost of the trip is **£23.60 per child**, which covers both the coach and theatre ticket. To give consent and make payment, please use the payment item now open on Arbor under Trips. Deadline for payment and consent: **Sunday 11th October 2026**.

Please note: As a school, we cannot run at a loss, therefore we need to ensure we are financially viable before running any trips, without sufficient funds to support this event we may be unable to proceed and will need to cancel the event in good time.

The Arbor payment item is consent for your child to attend. Without this consent, your child will not be able to take part.

If you have any difficulties making payment, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can discuss options with you.

If you are available to help us on the day of the trip, please let us know by completing this [[FORM HERE](#)].

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team

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