

18 May 2026

Dear Parents

### **Southend-on-Sea**

Year 2 have planned an exciting visit to Southend-on-Sea as part of our geography topic about seashores. The purpose of the visit will be to identify and observe the key features of a seaside and make comparisons between a town by the sea and their local area.

**Woodpecker and Puffin** will be visiting Southend-on-Sea on **Thursday 11 June 2026**.

**Robin and Kingfisher** will be visiting Southend-on-Sea on **Friday 12 June 2026**.

We will be travelling by coach. The children will be leaving school promptly at 9:00 and will return at 4:30 which is **after** normal pick up. As the children will arrive back to school after normal pick up time we will need your express consent for your child to attend. This can be given on Arbor when the payment for the trip is made.

The cost of this trip is £25.50 which will cover the coach journey. In accordance with the 1996 Education Act, we have to ask for 'voluntary contribution' towards the cost of the trip. In the unlikely event that the costs cannot be covered by contributions, the trip will be cancelled. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium or has Free School Meals the school can support you and make an amendment to Arbor so you can provide the necessary consent. Voluntary contributions to be paid via Arbor > Payment Item > Shop > Y2 Visit to Southend-on-Sea by Friday 8 June at the latest.

Your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals so The Pantry can provide a packed lunch which will need to be ordered on The Pantry website. Please follow these instructions:

1. Log into your Pantry account.
2. On the dashboard click on view, under the name of the trip and the required meal.
3. Under upcoming events, click on details to select the required meal.
4. Once you have selected the required meal click on the green book button.
5. You then need to click on the tick box to give consent, then click the green confirm order button.
6. The packed lunch is now booked; you can view, amend or cancel the order by clicking on the details button.
7. Please remember to cancel your main hot meal if you have booked one.
8. Please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water with them for the trip.
9. ALL lunches to be ordered via The Pantry by **4pm on Monday 8 June** as the ordering system will be closed after this date

**Please do not order a school packed lunch if you are going to send your own packed lunch.**

Your child should wear a school uniform and dress appropriately for the weather. Please apply suncream and provide your child/ren with a hat.

If you are available and would like to accompany us on the trip, please complete this [google form](#) by Monday 1 June and your class teacher will confirm parent volunteers once all responses have been submitted.

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**All children on our asthma register must make sure they have an up to date pump with them on the day. Children without their pumps will not be allowed to go.**

Yours sincerely,  
Year 2 Team