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Dear Parents & Carers,

As part of our summer topic, The Roman Empire, we are very excited that Year 3 will be visiting Colchester Castle. As the children have been studying Roman artefacts and stories, they will have the opportunity during the day to explore the Roman vaults under the castle and have an opportunity to take part in a hands-on archaeology session.

The trip will take place on Monday 16th May 2022. As it is a long journey, we will be travelling by coach and will leave school at 08:30. Please ensure your child is in school for 08:15. We will aim to return to school by approximately 15:00.

School uniform must be worn on the day and good walking shoes will be required. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, preferably in a named plastic carrier bag. As it is a long day please ensure that you provide enough food and drink. Those who receive a free school lunch can have a standard packed lunch provided to them however you may also want to provide extra food or drink. Please indicate on the slip below if you would like us to arrange for this.

We have been able to subsidise the cost of the trip to keep the price down, but we are asking for a contribution of £9.00 payable through ParentPay ([ParentPay](#), please contact the School Office if you do not have access). This will help to cover the entrance fee, cost of the coach and an interactive guided tour. Your children will not require any spending money for the day.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive contributions for the trip, there is a possibility it may not be able to go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Franks and Miss Jordan

Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

I give permission for my child to attend the above trip

My child receives FSM and requires a school packed lunch

Child's Name:..... Class:.....

Parent/Carer signature:..... Date:.....

We are a **good** school in all areas

"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is Outstanding"



WHAT IS COLCHESTER CASTLE?

Colchester was the first Roman capital of Britain and site of Boudicca's rebellion. Dating from the second half of the 11th century, the castle is the largest example of its kind in Europe. Today, archaeological collections of international quality covering 2,500 years of history are beautifully showcased, including some of the most important Roman finds in Britain.



After its construction by the Normans, Colchester Castle would go on to witness a range of events over the course of its lifetime. From being besieged by King John during the First Barons' War, to executions of English Civil War Royalist leaders on its grounds. Colchester Castle was also the site of the interrogation and jailing of 'witches' in 1645.

Roman Story Tour

- Journey back 2000 years as you descend into the Roman vaults under the Castle.
- This dramatic, interactive story tour will explore the Roman invasion and Boudica's revolt.
- Work as a team to reconstruct a large model Roman villa and Iron Age roundhouse.
- Handle real Roman pottery and investigate its uses.
- Develop skills of an archaeologist, investigating and interpreting evidence.
- Full instructions and a free pre-visit are available to support your session.