

Year 3 Trips and Visits for 2026/27

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning outside the classroom is such a wonderful way to bring learning to life, enrich our children's understanding, and support their personal and social growth. Here at CFS, we love creating these memorable experiences for our pupils, and we truly appreciate your incredible support in making them happen.

To keep things as simple and predictable as possible, we are continuing our usual practice of asking for a one-off voluntary contribution to cover our trips, visits, and workshops for the entire academic year. By doing this now, we hope to ease the admin for everyone and help you budget ahead. Please note that this covers our standard daytime trips and workshops; separate arrangements will still apply for residential overnight stays, after-school clubs, or activities for select small groups.

What's New for This Year? We are absolutely thrilled to share that this year's line-up includes our first-ever in-school pantomime this December! This will be a fantastic festive treat enjoyed by all of our primary children (and staff!), right here in school! You will soon see a payment item on ParentPay called 2026/27 Primary Trips.

The Contribution: We are asking for £50 for the year to support the trips within Year 3, which can be paid in two instalments (or all at once if you prefer). We ask for the first part of this contribution before the term starts so we can confidently secure bookings for the children.

Important Note on Balances: If you have children in other year groups, you might notice that some balances have been carried forward from last year. However, our current Year 3 cohort (last year's Year 2) beautifully utilised all of their trip funds! Because of this, there is no carry-forward for Year 3 this September, and the standard contribution will apply. We are also working to reschedule the trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard which did not take place as planned in the last few weeks of term due to the red weather warning.

While these contributions are voluntary, our trip programme does rely on them to go ahead. We are very mindful of the financial pressures families face and always work hard to get the absolute best value for money. If we don't receive enough contributions, we may unfortunately have to cancel some trips as a last resort.

If your family is currently experiencing financial difficulties and you are unable to contribute, we warmly invite you to reach out to our finance office in absolute confidence at finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.

We will also ask for your annual consent on ParentPay, alongside any emergency contact details or medical/dietary updates. If any of these details change throughout the year, please just let us know before a trip takes place.

If you have any questions at all, please email us office@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk and we can then direct your query to the relevant member of staff.

Thank you so much for your ongoing partnership and support. We can't wait for another year of exciting adventures with the children!

Warmest regards,

The CFS Primary Team