

8 September 2026

Dear all,

Y7 – A Midsummer Night's Dream – Thursday 1st October 2026

Your child has the opportunity to go on a trip to see a performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Chichester Festival Theatre on Thursday 1st October 2026.

As part of the Year 7 Shakespeare curriculum, watching a live performance helps bring the script to life and supports pupils in developing a deeper understanding of his work.

We will be attending the morning performance, leaving school to walk to the theatre at approximately 09:30 and returning towards the end of the lunch break.

Cost & Payment

If your child would like to take part in this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£10.50** to cover the cost of the theatre ticket.

Payment should be made via the school's ParentPay system, where you can also give consent for your child to participate. Late requests after ParentPay has closed will not be accepted. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for an activation letter.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are received, it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but are experiencing difficulty in making the contribution. The finance team can be contacted at finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.

Payment must be received no later than 25th September 2026 when ParentPay will close, late requests after this date may not be accepted.

Should your child not wish to attend this trip, they must still attend school. If your child is going to be absent, normal procedures for informing the school should be followed.

Items to Bring

Everyone must come to school in full school uniform, including a coat. A packed lunch is required, as we may miss the cafeteria service at lunchtime. If your child is part of the FSM provision, a packed lunch can be provided before we leave for the trip.

At the theatre, there is an opportunity to buy an ice cream during the interval at £4.00 per serving (please note that the theatre operates as a cashless venue).

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Higgins

Year 7 Teaching Team Lead and School Transition Lead