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Dear Parents/Carers,

Colchester Zoo Trip – Friday 12th June 2026

We have organised a trip to Colchester Zoo to support our Geography and Science work. We shall be having a talk about African animals, their different habitats, food chains and adaptations. As part of our Global Dimension, we shall also be thinking about the impacts of humans on their environments and endangered species.

The zoo is a fantastic place and may be somewhere the children have previously visited as a leisure activity; this trip – whilst we hope it will be enjoyable and memorable for all – is an important learning experience.

Please can your child arrive at school for **8.15am** so that the coach can leave at 8.30am. We will be returning to school at approximately **3.15pm**.

They will need to wear their school uniform on the day with comfortable shoes and coats/hats, and sunscreen applied at home before coming in, as the weather dictates. Your child will also need to bring a packed lunch, drink and snacks in a small backpack, which they will wear for the day. No nuts, glass, sweets or fizzy drinks please. Children are welcome to bring cameras – not mobile phones – on the day with your permission. The cameras remain their responsibility throughout the day.

Unfortunately, we cannot take children's zoo passes on this trip as we need to ensure adequate adult:child ratios for learning and safety. We would really appreciate a few parent helpers; if you would like to support our learning on this day, please let the class teacher know by email – it would be great if you could inform us if you hold an adult zoo pass or not.

We would ask for a contribution of a total of £23.50 towards the cost of the zoo entrance fee and coach transport. Please give consent and make payment online by **Friday 5th June 2026**, thank you. If making these payments will be an issue for you, then please speak to the school office in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

J Spencer *Ball*

Mrs Spencer & Mr Ball
Year 4 Class Teachers

