



# CATALYST

## Somers Heath

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### Colchester Castle

Dear Parents/Carers,

To coincide with our Year 5 Humanities topic in the Spring term, 'The Romans' we have arranged a visit to Colchester Castle on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

This is an exciting trip for our pupils to attend which will assist them with their studies. They will explore history where it happened. Pupils will take on the role of archaeologists and learn about the events that led to up to Boudica's revolt. They will discover the impact this had on people's lives as Colchester changed from an Iron Age settlement to a prosperous Roman town.

In line with our Charging and Remissions Policy, the school asks for a voluntary contribution of **£14.50** for each child to cover the costs of the whole day. No pupil will be excluded from the activity or treated differently because their parents have not made a contribution. However, where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, then it will be cancelled. For all school trips/visits, the school must pay the balance on booking, therefore all trips/visits are non-refundable unless cancelled by the school. The school offers the opportunity to pay in instalments. All payments, in full or instalments, should be made by **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Consent and payment for trip can be found on Arbor.

On the day, children **will need to be in school by 8.15am** as **the coach will be departing at 8:30am** in order to get to Colchester on time. Children will need a packed lunch and if you are entitled to free school meals and require a school packed lunch, please notify your child's class teacher prior to the trip. We also need a number of adult helpers to join us for the day, if you are able to help on the day please email [admin.shps@catrust.org.uk](mailto:admin.shps@catrust.org.uk). Parent helpers will be notified by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Boulton and Miss Wassell

Year 5 Teachers

