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Friday 5th December 2025

Reception trip to Thorndon Country Park – Gruffalo Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that we have arranged for all reception pupils to attend a trip to Thorndon Country Park in Spring 2 on **Friday 20th March 2026**. The trip will link in with both our English and termly topic. During the visit, children will have the opportunity to explore the site, as well as deepen their knowledge and experience of the story The Gruffalo.

Every child will need a packed lunch (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks). Packed lunches should be within a carrier bag or rucksack which children will carry themselves. If you wish to order a Free School Meal packed lunch, please email admin.shps@catrust.org.uk by Friday 6th March.

To help cover the cost of the visit, we kindly ask for a **voluntary contribution of £15** per child. Contributions can be made via arbor. No pupil will be excluded from the activity or treated differently because their parents have not contributed. 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/workshops, the school must pay the balance on booking, therefore all trips/workshops are non-refundable unless cancelled by the school. Payment is required by Friday 20th February 2026.

Parent helpers will be needed for this trip. A message will follow closer to the date of the trip looking for helpers.

Thank you for your continued support in enriching our children's learning experiences. We're looking forward to a fantastic day!

Kind regards,

Reception Team.

