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Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Year 2 Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Trip – September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

This term the children in Year 2 will be studying the humanities topic, 'British Signs and Symbols' which has a focus on the coronation of the monarch.

We are excited to share that we have arranged a trip to the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace in order for the children to take part in a workshop all about Coronations, past and present. The trip will take place for each class on the following dates.

2B – Miss Chowdhury's Class will be going on Monday 22nd September

2A – Miss Lewis's Class will be going on Thursday 25th September

This is an exciting trip where the children will be able to tour the coaches and stables at the Mews and discover the carriages used in the coronation procession. They will also have the opportunity to handle objects and explore archival materials, as well as performing a coronation ceremony through role play. Additionally, we are also planning for the children to take the short walk from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey and to walk part of the procession route.

To travel, we will be getting the train into London from South Ockendon Station and **we ask that parents meet us at the station with the children. Please ensure that children arrive at South Ockendon Station at 8:35am so that they can be registered in time to leave on the 8:56am train. We will aim to return to the station at 3:10pm.** Should there be any changes to the return times, we will notify parents via an Arbor message.

On the day of the school trip, children will need a packed lunch. If you would like to request a school packed lunch, **please email the school office by Friday 12th September.** The sandwich options for the school lunches are: ham sandwich or cheese sandwich.

In line with our Charging and Remissions Policy, the school asks for a payment of £11. This payment will cover the cost of the workshop and travel to and from London. No pupil will be excluded from the activity or treated differently because their parents have not contributed.



However, due to the nature of this trip, without payments, the trip will be cancelled. For all school trips, the school must pay the balance on booking, therefore all trips/workshops are non-refundable unless cancelled by the school. To support payments, the school will set up a payment plan where parents may choose to pay the entire balance or pay in instalments. The balance must be paid by Wednesday 17th September 2025. The permission consent and the cost of the trip is payable via the Arbor app.

I hope that you will agree and support this wonderful opportunity for our children.

Miss Lewis and Miss Chowdhury

