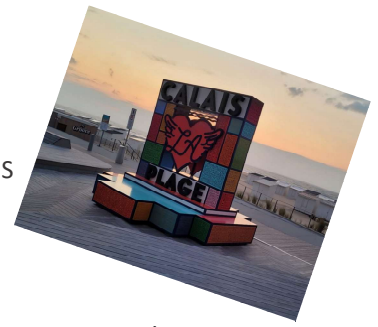




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Friday 17 November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

**France Day trip –17th May 2024
Years 5 and 6**

I am delighted to offer 45 spaces for pupils at William Ford to attend our day trip to France. Whilst this will be a long day, it will also be exciting and memorable: providing children with the opportunity to travel on a ferry, experience a new culture and to practise speaking French with locals.

All pupils who are successfully offered a place on this trip will need to be in school before 6am on Friday 17th May 2024 in order that we can check documents and make a punctual departure at 6:15am. Children will then travel by coach to the Port of Dover where we will board a ferry for the 90-minute crossing to Calais. We will then continue by coach to a French bakery, where children will see bread being made and have the opportunity to make their own croissants. Pupils will then travel onto Boulogne for a walking tour of the ramparts and a two- course lunch at a local Brasserie in the old town during this time pupils will be able to practise asking some of the locals some questions in French! After this we will visit a Snail Farm before returning to the Port of Calais and travelling home by ferry and coach. Pupils should return to school at 10:30pm.



In order to attend this trip, you need to ensure your child has the following:

- Exemplary behaviour. Due to the nature of this trip, we cannot risk taking any child abroad where there is a risk they may not listen to or obey the instructions of the adults.
- Their own passport. If this is a UK passport this MUST expire AFTER 1st December 2024 You still have time to apply for a passport should your child need one but this would be at your own expense. If you are using an EU (European Union) passport, this MUST still be valid for the day of the trip. If your child will be travelling on a non-EU/UK passport, please arrange to speak to the school office team so we can check what documentation you have. All pupils who are offered a place on the trip
- must provide the school with a copy of their passport which will be shredded once this has been checked.
- Any paperwork that is required by the UK or French/EU authorities before departure.



*Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.
Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.*



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Unfortunately, the cost of the trip has slightly increased from our previous day trip and we now need to charge £160 (£135 for pupil premium families). This will require a non-refundable £50 deposit to be paid before the end of term and all outstanding payments made by Friday 2nd February, Please be aware that any pupil who is allocated a place but does not have the correct documentation, forgets their passport on the day of travel or causes concern because of their behaviour will not be allowed to travel and will not receive a refund. The school will ensure that families are as supported as possible in completing necessary paperwork but we are not allowed to do this for you (that includes passport applications).

This trip has been arranged through 'The School Journey Association', an educational charity who specialise in organising trips for schools. The trip will be staffed entirely by employees and governors of William Ford School.

If you would like to register your interest please complete the form on this link. The form will close at 3pm on Friday 24th November 2023. <https://forms.office.com/e/J3W13yZnp4>

Please be advised priority spaces will be offered to pupils who have not previously taken part in one of the day trips / residential trips to France. If you have multiple children please complete a form for each child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

