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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Y7 Geography - The Living Rainforest, Newbury - Monday 26 January 2026

In order to enrich the Geography curriculum and support the teaching of ecosystems, Africa and the tropical rainforest, the Wildern School Geography Department has organised a trip to the Living Rainforest in Newbury. Students will be able to take part in a focused workshop on animal adaptations in the tropical rainforest and explore the rainforest environment and further their knowledge of many topics that we study during KS3.

The cost will be £27.00 per student. This is to cover the coach hire and the ticket for entrance and workshop at The Living Rainforest. Students will be supervised by members of the Geography Department at all times.

The coach will leave Wildern School promptly at 8.00am and will return by coach at approximately 4:00pm. **We ask your child to be at school at 7:45am to meet the coach.**

All students will require a packed lunch and a water bottle. If your child is entitled to a free school lunch, this will be provided for them.

Students will be representing the school on this trip so the highest standards of behaviour will be expected. Students are required to wear school uniform but can wear comfortable footwear.

Please complete the relevant sections on ParentPay to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your child, the cost of this trip will be covered. If this is the case, your ParentPay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through ParentPay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online ParentPay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £27.00 by Monday 8 December 2025.

There are 60 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by.



We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Photographs and updates from this trip will be put on the Schools 'Wildern Trip' accounts: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

Yours sincerely

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Teacher of Geography