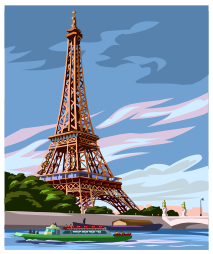


Orchards Junior School



Year 6 Trip to Paris and Disneyland
25th – 27th May 2027

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for asking for information relating to our year 6 residential trip. We are now in a position to invite you to pay a deposit if you wish your child to attend.

As discussed at the meeting, the trip will take place over three days, leaving school approx. 6.30 on the morning of Tuesday 25th May and returning on Thursday 27th May @ approx. 10p.m. The basic itinerary will be as follows:

- Day 1 – Pick up by coach from school in the morning. Travel to Dover and then by ferry across to Calais. We will have a late breakfast/brunch on the ferry which is included in the cost (children can bring extra snacks/packed lunch if they wish). Drive to the Nausicaa Sea Life Centre in Boulogne where we will spend a few hours exploring the exhibitions. We will then have our evening meal at McDonald's en-route to Paris. Arrive at the Best Western, Hotel Grand Parc, Marne La Vallee, hotel at approx. 21:30h.

- Day 2 – Full day at Disneyland Park, where both lunch and dinner will be provided. Before dinner, we will watch the Disney Parade. We will shop after dinner then head off for more rides and spectacular drone light display.

- Day 3 – Drive by coach into the centre of Paris for a short tour of the major sights ending at the Eiffel Tower. From here we will enjoy a one-hour cruise on the River Seine including a picnic lunch. We will eat dinner on the ferry home and aim to arrive back to school around 2200h.

Every child at The Orchards is given opportunities to enhance their day-to-day learning, and many of these take place with no cost to yourselves. This trip is an exciting residential opportunity for your child, which we think offers them a unique experience. There is a financial cost involved and the school could not afford to offer this without agreement from you to meet this cost. We are happy to have a discussion with you to negotiate an instalment plan that suits you, rather than our proposed one. If you wish to speak to Mrs McCarthy in confidence about different payment arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact her to arrange an appointment. Please be aware that your child will require a passport, which parents will be required to fund.

However, any agreed payment schedule must be adhered to in order to secure your child's place on this trip and the full deposit must be paid for a place to be allocated.

The total cost of the trip is £495 and the payment schedule will be:

£100 deposit no later than FRIDAY 16th October 2026- THIS WILL BE NON-REFUNDABLE
£100 due by Friday 20th November 2026
£100 due by Friday 22nd January 2027
£100 due by Friday 19th February 2027
£95 due by Friday 19th March 2027

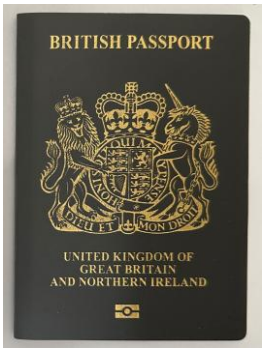
We cannot hold places without a deposit but we do aim to take all children who would like to join us. All deposits should be paid through the Arbor system that we operate at Orchards; this will record all further payments and also be your permission for the trip.

If you would like your child to be included on this trip, please log-on to Arbor to make your deposit payment of £100 **which is non-refundable.**

We will be holding a further meeting in the spring of 2027 giving you final details about the trip.







So you have lots of time to get these items, we are letting you know that:

- **Each child will need to have their own valid Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) – these replace the EHIC.** They should be free of charge and are available at https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card This card must be in school by **Friday 16th April 2027.**

- **Each child will also need their own passport.** Please do not leave this until the last minute, child passports can take some time to process. Passport applications can be completed online or forms can be collected from Post Offices. The charge for a first-time application of a child passport is currently £66.50 online, or £80 for a paper application. Some post offices also offer a 'Check and send' service. Please check the date of an existing passport as we understand it must have 3 months left from the time of travel to the expiry date. A valid passport must be in school by **Friday 16th April 2027**.

- **If you are able to bring these items in earlier, that would be greatly appreciated.**

We are very excited about the opportunity to take your child on this amazing trip and do hope that you will want to support it. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely.

Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Hall & Year 6 Team