



# HOLMESDALE COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Year 2 Trip to Wakehurst

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Next half term, in alignment with our Science topic Plants, we have arranged for the children to visit Wakehurst in Ardingly on the following date:

**Tuesday 2nd June 2026:** Woodpeckers, Badgers, Falcons

During the visit, children will take part in an exciting outdoor learning session. Using tree identification cards and magnifiers, they will work together in small groups to locate and identify specific trees from a selection in the grounds. As they explore, children will also handle a variety of plant parts, observing their textures, colours and structures to support accurate identification.

### Travel will be by coach fitted with seatbelts.

All children will need to be at school by **8:45am** for a prompt **9:00am** departure. We will leave Wakehurst at **2:00pm** and aim to return to school by **3:00pm**, traffic permitting. When the children arrive back at school from the trip, we will take them back into school so that they can be accounted for and handed over to you at the gate by a class teacher at the slightly later time of around 3:10pm.

Please note that return times depend on traffic, and there is a possibility we may be slightly delayed. You may therefore wish to make provisional alternative arrangements for collecting siblings, just in case our return is later than planned.

If you have any questions regarding the arrangement, or if your child suffers from travel sickness or has any medical needs please inform the school office.

The cost of this trip will be **£22** per child.

Please [click here](#) to record your parental consent and lunch option. It is essential that consent is recorded in order for your child to attend.

Any payment and consent for the trip must be received by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**.

Please be aware that if we do not receive enough funds to cover the coach and activities, the trip will have to be cancelled and refunds issued.

If your child receives **Pupil Premium funding** for the school, you do not have to pay, but please record your consent to the trip and give a lunch option. Please see [Pupil Premium Application Form](#) for eligibility. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak to Mrs Mullarkey in confidence.

The school is using a system called Arbor to collect payment for school trips and we invite you to familiarise yourselves using the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of. These can all be found [here](#). An account has been set up for you on the Parent Portal and you can also access this via the Parent App. To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we've sent this email to.

Go to <https://login.arbor.sc/> and click Forgot your password? to finish setting up your account. The Parent App can be downloaded from either the Playstore on Android phones or the Apple Store on iPhones.

Guidance on how to pay for school trips using Arbor can be found on the [School Website](#).

#### **What your child will need:**

- Normal school uniform with comfortable shoes (e.g. trainers)
- A warm, waterproof coat
- A full, named water bottle
- A named rucksack

The school caterer can provide your child with their free school meal which will be a packed lunch consisting of a ham or cheese roll, crudites, a biscuit and a piece of fruit. Children who normally have school meals who have a confirmed Special Diet through Twelve15 will be accommodated accordingly. However, if you would prefer your child to bring his/her own packed lunch, please do not include peanut butter sandwiches or any food containing nuts (including pine nuts) or sesame as some children are severely allergic to these.

Yours sincerely

*Linda Yeates*

Miss Linda Yeates  
**Deputy Head and Head of Year 2**

