

20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Whole school trip to Birdworld: Wednesday 17th June 2026

We are very excited that the children at Solent Infant School will be enjoying a whole school visit, this summer, to the same destination, on the same day, as a shared learning experience. We have chosen Birdworld because it links in with the curriculum of all three year groups and the site's facilities suit our large numbers!

During the day, the children will be able to discover all of the wonderful birds, led by their class teacher and learning support assistants. This visit will provide a fantastic 'hook' for a large amount of their learning, during the second half of the summer term. This includes sparking their imagination ahead of our Solent Schools' Arts Week! Please click on the link [HERE](#) to give your consent for your child to take part in the trip.

In order to make this trip as successful as possible, there are a number of costs involved: entry to Birdworld is £7.95 per child and the cost of the coaches is approximately £3900. We are therefore seeking contributions of **£25.00** per child. We appreciate that the cost of this trip may seem high for some families to pay in one go and so you are able to pay in 3 instalments, if you wish to, as follows:

- £10 due by 31st March 2026
- £10 due by 30th April 2026
- £5 due by 31st May 2026

Families already registered with Portsmouth City Council in relation to low income related free school meals are not expected to contribute (this does not include the Government Universal Free School meal entitlement).

You will be able to pay online via the Arbor App on the "Trips" section.

The children will be travelling with the staff by Lucketts Coaches which are all fitted with seatbelts. The coaches will be leaving school at 9.00am promptly and leaving Birdworld from approximately 2.00pm to return to school for 3:15pm. On the morning of the trip, please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:50am to ensure that we are not delayed in leaving.

The children will need to wear school uniform for this trip and specific reminders will be given nearer the time. However, if the weather is hot, please ensure your child has a named hat. You may also wish to apply sun cream before school. If your child needs to re-apply this during the day, they will



need to carry and apply this themselves. If it is wet weather, please ensure your child has a named raincoat.

A packed lunch with drink (not fizzy or in a glass bottle) is required for all children, this can be prepared by you or by us. Please book your school packed lunch via the usual lunch booking system on Arbor, once available. **School packed lunches must be booked by Tuesday 10th June at 9am.** You will need to supply a water bottle for your child for use during the day and a fruit snack for break. We are also asking for all children to be supplied with a carrier bag to sit on whilst eating their lunch. The children will be required to carry their own lunch and, therefore, they will need to bring this in a child-sized rucksack. School packed lunch children will also need to bring a rucksack to pack their lunch into before we leave school.

Please ensure that your emergency contact details and medical information are up to date on Arbor as these are the details we will be using on the day. Please now go to the “Trip” section of the Arbor App to complete the online authorisation and make payment.

We anticipate needing volunteers for this trip and we will be asking those who have completed the volunteer application form and are therefore part of our “bank” of school volunteers.

We do hope you are able to support this exciting trip.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

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Head of School

