



Friday, 9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

Year 4 History trip to Rochester Castle and Cathedral

On Tuesday 27th January 2026, the Year 4s will be visiting the historic town of Rochester as part of their Medieval Britain topic in History. Our first stop will be the cathedral where we will take part in an Interactive Timeline Tour and a Heraldry Workshop. After lunch, the children will explore Rochester Castle before heading back to Ripley.

We will be travelling to and from Rochester by coach, leaving promptly at 9am and returning to school by 4pm. The children will be provided with a packed lunch, so will need to bring their school backpacks and a filled water bottle. The children are to wear full school uniform, including blazer. Please ensure they also wear their waterproof school coat. We also suggest that, if it is cold on the day, they should bring their school fleece, hat and gloves, as we will be walking from the cathedral to the castle. If it is wet on the day, we will ask the children to wear their trainers, so please make sure these are at school. They will not need their pencil cases for this trip.

There is a shop at the castle so the children may bring a small amount of money with them – we suggest no more than £10 in a named zipped purse.

The cost of the trip will be £35, which will be added to the Summer Term bill. If your child is ill or cannot make the trip, I am afraid the school cannot offer any refunds. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cochrane
Year 4 Form Tutor