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Dear Parents/Carers

22nd September 2025

Year 6 visit to Martin Mere – Wednesday 15th October 2025

As Year 6 are studying Living things and their habitats in science this term, we have organised a visit to Martin Mere Wetland Centre. While at the centre, the children will explore how different birds have evolved adaptations for varying diets and ways of feeding. They will observe and record how birds feed - from diving ducks and grazing geese to the filtering beaks of flamingos. They will also discover the main sources of plastic pollution and the problem this is causing for wetlands. They will learn how long plastic stays in the environment and what can we do to help.

On the day, children should come to school at the normal time of 8.50am and we will be back at school by 3.15pm for the end of the school day.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the outdoors.

- If it is likely to be wet weather, or has rained heavily in recent days, they will need waterproof shoes or wellies and a waterproof coat. Remember the British weather is very changeable!
- If it is likely to be very hot and sunny then they will need sun hats; please make sure they bring sun cream and plenty of liquids. They may be exposed to the sun for large parts of the day, so it is important to be well protected.

Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £21 towards the cost of the visit. If insufficient funds to cover all costs are received, the trip may not take place. The children may take spending money for booklets and postcards – the maximum recommended is £5.

The children will require a packed lunch, a drink and a small rucksack in which to carry this.

Please complete the reply slip below and make payment by Friday 10th October. Payment can be made online by Eduspot/School Money, debit card or send cash/cheque to the school office in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team

Please return to your child's class teacher by Friday 10th October

Y6 TRIP TO MARTIN MERE - WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025

I give my permission for my child to go on the above trip.

Signed.....Parent/Carer

I enclose cash/cheque ()

I have paid online ()

Our Mission: Ghyllside Primary School – Growing Hearts and Minds

Our Values: Inspiring Healthy Inclusive Nurturing Experiences