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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 5 and 6 to the National Space Centre on Thursday 13th November 2025

We are excited to inform you that on Thursday 13th November 2025, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester. This trip is a fantastic opportunity for the children to enhance their understanding of space, science, and exploration through hands-on activities, exhibitions, and a planetarium experience.

To ensure we can cover the cost of coach travel and admission to the centre, a payment of £25.00 is required. Payments must be made via the MCAS app under the 'Trip' tab. This payment will also act as consent for your child to attend. Should you need a payment plan setting up please contact the school office.

Please note, if a pupil is unable to pay, they will unfortunately not be able to join the trip. This may also increase the cost for remaining pupils. In extreme cases, where insufficient funds are received, the trip may need to be cancelled.

On the day of the trip, all children must arrive at school by 7:45am for a prompt departure at 8:00am. We are expected to arrive back at school at approximately 4:15pm. If we are delayed for any reason, we will inform parents via the usual school communication channels.

All pupils will need to bring:

- A packed lunch -this can be provide by school if you are entitled to Free School Meals or at the cost of a school dinner which is £2.62. Please let your child's class teacher know if you wish to order one.
- A snack
- All food and drinks should be in a clearly labelled container or bag

During the visit, the children will take part in a range of exciting and educational activities, including:

- Interactive exhibitions
- Hands-on science demonstrations

As a highlight of the day, pupils will also experience a live, astronomer-led planetarium show, exclusive for school groups. This immersive session will deepen their understanding of space and astronomy in an exciting and engaging way.

We are also seeking support from any parents or carers who are able to attend the trip with us as volunteers. If you are available to help, please contact the school office. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



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We understand that out-of-school visits can feel daunting for some parents and carers. However, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, we kindly ask that children are not sent with any tracking devices, including those in bags, clothing, or personal items. By giving consent for your child to attend this visit, you are also agreeing to this condition. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an inspiring and educational day at the National Space Centre.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Bayliss, Miss Leyland-Brown and Miss Kinlough.

