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Friday 6th March 2026

Year 4 Rivers and Canals – The Wolseley Centre-Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Dear Parents,

Our Geography focus next half term is Rivers and Canals where we will learn all about the difference between ponds, rivers and canals, the formation of a river and the importance of our waterways as a form of transport. To help facilitate the children's knowledge of this unit, we have arranged a trip to the Wolseley centre on **Friday 24th April**.

We shall be travelling to the trip via coach and spend the day taking part in a River Studies Workshop. Pupils will be able to collect river samples to test the water and learn about the wildlife that can live there. They will be able to learn about the river as an ecosystem and the importance of rivers for wildlife. This learning will then be transferred into the classroom to allow us to collect our own primary data.

We will depart from school at 9.15am to arrive at the Wolseley Centre for approximately 10:00am and leave the centre at approximately 2:15pm to return to school for 3pm. **Children will need to arrive at school by 8:30am for a prompt start. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their Games Kit: Logoed, red hoodie, Logoed, white t-shirt and black jogging bottoms.** Most of the day will be spent outside whatever the weather and to get the most out of the day children will need to be suitably dressed.

Below is a list we suggest children to wear:

- Warm, waterproof coat.
- Wellies, walking shoes/strong trainers.
- Trousers (Summer dresses/skirts are not appropriate as children could get cold or stung).
- Have a **spare set of clothes** in case they get wet.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink in a **named** carrier bag. Please ensure all packaging can be thrown away including drinks bottles, as **everything** will be disposed of. Please only send a suitable amount of food for the trip.

The cost of the Trip is £25, this includes the entrance fee for all activities during the day and coach transfers. Payment for the visit is to be made through ParentPay. When you make the payment, you are **giving permission** for your child to attend the trip. This is available on Parent Pay to pay anytime between March and April.

We look forward to an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ayling

Year 4 Teacher