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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 4 Carding Mill Valley Rivers Trip
As part of our Geography curriculum, Year 4 will be visiting Carding Mill Valley to learn more about rivers. This cross-curricular day out will also link to our Science and Mathematics curriculums.

The day will be broken into three activities: River measurements, river dipping as well as a guided walk.

River measurements are a great way to use maths in real life. The Children and Young People team will help students to take measurements of the river's velocity, width, depth and bedload (the rocks), which the children can use to produce graphs and charts back in the classroom.

For river dipping, children will catch freshwater invertebrates to study, sketch and research. The guided walk element will look at river features along with the history and environment of Carding Mill Valley and the Long Mynd.

The trip will take place during the school day; children need to arrive at school by 8.45am to allow enough time to leave on the coach. Children will return before the end of the school day and will be dismissed as normal from their classrooms at 3.20pm.

To allow children to get the most out of their learning experience, the trip has been split over two days:

Corndon and group 1 of Ercall – Friday 9th October
Lawley and group 2 of Ercall – Monday 12th October

Children do not need to wear school uniform but will need to wear comfortable clothing, that covers their legs (trousers/leggings), to ensure their legs are protected whilst exploring (which may get muddy). The clothing will need to be weather appropriate (raincoat, sensible shoes for walking, sunhat etc). We also ask that children bring wellies so that they can explore the streams. A packed lunch will be required – no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate. Please could children bring a backpack in which to carry their items and a water bottle which can be refilled. Any children who are entitled to FSM will be provided by the school.

To run this activity, we must raise the cost of the coach fare, insurance and National Trust workshop which comes to £16.20 per child, and this will be available to be paid via Arbor in the trips section, with a deadline of Wednesday 30th September 2026 please.

Yours faithfully,

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Year 4 Teacher

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Year 4 Teacher

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