

# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that a trip has been booked for Year 4 to Conkers Educational Centre, an award-winning attraction at the heart of the National Forest. The trip will take place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. Please can children **arrive in school at 8:30am** in order that we can leave promptly by coach at 8:55am. We will **return to school at approximately 5:00pm**. We will update school if our return time changes.

The education at Conkers is based around interactive outdoor experiences led by highly skilled rangers, with activities being designed to support creative cross-curricular themes. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in a barefoot trail that takes them through different troughs containing different materials. A little train will take us from one side of the venue to the other. Not forgetting the large indoor interactive learning centre that will reinforce topics covered in Science.

Your child can wear their own clothes for the trip and will not be required to wear school uniform. Please ensure your child wears appropriate outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear. We are outside all day and your child will need a small rucksack containing:

- A packed lunch, including a bottle of water. Packed lunches will be provided to those who are entitled to free school meals.
- A small cloth or flannel to dry their feet after the barefoot walk.
- Sun cream clearly labelled (if good weather is forecast)

The voluntary contribution for the trip is **£20.50**. Payment is through your My Child At School (MCAS) account and can be made in instalments. The deadline for payments is **Thursday 1st May 2025**. It is essential that we receive your contribution in order for the cost of the trip to be met and ultimately for the trip to go ahead.

You will also need to give consent for your child to attend this trip through your MCAS account. You will find this under the heading of Trips.

If your child requires any travel sickness medication, please ensure this is given on the morning before coming into school. If they require this medication for the return journey, please ensure you give this to your child's class teacher in a named envelope.

Feel free to visit CONKERS website [Home - Conkers](#) for further information about what they offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully,  
Miss Smith, Mrs Maddison and Mrs Rainbow