



Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term we are learning all about Minibeasts. As part of this topic we have arranged a visit to Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Education Centre. The theme of the visit is 'Tales of the River Ouse'. We will be introducing a linked story and characters in the weeks leading up to the visit.

During the visit, the children will be able to observe birds and wildlife, take part in pond dipping, make their own 'mini pond' and learn about otters and how they build their homes on the riverbank.

We will be leaving school at approximately 9.15 am and return before the end of the school day.

The visit will be split across two days as follows:

Thursday 14th May: all of Ladybirds + children in Bumblebees with surnames A-L

Thursday 21st May: all of Dragonflies + children in Bumblebees with surnames M-W

On the day of the visit, children will need:

- A nut-free packed lunch in a clearly named bag (please note there will not be refrigeration facilities). If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium and require a school packed lunch please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.
- A healthy snack
- long sleeved top,
- long trousers
- old trainers
- school sweatshirt
- waterproof coat
- Sunhat
- water bottle

- Please apply '8 hour' sun cream to your child before the visit - please do not send in bottles of sun cream

In order to fund this visit (entrance, coach hire and insurance) we require a voluntary contribution of £17.75. Please make payment by Friday 8th May. To pay for this visit you need to use our online payment system (MCAS). By making this payment you are giving consent for your child to attend the educational visit.

The school's policy on charging and remissions is that for a visit to run, we must collect 90% of the cost. Regretfully, if we do not meet this target we may need to make the decision to cancel our visit.

If you are currently experiencing financial hardship or in receipt of funding Crosshall Infant School may be able to support you. Please email the finance team at finance@crosshallinfant.co.uk to discuss.

If you are able to help on this visit and have been DBS cleared by school, please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support
Miss Emily Dodson
Reception lead