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Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

Educational Visit: Bletchley Park

Purpose of the Visit

We are pleased to inform you that Year 5 will be visiting **Bletchley Park** on **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

This visit supports our learning in History and will provide the children with opportunities to:

- Learn about World War II
- Take part in a practical workshop using a range of historical codes and ciphers to solve puzzles
- Rare opportunity to use a genuine Enigma machine

We believe this will be an enjoyable and valuable learning experience for all children.

Trip Details

Destination: Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB

Date: Thursday 8th October 2026

Departure from School: 9:15am

Children should arrive at school: At normal time and go to classroom as usual

Expected Return to School: Before the end of the school day. Pick up/departure from school should be at normal time

If there are any significant delays during the return journey, we will communicate these via email from the school office.

What Children Should Wear

Children should:

- Come to school wearing school uniform
- Wear comfortable footwear suitable for walking.
- Bring weather-appropriate clothing. Please bring a waterproof coat, gloves and a hat if it's cold. Many of the activities will be outside.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named.

Food and Drink

Children should bring:

- A packed lunch (nut free), if not ordered from Fresh Start.
- A refillable water bottle.

Fresh Start Packed Lunches

A packed lunch can be ordered through Fresh Start. To do this, parents should book a school meal in the usual way and ensure the meal replacement option has been selected on their child's account.

The deadline for ordering or amending meals is 9am on the Thursday immediately before the trip which is Thursday 1st October.

Children without a Fresh Start packed lunch order will need to bring a packed lunch from home (nut free please).

What to Bring

Children should bring:

- A Small Backpack
- Weather appropriate clothing (eg waterproof coat, hat, gloves etc)
- Food and drink as specified above

Please do not bring:

- Mobile phones
- Spending money - not required
- Valuable items
- **Location-tracking devices:** The school does not condone the use of Apple AirTags, GPS trackers or other location-tracking devices during school trips. If a parent/carer chooses to use such a device, the information received must not be shared with any other person or published in any way, including WhatsApp groups. Sharing location data that relates to other children or staff constitutes a breach of data protection requirements.

Medication and Medical Needs

If your child requires medication during the trip (for example inhalers, EpiPens or other prescribed medication), please ensure this is in school prior to the trip and in date.

Please inform the school of any changes to your child's medical needs before the visit.

Travel Sickness Medication: Any medication required for the outward journey should be given at home before school. If a further dose is needed for the return journey, it must be supplied in its original box/packaging (clearly labelled) and accompanied by a completed medication consent form (available from the office). Staff will only be able to administer medication where the appropriate form has been received. Please bring this into school in advance of the trip by Wednesday 7th October.

Cost and Payment

The contribution requested for this visit is £22.20 per child.

Payment should be made via **ParentPay** by **Friday 2nd October 2026**.

Whilst contributions are voluntary, educational visits can only take place if sufficient contributions are received. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of the trip, we may have to cancel the visit.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to discuss support with the cost of the visit, please contact the school office in confidence.

Permission Required

To give permission for your child to attend, please complete the Google Form below:

<https://forms.gle/aMNYhBA2rx6iobEA6>

Children cannot attend the trip without completed parental permission.

The deadline for completing the form is **Friday 2nd October**.

The form also includes the opportunity for you to give permission for photographs of your child to be taken during the trip for use on the school's social media channels. **Children's faces will never be shown** in photographs shared on our social media.

If you have any questions regarding this visit, please contact Mrs Hope at pick up or drop off or via an email to the school office.

We are very much looking forward to this exciting opportunity and hope the children will gain a great deal from the experience.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hope

Year 5 Class Teacher