



9th February 2026

Year 2 Ifield Mill Pond trips – March

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the Year 2 Science curriculum, the children have been learning about different animal groups, in particular oviparous animals (animals that lay eggs). To support their learning, we will be taking them on a local visit to Ifield Mill Pond to record the different birds and ducks they can see, using their tallying skills and pattern seeking skills.

The classes will visit the Mill Pond on the 9th March in 3 separate groups throughout the day.

The first class will leave school promptly at 9.00am and walk to the Mill Pond. All children and adults will wear a high-vis jacket. Once we arrive at the Mill Pond, we will begin our trip with a safety talk and then walk around the Mill Pond: counting birds and using a tally sheet to record data. After our visit, we will walk back to school in time for lunch/snack as normal. Lunchtime is unaffected by this trip. One class will be attending after lunch.

Please ensure your child has the following items for the trip:

- A named water bottle which contains water (not juice or squash)
- Trainers (these should be worn to school for the whole day of the trip)
- A backpack (to carry their own water bottle)
- Coat

If the weather is too wet, alternative dates for the trip may be considered.

As this is a local trip, parental permission has already been granted on Arbor, but please can you ensure that Arbor is up to date with contact numbers and medical needs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bird
Year 2 Leader

Mrs Candy
Year 2 Teacher

Miss Ayers
Year 2 Teacher