

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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6th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 4 Visit to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham Wednesday 25th June and Thursday 26th June 2025

As part of our RE topic this term, we will be learning about pilgrimage. To link with this, we are excited to be offering the children the chance to spend a day at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Walsingham.

This medieval place of pilgrimage, which rivalled Canterbury, was visited by thousands of pilgrims from across Britain and Europe. Walsingham became known as 'England's Nazareth' because of the nature of the vision which the Lady Richeldis experienced. In the modern era, the past 100 years have witnessed the dramatic restoration of pilgrimage to Walsingham.

The Education Department is dedicated to providing opportunities to promote students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development through curriculum-based programmes with a special emphasis on Christian faith.

The trip will take place on:

Wednesday 25th June – Y4SH and 14 members of Y4SS Thursday 26th June - Y4LB and remaining members of Y4SS

The coach will leave school at 9am and will return at approximately 4pm.

There is a voluntary contribution of £12.53 for your child to attend the trip which must be made via MCAS. The cost is based on all children attending and payment being made. As parent/carer, the cost of other's non-payment does not get passed on to you. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we must stress that a shortfall in contributions may prevent the trip from going ahead. If you have difficulties in making the payment, please book an appointment with Diane Mulley or a member of the SLT.

The children will need to wear school uniform. As we will be outside for most of the day, please ensure that your child has a sun hat/sun cream and a waterproof coat and appropriate footwear for the weather conditions.



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PACKED LUNCH – All children will need to bring a snack, packed lunch and drink with them on the trip. As you are entitled to Free School Meals, we can provide your child with a packed lunch for this trip which will include a sandwich, fresh fruit, biscuit and drink; please complete the choice of sandwich filling on the separate form sent with your child. If you would prefer to provide a packed lunch from home, please indicate this on the form. Please send the packed lunch in a disposable bag as we will throw these away after lunch.

TRAVEL SICKNESS MEDICATION – If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure you give them the necessary medication before they come to school. We can give them a second tablet later in the day, before the journey home however, we will need you to complete a consent form. Please indicate on the reply slip whether you will need us to do this, we can then give you the form to complete before the day of the trip.

Please make your payment via MCAS and return the consent slip to your child's class teacher by Monday 23rd June 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Slade, Lucie Basduvar and Sue Hirst Year 4 Team



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