



ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL

1st April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we are planning an EYFS and Key Stage 1 trip to Smithills Farm in Bolton. The trip will be on Monday 23rd June 2025 and every child from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 is invited on the trip.

Visiting the farm will be a fantastic experience, full of fun and adventure. As well as exciting learning opportunities, it offers a chance to connect with nature, developing many of the skills learnt in Forest School this year, and create lasting memories. Throughout the day, children will complete a range of activities such as petting and feeding a variety of farm animals such as rabbits, chicks and guinea pigs and will also have the opportunity to stroke a huge European Eagle and an owl. The children will be able to feed sheep, goats llamas, deer and more as well as visiting the milking parlour to learn where milk really comes from. Once the children have seen the abundance of animals they will experience a tractor ride and be able to let off some steam by playing on the outdoor play area.

The PTFA have made a generous contribution towards the cost of the trip which has allowed us to subsidise the cost per pupil. As you will be aware, we can only ask for voluntary contributions for school trips. However, I must make it clear, that if we do not have the voluntary contributions to fund the visit, we will be unable to go ahead with this trip. We will therefore be asking for £17 per pupil or £14 for any pupils who receive Pupil Premium. This will be available on Parent Pay as a £10 deposit by (Tuesday 22nd April 2025) and the balance due by May half term (Friday 23rd May 2025). We are able to explore further payment options for any families who may be struggling with this trip payment. Please speak to Miss Zollner should you require any further support with this.

Children will need a packed lunch for this trip which can be sent from home or ordered from the kitchen. More information regarding this will be sent nearer the time of the visit. Similarly, details of clothing and footwear required for the visit will be shared closer to the time.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rafique
EYFS Lead