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Wicksteed: Day Tripper/We can work it out

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17 years ago we came up with a crazy idea, "Lets close the school and everyone can go to Wicksteed Theme Park in Northamptonshire for the day". We had so much fun and created so many memories, that it quickly became part of the Wembrook story, that every two years we travel east to have a day of joy.



The advantage is that as the children grow up, each time they return, they are able to access different activities and different rides, making each visit completely unique.

So today we are very excited to announce that Wembrook will be returning. This will be the ninth time we have been and could be the last?

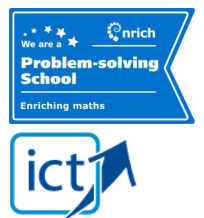
So we will be going on:

Thursday 9th July: Whole School Trip to Wicksteed Park

The whole school, including Nursery, plan to spend the day at Wicksteed Park, Kettering. The theme park is a smaller version of Drayton Manor. It has a range of rides from a log flume and roller coaster to helter skelters and a meerkat park. It has been mainly chosen because it has an extensive range of rides and activities which will appeal to all ages, including younger children.

Rides include a railway, carousel, flying planes and a large adventure playground.

The trip will play an important role in some of the curriculum work that is taking place in school.



A letter nearer the time will be sent out with the precise details for the day.

However, the main points are listed below.

- The trip is for the whole school. Nursery children will attend for the full day.
- The school will go with 16 coaches and over 130 adults.
- **We will leave school in the morning at 8:45am and return to school around 5:00pm in the afternoon.**
- We will need a small number of parents to help with the trip. If interested, please complete the necessary section of the form. Unfortunately, we will not be able to let you know if you will be required until the Monday of the week of the trip.
- The cost of the trip is over £33. However all children will be involved with some fund raising during an Enterprise fortnight to subsidise the costs. In addition Friends of Wembrook have very kindly donated **£10, 000** to the day out. The charge for the day out will therefore be just **£10. You maybe interested to know that the very first time we went in 2009, we charged £11 and in 2024 it was £20. I hope you can see that this is a real bargain to celebrate the end of an era.**
- This is a voluntary contribution. However, if these costs are not met, then the trip may have to be cancelled.
- **Children who are eligible for free school meals or Pupil Premium, will receive further information about costs later today.**
- If your child currently receives a free school meal or is in Reception, Year One or Year Two they are entitled to a free packed lunch but this **must be ordered. Please only order if you DO NOT intend to provide a lunch from home. We do not want to waste food by making pack lunches which will not be used.**



Pupil Premium

In Warwickshire, children in state-funded schools may be eligible for free school meals (FSM) if parents receive specific benefits, such as Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, or Universal Credit with an annual net income below £7,400. Applications should be made through the [Warwickshire County Council Parent Portal](#). [1, 2, 3]

It is a very quick process which just requires for you to provide your National Insurance number. If you require any advice or help please contact the office and ask for either Eli Williams or Katrina Hall.

Mid Day Supervisor

Would you like to join our friendly team of Mid Day Supervisors?

The school requires several midday supervisors to work one hour and fifteen minutes everyday during the school's lunchtime. The job includes supervising the children with their lunch and then overseeing them on the playground.

We understand the pay should not affect anyone receiving benefits. The applicant, if successful, will need to be police checked.

If you are interested in the post, please contact the office in the first instance.

To start in September 2026

Closing date: Monday 8th June