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Dear Year 6 Parents,

Re. Y6 Trip to the British Schools Museum on Tuesday 20th January 2026

We are delighted to let you know that we have booked a visit to the **British Schools Museum** in Hitchin, on Tuesday 20th January. This trip will support our work in History about the Victorians and give the children the opportunity to experience what life was like in an authentic Victorian classroom. We will explore the museum, handle artefacts and explore how life was different for the poor and rich in Victorian society, as well as enjoy first-hand what it was like for children in a Victorian school.

The children are invited to dress up as a Victorian school child to help them feel more in character during the day. If your child would rather not, then school uniform will be fine. We have been told that the Victorian school room is very cold, so warm layers will be needed. Please find some simple ideas which may be helpful:



Girls' Costume

Dress: Either a long dress nipped in at the waist, or a long skirt and blouse.

Smock/Apron: Usually plain white.

A mob cap: A mob cap is very easy to make – you need a circle of white material about 30 cm diameter (depending on the size of the head). Neaten the edge and maybe add a little lace. About 5 cm from the edge stitch on a ring of bias binding, leaving a gap to thread through a length of elastic. Adjust to fit and stitch firmly or knot.

Shawl: This can complete the look. Any plain or simply decorated shawl will do.

Boys' Costume

Trousers/Socks: Either short trousers and long socks, or long trousers/track suit bottoms tucked into long socks.

Shirt: A collar-less shirt (cut the collar off an old one.)

Waistcoat: You could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one.

Cap: Something like a fisherman's cap or a newsboy cap will work.

Please do not come dressed as a specific person.



The children will need a packed lunch and a water bottle. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and would require a school packed lunch then please email the school office with your child's choice of ham or cheese baguette.

There is a small gift shop as part of the museum, which we will be able to visit. If your child would like to visit the shop, they may bring some money in a named envelope, which staff will take care of as needed. We suggest £5 as a maximum amount to spend.

The cost for the trip is £27.50.

Please make your payment via Arbor>Activities>Trips>Y6 Trip to the British Schools Museum.

Best wishes
Mrs Birley

There is no obligation to contribute and no one will be excluded because parents are either unwilling or unable to pay. However, if parents are reluctant to support this activity it may have to be cancelled.