



10th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 visit to South Downs Planetarium – Thursday 30th April 2026

To enrich the children's learning in the summer term, Year 4 will visit South Downs Planetarium in Chichester on Thursday 30th April. Due to the size of the year group, we will be fortunate to have sole use of the planetarium for the day. The purpose of the visit will be to enhance and enrich the children's learning through an engaging display of the solar system, therefore further developing their understanding of the earth, sun and stars.

- We will depart from Southway at approximately **9:15 am** and aim to return to school by **3:15 pm**.
- Full school uniform to be worn & must have a waterproof jacket
- They will need a packed lunch, snack and water bottle in a bag
- Packed lunches are available for all children at the same cost as a hot dinner. If you are eligible for free school meals, these will be provided free of charge. All lunches will need to be ordered via Parent Pay **by Thursday 16th April**. If a lunch is not booked, your child will need to bring in their own packed lunch as we no longer have spare lunches available.
- You are invited to contribute **£14.25** - although the contribution is voluntary, it is probable that the visit could not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

If you are unable to contribute all or part of the suggested sum please contact the Headteacher, in confidence to discuss other suitable arrangements to cover the cost of your child's participation.

If your child suffers from travel sickness it is important that parents/carers administer medication prior to arriving at school. If further medication is required for the return journey, teachers may administer on your behalf. Please email welfare@southwayjunior.co.uk if this will be required and consent forms will be sent to you.

In an attempt to help the environment, we are reducing the amount of paper used and the need to complete a slip. Therefore, consent for this trip will be given by ticking the box on the MCAS app before making payment.

Please consent to the trip and make payment by **Tuesday 10th March 2026** via one of the following options:

- MCAS app
- PayPoint – this can be located at Gems News & Food on Royal George Road.
- If you cannot access the app, please call the school office to make a debit card payment.

Yours sincerely

Year 4 Teachers

Learning and achieving together

