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Our Core Christian Values

Compassion, Courage and Endurance, Interior Posture and Wisdom

Friday 25th September 2026

RE: Year 5 geography trip to Harden Beck

Dear Parents and Carers

To support our geography learning, Year 5 will be going on a trip to Harden Beck.

Laurel will go on **Monday 12th October**

Cedar will go on **Thursday 14th October**

We will be recapping our year 3 geography unit on rivers during this trip, thinking about waterfalls and how rivers erode and change the landscape. Additionally, we will use our mapwork skills to explore the woodland and enjoy a riverside circular walk. We will draw maps of the route we take.

The terrain is quite challenging and often muddy so we are advising children to wear walking boots or wellington boots where possible. During the visit they will be spending some time standing in the shallow water of a stream. To ensure that your child stays warm and dry in the woods, we advise that they come to school in warm comfortable clothing; no jeans please as they get very cold if they get wet. If your child owns a pair of waterproof trousers then these are ideal. A school jumper or school hoodie are required too.

Both trips will be completed within school hours. Children either need to bring a packed lunch from home or order one from school in advance by informing your child's class teacher – please do this as soon as possible. Please also send your child to school with a backpack on the date of your child's trip.

If you have any further questions about this, please feel free to contact us.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Emily Carroll & Megan King

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