

3rd September 2025

Kestrels – Year 5-6 History Trip to Lancaster Castle and Maritime Museum

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our work in history on crime and punishment in Lancashire and to coincide with our later work on the Vikings and Transatlantic Slave Trade, we have an exciting trip planned to visit Lancaster Castle and Lancaster Maritime Museum on **Thursday 18th September**.

On arrival to the Castle, we will walk to Lancaster Maritime Museum and have a tour of the museum, learning an overview of history and about the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Vikings. We will then walk back to the Castle where we will have lunch before our Castle tour. The children will learn about the fascinating history of Lancaster Castle as a prison and court over the last 800 years. They will visit the Crown Court, The Shire Room and The Grand Jury room and learn all about them. They will learn about forms of punishment in Lancashire and how these have changed over time. They will learn about the history of the Pendle Witches as part of our local history study. We will have a tour of the Castle which will be adjusted to the age range of the group.

Travel:

We will travel by coach to and from the venue. Children will need to arrive at school punctually for **8.55am** for registration as usual. They will then be led to the car park and embark the coach. We will arrive at Lancaster Castle around 9.45 am. We will return at approximately 2.30pm to arrive back in school for 3.15pm for collection as usual.

Clothing:

Children will need to wear **full, smart school uniform**. They will need a **waterproof coat** as they will be walking from Lancaster Castle to the Maritime Museum and back. They will need clothing appropriate to the weather such as hats and gloves if cooler or sun hats and cream applied if we are lucky.

Lunch:

Children can order a school **packed lunch** or bring their own packed lunch. **Please indicate your child's preference by Monday 8th September** to allow us to order lunches. If your child is bringing their own lunch, please no chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks.

Medicine:

Class teachers will carry any **inhalers** and medication needed by your child. Staff will carry a first aid kit.

Cost:



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The cost of the trip including a tour of Lancaster Castle, coach and a tour of Lancaster City Museum is **£13 per child** to be paid by **ParentPay** (Mrs Ayrton can provide details on how to set this up.)

Please complete the permission slip below and return to school by Monday 8th September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Olley

Lancaster Castle and Maritime Museum Trip – 18th September:

I give permission for my child _____ (print child's name) to go on the trip to Lancaster Castle and Lancaster Maritime Museum on Thursday 18th September
_____ (signed).

Lunch:

My Child _____ would like a school packed lunch. They would like a
Cheese / ham / tuna sandwich. (Please circle)

Signed _____ Date _____



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