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Whole School trip to Flamingo Land or Yorkshire Wildlife Park – Wednesday 24th September 2025

Dear parent/carers,

We are delighted to inform you that we have managed to arrange a whole school bonding trip to either Flamingo Land or Yorkshire Wildlife Park for all students. This is not a compulsory trip for your child, but we do hope that they will be able to join us to have fun with their friends as they embark upon the new school year.

The trips will take place on Wednesday 24th September 2025. We previously ran these trips in July, but the parks are extremely busy at this time and students spent too much time in queues. We also wanted to extend this trip to our new Y7 students. Students can attend the trip in sensible non-school uniform. Please consider hats and suncream if hot weather is forecast and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to enjoy the rides and attractions on offer. Students can bring a packed lunch (that will be their responsibility to carry and keep safe) or they can purchase food and drinks from one of the catering outlets at Flamingo Land or the Wildlife Park. They will be responsible for keeping their money safe throughout the day.

There are various food options available at the parks, but students choosing to buy food and drinks from the parks are recommended to bring £10-£15. The meal deals vary in price, and they may need to purchase additional drinks, unless they bring their own, especially if the weather is warm. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to order a packed lunch from school to take with them.

Students attending the trip will meet at the Racecourse at 8.30am to register, where we will meet our coaches to travel to Flamingo Land or the Wildlife Park. We will depart shortly after 8.45am and will return to the Racecourse at approximately 4.30pm. Students will be dismissed from the Racecourse upon our return, so please meet your child there if you do not want them to make their own way home.

At Flamingo Land, students will be free to enjoy themselves with their friends (in groups of at least 3 at all times) but will be required to check in with members of staff regularly throughout the day. There will be a large number of Millthorpe staff present, both at designated areas and roaming the park. At the Wildlife Park, students will remain under the supervision of staff throughout the day, as this is a requirement of the park.

The cost for entrance to Flamingo Land and return coach transport will be £44 per person.

The cost for entrance to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and return coach transport will be £23 per person. Students entitled to the Pupil Premium or in receipt of Free School Meals can reserve their place at a subsidised rate and this will be shown when you log on to Parent Pay to confirm your child's attendance.

The standard advance admission prices for Flamingo Land and Yorkshire Wildlife Park on this date are £46 and £23 respectively, so we hope we have been able to provide value for money by securing entrance and coach travel for £44 and £23.

Flamingo Land has lots of attractions on offer. There are "thrill rides", "family rides" and "kids rides", a zoo, daily live shows and more. More information can be found by visiting www.flamingoland.co.uk

Yorkshire Wildlife Park also has lots of attractions on offer with so many animals to see, Ranger Talks and play areas. More information can be found by visiting <https://www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com/>

Please ensure that we hold up to date information regarding any medical issues, and that the contact details we have for you are accurate. Please contact the school office on 01904 686400 or admin@millthorpe.elts.org.uk to confirm these if you are not sure.

Any students remaining in school will be supervised as they participate in alternative educational activities planned by colleagues. They will be in different groups from normal and probably with students from other year groups as we expect the vast majority of students to join us on one of the trips.

We would like all students to attend one of these trips, but if a student behaved in a way that would cause us to question their ability to follow instructions or conduct themselves safely on the trip between now and the trip taking place, we would need to revoke their right to attend. If a student were to behave inappropriately during the trip, they would be supervised by a member of staff for the remainder of the trip, face school-imposed sanctions upon our return, and may jeopardise their attendance on future trips.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please pay the amount in full on Parent Pay by **Wednesday 2 July**. Please remember to tick the box to provide consent for your child to attend and also to confirm that the records that we hold for your child are accurate and up to date. Please contact us in advance if you are having any difficulty in paying on Parent Pay.

As we need to pay Flamingo Land and Yorkshire Wildlife Park in full ahead of the visit we cannot offer for parents/carers to pay in instalments. Please note that for the same reasons, payments are non-refundable unless the whole trip is cancelled. Please contact the school office if you feel you will struggle with the cost of this trip.

If you have a child currently in Year 6 who is joining us in September, we will ask for you to pay for their place in September as we cannot take payments for them until there are officially on our roll.

We hope that your child is excited by this opportunity and look forward to spending an enjoyable day with them at Flamingo Land or Yorkshire Wildlife Park early in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully,

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Trip Leader for Flamingo Land

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Business Manager

Trip Leader for Yorkshire Wildlife Park