

7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 4 VISIT TO MAGDALEN ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

We are planning a Year 4 visit to Magdalen on **Tuesday, 28th April 2026**. The aim of the visit is to provide the children with an exciting opportunity to learn through real outdoor adventures. Magdalen Farm is a working 132-acre organic farm with friendly animals and plenty of safe spaces to explore. They are close to the River Axe and we will be using it as an opportunity to consolidate some of the topics that we have covered this year in Science.

The party leaders will be Year 4 Teachers assisted by support staff.

Our transport will be provided by Vickerys coaches. We aim to leave school promptly at 9:00am and return to school by the end of the school day.

Please can the children wear comfortable **old** clothing (jeans are not good for outdoor activities as they do not dry quickly) with trainers or comfy boots/shoes and be prepared for all weather eventualities (rainproof jacket with hood or hats/sun cream).

They will need wellies in a carrier bag for the river study. Please put your child's name inside the wellies.

If your child is in receipt of a Free School Meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them. Please email office@brooksideacademy.co.uk if ***THIS IS REQUIRED*** – By **Tuesday 21st April 2026**. All other children will need to bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle. Magdalen has a NO NUTS policy.

Financial Arrangements

- Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of **£17.59** towards the cost. Payment is through ARBOR. Please note, although this is called a 'voluntary contribution' we regret that the trip cannot go ahead unless all costs are covered. Payment needs to be paid by **Tuesday, 7th April 2026** at the latest.
- In the event of the visit not taking place, parents will receive a refund.

The school retains the following rights:

- to withdraw any pupil at any stage from the above visit if deemed necessary
- to make changes to the above details subject to conditions
- to cancel the visit should contributions not be forthcoming and sufficient funds are not received to meet the cost of the trip/activity.

Insurance

Brookside Academy only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the academy and its employees. Parents may wish to make their own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for their children.

Medical Needs

If your child has medical needs affecting him/her during the visit please inform the party leaders, in person or in writing, providing details. Should there be any enquiries regarding the day please contact the Academy Office.

Should there be any enquiries regarding the day please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely **Brian Walton**

