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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Hooke Court (Owls and Squirrels) – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Owls and Squirrels will be visiting Hooke Court in Beaminster to support our history learning. The children will take part in a range of exciting activities. The children from Owls will complete activities to support with their learning on the Romans. They will complete Roman cookery, writing, make clay lamps and jewellery, complete some weaving and finish the day with some marching. The Stone Age Day for Squirrels will involve using fruits and vegetables to dye some cloth, boil sea water dry, Stone Age cooking, make coil pots and make clay beads for a necklace. There will also be a demonstration of flint knapping.

We will be travelling by coach and be leaving school at approximately 8:45am and returning for 17:00. The children will need to wear old clothes as they will be getting muddy and sturdy shoes. Although we are hoping for dry weather, please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat for the trip. The children will need to bring a rucksack to carry their packed lunch and water bottle. Please remember not to order a hot school meal for this date.

For this trip to take place, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £30 to cover the cost of the coach travel and activities. This coach travel has already been subsidised £500 by the Mansel Pleydell Trust which have brought the cost down by £8 per child. On the Arbor Parent Portal, please select the 'Activities' tab which will provide details of the 'Hooke Court' which you will need to please complete. Sign-up on Arbor opened at 09:00 today and needs to be completed by Monday 29th September at 09:00. If you have any difficulties registering and paying for this trip, please contact the office.

We would welcome offers of help from parents to accompany us on this trip. If you can kindly help with the visit, please could you email the school office.

Please do not hesitate to be in contact with myself or the school office if you have any queries regarding this trip. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and memorable day.

Kind regards,

Miss Roberts and Miss Annels

**Believe & Achieve** "I will show you my faith by my deeds" James 2:18

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