

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

In Term 1, we have begun exploring rocks, minerals and volcanoes. The children have been fascinated by the different types of rocks and how they are formed and have used different scientific techniques to find out their properties. Therefore, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be visiting **The Somerset Earth Science Centre** at Moons Hill Quarry near Shepton Mallet.

We will leave school at approximately 9:00am. We will be taking part in activities including a 'Rock testing and fossil lab' workshop at the centre and having a guided tour of the Wainwright basalt quarry, which will show the children the scale of the work that goes into collecting different types of rock. We will return to school at approximately 2:45pm and collection from classrooms will occur as usual.

Please send your child to school wearing their **school uniform**. Children may bring a rucksack because they will have a secure location to store this at the Earth Science Centre. Please ensure your child brings a healthy packed lunch and a full water bottle. If you prefer, you can order a school packed lunch for your child at a cost of £2.75. If you want to order a school packed lunch please indicate on the reply slip below and pay on MCAS.



The cost of the trip, which includes the coach, entry to the Earth Science Centre, the quarry tour and the activities, is only **£5 per child**, due to Wainwright Quarries subsidising the coach travel. This needs to be paid via MCAS. *If we do not receive sufficient payments to cover the cost of the trip it is possible that the trip may have to be cancelled.*

We have limited space for **volunteers** to join us. If you are available to volunteer and wish to accompany us on the trip, please indicate on the attached form. Thank you in advance for completing the reply slip by **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**.

Yours faithfully

Mr Momber-Blake and Miss Allen, Year 3 team

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**Year 3 trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre, Wed 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Child's name: ..... Class: Hawthorn

- I give permission for my child to attend the trip Yes/No
- I would like my child to have a school packed lunch at a cost of £2.75. Yes/No

Ham  Cheese

- I can volunteer on the trip. Name of volunteer: .....

Parent's Signature.....Name..... Date.....