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## Hawthorn Class Visit to the River and Rowing Museum, Henley

Dear Parents/Guardians,



An exciting visit to the River and Rowing Museum in Henley has been planned for Hawthorn Class. The visit has been scheduled for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

At the museum, the children will undertake challenges in the River Gallery and participate in practical group activities led by the museum tutor. These hands-on activities cover various aspects of

river studies, such as investigating the journey of a river, what happens during floods, why rivers don't flow in straight lines, and what rivers are used for. The children will also have the opportunity to handle artefacts related to life on and around rivers, exploring topics like leisure, work, transport, wildlife, and environmental management. Additionally, the children will go on a river walk, searching for evidence of erosion and deposition, while also discovering how Henley has protected itself from flooding. All these experiences will enhance the children's understanding of our "Raging Rivers" topic.

In order to get the most out of our day, the coach will leave school promptly at 8:30 am. The children will therefore need to arrive by 8:15 am to ensure that we can arrive at our destination as early as possible. We aim to return to school by 3:15 pm. Pupils should bring a packed lunch, drink, snack and waterproof coat. In an effort to be more eco-friendly, and reduce the amount of plastic bags/food wrap that often come with school trip lunches, please



send your child's lunch in a normal lunchbox/bag, with their name on. They will bring these boxes/bags back from the trip, for you to recycle or dispose of any waste at home.

The cost is £18.00 per child, which we hope is great value for such an exciting full-day visit. We would like to thank the School Association for subsidising this visit, in order to keep costs down for parents in the times of spiralling travel prices.

Payment and consent for this trip will need to be given online via Scopay by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This payment is a voluntary contribution and no child or family will be discriminated against for not contributing. Costs will be covered by the school for those in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance, in which case parents should contact the office with the necessary up-to-date documentation. However, should insufficient voluntary contributions be made, we will have to unfortunately cancel the visit.

Yours sincerely, Miss Hawtin

