

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Year 5 – Investigating the Thames

Dear Parent/Carers,

As part of our Learning Journey this half term 'Early Civilisations', we will be learning about Rivers, what life is like near rivers and how river use has changed over time.

During the visit, children will take part in practical fieldwork along the riverside and foreshore. They will explore geographical features, use scientific equipment to investigate the river and water quality, and learn more about the **wildlife, history and environment of the River Thames**. This exciting hands-on experience will support and enrich the children's learning in class and give them the opportunity to develop their geographical fieldwork skills in a real environment.

Details are as follows:

Date: 5O/5B - Monday 16th November 2026
5E - Tuesday 17th November 2026

Place: Embankment Pier – North Greenwich Pier

Travel: Public Transport

Cost: A contribution of **£9.50** is needed to cover the cost of the trip. Unfortunately, without sufficient uptake, the sessions will not take place.

The children will need a **packed lunch, water bottle and must wear wellies**. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

If your child usually receives a free school meal, we will provide them with a packed lunch for the day. Children need to be in school by 8.45 as we will be leaving at 9.

Please sign into **Arbor to give permission and to make the payment**.

If you can support this visit, please speak to your class teacher.

We would like to make you aware if your child is absent from school on the day a refund will not be possible as we must book in advance.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team.