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Dear parents,

We are planning to take our Year 6 pupils on a residential trip to Bawdsey Manor, Woodbridge, Suffolk, from **Monday 1st to Friday 5th March 2027**. This is a PGL centre with an outstanding reputation, which we have taken children to before.

The trip is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their self-confidence, independence and organisational skills, to help prepare them for their time at secondary school. The school has run a Year 6 residential trip for many years and traditionally all children attend.

The cost of the trip includes travel between the school and Bawdsey Manor, pocket money, full board accommodation and a full programme of activities.

Mr Shaw will be holding a parent information evening in the **infant school hall** on **Wednesday 15th April at 5.00pm** to introduce some of the details of the trip, which usually lasts around 30 minutes. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The meeting will discuss aspects of the trip such as the activities on offer, accommodation and eating arrangements among others. If there is anything in particular that you would like Mr Shaw to cover in the meeting, please email your request to office@prettygateschools.co.uk with 'PGL question' in the subject box by Monday 13th April.

If you would like to arrange an individual meeting with Mr Shaw or the Year 6 team to discuss anything specific to your child, such as medical or dietary requirements, please indicate this on the consent form.

The total cost for the trip will be £360.00. An initial deposit of £60 per child will be required to secure our booking. Please note that this is non-refundable and must be paid by Friday 24th April 2026 at the latest. Cheques should be made payable to Prettygate Junior School, although we would encourage parents to make payments and give consent on School Comms. If you do so, you **do not** need to complete the paper consent form below. Alternatively, you can come to the school office and pay by credit/debit card. It is possible to pay by monthly instalments. Details are listed below.

Monthly payment scheme:

Initial deposit (April): £60

May 2026 – December 2026: 8 monthly payments of £35

January 2027: 1 payment of £20

Payments can be made in full if preferred, but **must be paid by Friday 22nd January 2027**.

If you are unsure and would like to know more about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Shaw
Deputy Headteacher