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19th September 2025

**Year 2 Trip to Newstead Abbey
Thursday 20th November 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our Autumn 2 topic- Victorians, we will be visiting Newstead Abbey, a beautiful historic house set in a great landscape of gardens and parkland.

The children will take part in role play based activities which will focus on Victorian Christmas traditions. The Great Hall will be decorated with a huge Christmas tree and actors, in full Victorian dress, will lead all the sessions in role. The children are also expected to be dressed as Victorian children and will be imagining that they are a Victorian child of the time. (Please find information to support you with how to dress your child on the day in the attached document below.)

Please **do not** go to any expense, as Victorian costumes for children are quite easy to put together from clothing you may already have. For example, a girl's pinafore can be made from cutting off the sleeves of an old, man's shirt and then buttoning down the back over a dress. Charity shops often have useful items.

In addition to the trip to Newstead Abbey we will also be holding a Victorian day in Y2, on Friday 21st November, so they will be able to wear their costumes on this day as well.



Is vital that you arrive on time on Thursday, 20th November, as the coach will leave promptly at 9am and will not wait for latecomers. We will return to school in time for the end of the day. You will be informed of any delays.

We will be needing some parent / carer helpers to assist with the visit (we regret that younger siblings cannot be accommodated on this trip). If you are happy to dress as a Victorian for the day and are interested in helping, please contact your Class Teacher or the School Office.



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Visit Details

Date	Thursday, 20th November 2025
Time	Leaving: 9:00am promptly Return: for the end of the school day
Cost	£21.75 Children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant will have this trip funded, but consent from parents/carers is still required.
Lunch	School will provide a packed lunch as detailed below. Please inform school if you would prefer to take a packed lunch from home by Thursday, 6th November.
Clothing	Victorian costume and comfortable walking footwear (please see attached costume letter)
Spending Money	None required

If your child is on the N.C.C. Benefit Supported Free School Meal a packed lunch **WILL** be ordered for them. If you would prefer your child to take a packed lunch from home, please inform the School Office by **Thursday, 6th November 2025**, so that a packed lunch is not made and then wasted.

The packed lunch contains:

• A cheese sandwich
• Piece of cake
• Fruit bag
Your child must bring their own water bottle

Please make your payment through My Child At School (MCAS) Trips menu by Thursday, 6th November 2025.

Alternatively, you can use the Pay Point voucher on your MCAS home screen or ask the School Office for a Pay Point voucher by calling us on 0115 9258057.

Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Keeling and Mrs Finch



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