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Dear Parents/Carers

Fishbourne Roman Palace - Monday 26th January 2026.

Next term, Year 3 will be embarking on an exciting journey into *The Romans*, exploring what life was like in Roman Britain. To support and enrich our learning, we're thrilled to be visiting **Fishbourne Roman Palace** - the largest Roman residence ever discovered in Britain! This will be taking place on **Monday 26**th **January 2026.**

During the visit, children will take part in a **Roman activity workshop**, where they'll handle genuine artefacts and delve into Roman daily life, clothing, and customs. They'll also take part in a **Light and Dark workshop**, which links beautifully with our upcoming science topic. In this session, children will investigate a range of fuels used by the Romans - such as charcoal, beeswax, and olive oil -recording their properties and considering how they were used in everyday Roman life.

This hands-on experience will bring both our history and science learning to life, making it a truly memorable and meaningful day for all.

The cost will be £30.65. This includes the cost of the coach and entry fee to the Palace. We invite you to make a voluntary contribution towards this trip, which can be paid on Scopay by 19th December 2025. If we do not receive enough contributions towards the cost of the trip, we will unfortunately have to cancel. Please note, payment in Scopay will act as your consent for your child to take part on this trip.

We want every child to enjoy the full range of trips and experiences at St Mary's. If the cost of this trip presents a challenge, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs Evans or the admin team **in confidence**. We're here to help, and thanks to a generous grant this year, we're able to offer additional support to those who need it most.

Families in receipt of **Pupil Premium** may be eligible for help with trip costs, though this doesn't automatically cover the full amount. We kindly ask that families contribute what they can, even if it's a reduced amount—this helps us stretch our funding and support as many children as possible.

To help the children have an enjoyable day, we thought we should remind you of some of the things they will need:

 A packed lunch is required in a recyclable bag which we can throw away afterwards (no glass bottles/nuts or fizzy drinks please).

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This should be in a small backpack with sturdy straps, not the thin rope straps as these hurt when worn all day.

We also require some volunteers to assist on this trip. If you would like to join us, please contact the school office on: admin2@stmarys-godalming.surrey.sch.uk.

We shall be travelling by coach leaving at 9.00 am and will be back at St. Mary's, traffic permitting, at approximately 3.00 pm. Please bear with us if we are late, or else make any necessary arrangements in advance in case the coach is delayed. If we anticipate a late return, you will be notified by text message.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Norton

Year 3 Class Teacher

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