



# Lydgate Junior School

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Y3 children,

## Y3 Visit to Poole's Cavern, Buxton

We have arranged for a trip to **Poole's Cavern in Buxton**. This links to our science work on Rocks, our history work on the Stone Age, and our geography work on different places around the United Kingdom.

During the visit, we will have a guided tour of the amazing limestone caverns (see [www.poolescavern.co.uk](http://www.poolescavern.co.uk) for a virtual tour) and take a woodland walk to look at the views across Buxton and the Peak District. The visits will take place on:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Diving Beetle & Pond Skater**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Grasshopper & Mayfly**

This visit is a whole day out of school. We will be leaving school by coach at approximately 9.00am and will return at approximately 3.15pm (please note that we will aim for the end of the school day but there may be a short delay if we encounter traffic on the day).

We will need **parent volunteers** to help supervise the children for this visit. If you are able to help, please email [enquiries@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@lydgate-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Please be aware that there are limited spaces on the coach, so we will contact you as soon as possible after the school holiday to confirm volunteers.

On the day of their visit, the children are required to bring **a packed lunch and drink**. They will need to wear **a school jumper** and dress appropriately for the weather conditions. The trip takes place mainly outside and will still go ahead if it rains on the day. Even if it is warm outside, the cavern temperature is a constant 7°C so the children will need to bring **a warm coat**. **A hat and gloves are also recommended** as we will be walking to the top of an exposed hill and the wind can be very cold up there. **It is important that they wear shoes that are suitable for walking through the woods**. It is likely to be muddy.

As this trip involves an outdoor woodland walk and promotes physical activity for all, we will be part-funding it from the school sports premium budget. In order to cover the full cost of this trip (including the cave tour and travel), we need to ask parents for **a contribution of £10.00 per child**. As with all activities of this kind, we can only ask for a voluntary contribution, but should insufficient funds be received, the event may have to be cancelled.

We currently use [Parentpay.com](http://Parentpay.com) (the secure online service) to enable parents/carers to make contributions towards all trips and visits. Please contact the school office if you have difficulty with this method of payment.

Please could any payments be made by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
The Y3 Team

