



Year 5 Visit to National Coal Mining Museum

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our History unit on Mining in Our Locality, we are going to the National Coal Mining Museum in Wakefield on **Wednesday 5th November 2025**.

The National Coal Mining Museum for England is based at the site of Caphouse Colliery in Overton, near Wakefield. It has a fantastic museum all about coal mining, which the children will be able to explore. As part of the visit, the children also get to journey 140m underground and discover 180 years of mining history led by a former miner. They will get to wear a hard hat with a battery lamp and descend via the 'cage'. We know that this may seem a daunting prospect for some children, but once they start the journey with their friends and teacher, we know they will become a lot braver.

Children will need to be in school at 7.45am on the morning of the visit and we plan to arrive back at school for 3.45pm. They will need to wear uniform with sturdy footwear and a warm coat that you do not mind getting a little dirty. They will also need a packed lunch with a drink in a plastic container. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please request for a packed lunch to be provided by completing our online consent form.

We regularly enrich the curriculum by taking our pupils out on visits and subsidise as much of the cost as we can, however, in order for the trip to go ahead, we do require a voluntary contribution of **£15** per child, which can be paid via the School Gateway app.

We would be grateful if your contribution could be sent and the online consent form completed, using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/1pbwTpumzg> by **Monday 13th October 2025**

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the visit, or any specific information you feel we need to know about your child before the day, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Year 5 Team

