



# Riverside Primary School

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Ferry Road Hullbridge Hockley Essex SS5 6ND

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **EYFS Trip to the Gruffalo**

We have booked for the children in EYFS to visit The Gruffalo Trail at Thorndon Country Park on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026**. This will support our learning on the story 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson.

This will be a fantastic experience for all our children. The day will involve the children taking part in a woodland trail, exploring animals' homes, singing, storytelling and creating animal dens.

**Coach:** We will be travelling by coach, leaving at 9.00 am and hope to return by the end of the school day. We are asking your child to arrive promptly as we will not be able to wait for late arrivals.

**To bring:** Children must bring a packed lunch with a drink which must be in a disposable bag. The school will provide a Universal Free School **grab bag** if one is requested using the link below.

**Uniform:** Children must be in the correct school uniform. Please make sure they already have suntan lotion on, bring a hat, water bottle and also provide your child with a waterproof coat in case of rain. Children are welcome to wear trainers due to the nature of the trip.

**The cost:** The total cost for this visit is £22.00 (This will cover entry fee, coach travel)

All donations are made on a voluntary basis; however, if there are insufficient contributions, we will be unable to go ahead with this visit. This trip is available to pay for via ParentPay. The deadline for payment is **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**.

Please click on the following link to submit your child's response regarding this trip.  
[Google Link](#) This link will close on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**.

**Parent volunteers:** If you are interested in helping out on this trip, please advise this on the google form. If we have more offers than the necessary number of volunteers needed, names will be picked at random. We will contact volunteers with further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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