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Dear Parents/Carers of Birch Class,

Birch Class Visit to Willow's Birds of Prey and Wildlife Trail – Thursday 9th October 2025

This term, the children have been exploring the book 'Owl Babies', written by Martin Waddell. The story is all about a family of owls living together and focusses on the owl babies waiting for their parents to return from their evening hunt and feed them. To bring the book alive, we would like to take the children for a visit to Willows Birds of Prey and Wildlife Trail in Knockholt, TN14 7LJ, which is an award-winning visitor's attraction, set on 22 acres of stunning countryside. The children will get an opportunity to see real owls in the flesh, watch a flying demonstration and see other spectacular birds of prey. They will learn about their hunting behaviours and the environments they like to live in.

The trip will take place on **Thursday 9th October 2025**. We shall be travelling via the school minibus and will be leaving school during the course of the morning. The school minibus is fitted with fully adjustable seatbelts, which adjust to each child's height, so a booster seat is not required. However, if you would like your child to use one on the minibus, please drop it to Reception class on the day with a named label on it. We will be returning to school for a normal pickup time of 3:15pm.

The children should wear a full school uniform, with a warm waterproof coat and a hat and gloves if it is cold, as most of the trip is based outside. We will take their wellington boots in a spare bag from school, please ensure that a pair are in school on this day. They will need a healthy packed lunch, with a refillable drinking bottle for water. Your child will be required to carry their own lunch on the day and a small backpack for this would be ideal.

The cost of the trip is £2, for travel to and from the venue via the school minibus. Please pay via School Gateway app, under the payment 'Birch Trip to Willow's Birds of Prey and Wildlife Centre 2025'. Please pay in full by **Friday 3rd October 2025**.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Johnson
Head of School