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Dear Parents/Carers,

Maple Class Visit to the Centre for Experimental Military Archeology (CEMA) – Tuesday 19th May 2026

As part of our history curriculum this term, we are learning about 20th Century conflicts. With this in mind, we have arranged to take the children to the Centre for Experimental Military Archeology (CEMA), located at Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Kent, ME14 3JF, on **Tuesday 19th May 2026**.

CEMA is the home of historical experimentation, focused on military attack and defence over the ages. From the Roman period to the Second World War, their aim to explore soldiers' day-to-day lives through practical experimentation. Their first project was to build a replica WWI trench system based on Railway Wood, Ypres. The site itself has a rich military heritage with more than 2000 years of history!

As part of the experience, children are booked onto 3 specialist workshops; an immersive experience of life on the front-line during WW1, dressing and feeding Tommy on the front-line and the home front in WW2, the role of women. The whole experience will be completely immersive and as true to life as it was, during the conflicts.

The children should wear a full school uniform with their school shoes. They will need a warm, waterproof jacket for all weather eventualities, as lots of the day will take place outside. The children will travel via the school minibuses and will need to bring a healthy packed lunch and a bottle of water, which they can refill. Please can everything your child needs be put in a backpack, that they are able to carry for themselves throughout the trip.

The cost of this trip is **£19 per child**. This includes cost of travel, entry to CEMA and the three specialist workshops. This should be paid directly via the Schoolcomms app under the payment '**Maple Trip to CEMA - May 2026**'. This can be paid in increments of £1 or all at once. We will leave the payment open until **Monday 18th May 2026**.

The children should arrive at school for registration by the latest time of 8:55am and we will leave promptly after this time. We will return back to school for the normal pickup time of 3:15pm. Should this change on the day, we will alert you via Schoolcomms or ClassDojo.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Johnson
Head of School