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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Maple Class Visit to The British Museum – Monday 12th October 2026**

As part of our history curriculum this term, we are learning about the **Kingdom of Benin**. With this in mind, we have arranged to take the children to **The British Museum** in London, on **Monday 12th October 2026**.

This visit will support and enrich the children's learning, by allowing them to experience history beyond the classroom. The children will have the opportunity to see a world-class collection of **Benin plaques and sculptures first-hand**, bringing the Kingdom of Benin topic alive. Seeing these remarkable artefacts up close, will help pupils to analyse primary sources, deepen their understanding of the Kingdom's sophisticated culture, and appreciate the exceptional craftsmanship and artistic achievements of the Benin people.

The children should wear full school uniform with sensible walking shoes and bring a waterproof coat, as we will be travelling on foot between stations and the museum. Children will also need a healthy packed lunch and a bottle of water. Please can everything your child needs be placed in a backpack that they are able to carry themselves throughout the day.

The children will be travelling by train to and from London. **Children should be dropped off at Swanley Train Station on the ticket office side, between 9:20am and 9:30am on the morning of the trip.** We will depart shortly after this time and will NOT be able to wait for any late arrivals.

We expect to return to **Swanley Train Station at approximately 3:00pm**, where children should be collected from the **same side of the station as drop-off**. If your child has a sibling to be collected from school, we will supervise them at school, until you arrive to from the station.

Children from Maple class that will be attending breakfast or afterschool club on this day, will be shuttled to and from the station via the school minibus. Please contact Mrs Doherty to let her know if your child requires a lift.

The cost of this trip is **£8.50 per child**. This includes travel costs to and from the museum. This should be paid directly via the Arbor app under the payment '**Maple Trip to The British Museum - October 2026**' and we will leave the payment open until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, giving you 4 weeks to pay.

Should there be any changes to our travel arrangements on the day, we will communicate these via Arbor or ClassDojo.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable day of learning.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr. Stephen Emmett**  
**Head of School**