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Ref: Sch/Visits and Activities/Y1 Conkers

Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y1 'How Does Your Garden Grow' Topic Summer Term 2026

Year 1 – Conkers Trip – Tuesday 7th July 2026

As part of our 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' Summer Term topic, we will be visiting Conkers. Children can explore a variety of outdoor interactive exhibits, enjoy an Enchanted Forest and Treetop Walk and even a sensory Barefoot Walk. Children can ride on the steam train and explore some mature woodland walks, learning about habitats, local wildlife and plant-life. Children will also take part in a Bug Hunting activity! This hands-on interactive activity encourages the children to become wildlife detectives, using both their imagination and their senses. Led by a Ranger, they will search both high and low in the woodland for minibeasts and wildlife. The children will learn about the meaning and importance of habitats and even get the opportunity to build a habitat pile with their friends.

Children should arrive at school for the earlier time of **8.30am, the coach will be leaving school at 9am**. They should wear their school uniform, a coat and trainers. We will be outside for long periods during the day. Dependent upon the weather forecast, sun cream before setting off or a sun hat may be advisable too. We estimate to arrive back in school for **3.25pm**. Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details, should we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.

All children need to bring with them a drink (no glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please) and a packed lunch in a **small**, named backpack. If you would prefer school to provide a packed lunch, please email the School Office by Monday 22nd June 2026 via admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with your child's name and class and quoting 'Y1 Conkers' in the subject line. We cannot receive orders after this date as correct supplies are ordered in by our School Kitchen to avoid waste. Should you require a school packed lunch, please bring a small empty backpack to carry it in.

Activities such as these can only go ahead with your financial support; we are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of **£14.50 per child**. This trip has been set up on ParentMail to allow donations for those who wish to pay a bit extra; please follow the simple instructions at checkout. Please ensure we receive your consent/voluntary contribution no later than **Friday 26th June 2026**.

For these trips to go ahead, we will need additional volunteers. If you are able to help, please can you let us know by emailing us at admin@markeaton.derby.sch.uk with 'Conkers' in the subject line and state your child's name and class. We will notify you by email should your assistance be required.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gaskin & Miss Broadley

Y1 Teaching Team