



Silsden Primary  
School

26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**RECEPTION (Jenner, Nightingale, Seacole)**  
**EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO PONDEROSA**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Topic next half term is 'Into the Wild'. We are hoping to take part in lots of outdoor learning, planting seeds, going on bug hunts and finding out about different animals both here and in other countries. As part of this topic we are delighted to inform you that we have arranged a visit to Ponderosa Zoo in Heckmondwike. Our time at Ponderosa Zoo will allow the children to explore the natural world around them using their senses to describe what they see, hear and feel.

**All children** will be visiting Ponderosa Zoo on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. We will leave school by coach at 9:00am and **return at approximately 4:20pm**. Please ensure children arrive at **8:30am prompt**.

Whilst at the zoo we will participate in a 'learning experience package' which will allow us to squeeze the most out of the day. On the day, we will be provided with an indoor space to eat lunch, store our belongings and take shelter in the event of bad weather. You can discover further information on the Ponderosa Zoo. [www.ponderosa-zoo.co.uk](http://www.ponderosa-zoo.co.uk)

Children are required to wear their school uniform on the top and their own clothes may be worn on the bottom half e.g. joggers, shorts or leggings. We recommend trainers that are comfortable for walking or wellies in the event of wet weather (no sandals) and a rain coat to keep them dry. In the event of hot weather, please send your child with a named sunhat and apply sun-cream before they arrive at school.

All children will automatically be provided with a packed lunch from the school kitchen, as part of the universal free school meal offer. Please complete the attached form to select your child's lunch – [Reception Trip to Ponderosa Zoo – Fill in form](#)

If your child normally brings a packed lunch, please make sure all containers are disposable and in a carrier bag. We are a healthy eating school, therefore packed lunches should not contain any sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks.

For this visit to go ahead we are asking for a contribution of £25.00 per child which has been subsidised by school to reduce the cost. This includes coach travel, insurance and centre costs. No individual will be excluded from this visit because of lack of contribution; however, without sufficient funds, the visit will not take place. Please pay via Arbor.

We kindly ask for any parent volunteers who would like to help out on the visit to let your class teacher know. (This will be on a first come – first served basis). We will let you know as soon as we can if you will be needed on the day.

**Please provide your consent via Arbor by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May if you wish your child to take part. Please note that your child will not be allowed to take part in this trip unless we have received the consent.**

Kind regards,  
Mrs Travers, Miss Roberts, Mrs Kenyon and the Reception Team