



Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Usually, as a reward to recognise the hard work and effort of our Young Edwardian's we arrange a summer trip to either Farmer Ted's or Chester Zoo. However, with the cost of living crisis the quotations we received were extremely costly and this was largely due to the ever-increasing costs of transport. The cost of coaches alone for our school to visit Chester Zoo was in excess of £8750! As I am sure you can imagine, we could not justify charging our families approximately £49.50 per child for a day trip to Chester Zoo in the current economic climate and have been looking at various alternatives. So as the weather forecast is good...

 Get Ready for RUNCHELLA!
Our Summer Festival is Coming – Friday 23rd May!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that next **Friday**, we will be hosting our very own school festival... and it's going to be an unforgettable day of fun, laughter and celebration – welcome to **Runchella 2025!**

This end-of-year extravaganza is a special treat for our amazing children, and we have packed the day full of exciting activities and festival fun. For just **£10 per child**, each child will receive an **exclusive VIP Runchella Pass**, giving them access to **ALL** of the fabulous experiences below:

 What's included with the VIP Pass?

-  *Inflatables Galore* – Bouncy castles, giant assault courses and more!
-  *Disco Fever* – Dance under the open sky with your friends to some brilliant beats!
-  *Beat the Goalie* – Can you score past our mystery goalkeeper?
-  *Sweet Stall* – A treat (or two) to tickle your tastebuds!
-  *Candy Floss Station*
-  *- Watch the magic spin and grab a fluffy cloud of sugary goodness! It's not a festival without it!*
-  *Ice Creams & Lolly-Ices* – Cool down with a refreshing frozen delight from our very own ice-cream van!
-  *Glitter Tattoos & Transfers* – Sparkle up with festival-style body art!
-  *Field Games & Hula Hoop Fun* – Classic summer fun for everyone to enjoy!
-  *Petting Zoo Area*  - The children will have lots of fun seeing all the exciting animals!
-  *Chill Out Zone* – Relax among the hay bales and enjoy some peaceful festival vibes!



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Every child who purchases a pass will have unlimited access to the activities and stalls throughout the event. Our festival will be held on the school field and promises to be one of the highlights of the school year.

Our Young Edwardians are invited to come to school dressed in their PE kit or in festival themed clothing (training shoes are essential) for a fun packed day. Please note crop tops are not allowed. All children should wear trainers as we will be on the field.

Children will take part in fun activities in the morning (formal learning is cancelled! Woo hoo!) Runchella will open its doors in the afternoon for our magnificent festival of fun! Our staff are eagerly looking forward to this event and we hope that their enthusiasm will be surpassed by our children!

The cost of this event is £10.00 per child- a massive saving compared to our usual summer day trip.

A BBQ style lunch will also be served- if your child usually eats a packed lunch and you would like your child to stay for hot dinner on this day please select this option on Arbor for an additional cost of £2.50.

The timings for drop off and pick will remain exactly the same.

What do I need to do?

To secure your child's VIP Runchella Pass, please pay **£10** via Arbor or **send £10 in cash** in an envelope with your child's name clearly on it. **If you are sending cash please note this must be sent in no later than next Thursday 22nd May.** Please ensure you pay this amount no later than the end of June which is when the trip to Chester Zoo trip would have been held. It is vital all parents/carers pay for this event as it is not curriculum related and therefore school cannot supplement from our budget to cover costs.

We cannot wait to celebrate the end of a fantastic year with all our children in the most joyful, memory-making way possible. 🌈🌟

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warmest regards,

Runnymede Staff

