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Dear Parents / Carers

KS1 Topic Spring Term 2026 On the Move

We have lots of very exciting events and visitors planned for this term as part of our On the Move topic.

Bicycle Experience – Thursday 22nd January

We are planning a “bicycle experience” for all the children in Key Stage One. We would like the children to bring in a bicycle or a scooter to ride on a course set out on the school playground on **Thursday 22nd January 2026**. Children **must also bring in a bicycle safety helmet** to wear whilst riding their bicycle or scooter.



Bikes and/or scooters can be brought into school at drop off and the children will put them in the school arena in designated areas for each class. Please make sure they are clearly marked with your child's name.

Bicycles and/or scooters will need to be collected at the end of the school day as we cannot guarantee security for any bicycle/cycle left overnight in school.



Also on **Thursday 22nd January** Neil Laughton will be bringing in his penny-farthing to show children what bicycles were like many years ago. A penny-farthing, also known as a high-wheeler, is an early type of bicycle from the 1870s-80s, named for its huge front wheel (like a Victorian penny) and tiny rear wheel (like a farthing). Its design, with pedals attached directly to the large front wheel, allowed for faster speeds and smoother rides than earlier bikes, but it was quite dangerous to ride.

On **Tuesday 20th January** our own Mr Andrews, who is an intrepid cyclist, will be bringing in his special racing bicycle to show to the children. This will be very, very different to the penny farthing they will see two days later!

Amberley Chalk Pits Museum – Friday 27th February



We have arranged a visit to Amberley Chalkpits Museum on **Friday 27th February**. This museum offers the children a very exciting and educational experience including the opportunity to ride on an open top bus and in a small steam train.

We have also booked a workshop for the children where they will learn all about journeys, getting up close to trains, buses, bicycles, cars and carts

and learning about how people used to travel in the early 20th century. They will build a wooden wheel, discover more about bicycles from the past and take a ride on our vintage bus.

For the trip, children should wear their school uniform tops with jeans or jogging bottoms, and sturdy walking shoes or trainers (footwear must be comfortable to wear for the whole day). All children must have a warm, waterproof coat. We will be outside for the whole of the day, so please ensure that the children have adequate clothing. We intend to leave school after morning registration and will arrive back at the end of the school day.

You will need to provide your children with a packed lunch and a drink in a non-breakable container to take with them on the day. Please cancel any hot meals booked with Chartwells on that day.



Vintage Bus – Monday 23rd March

We have booked a visit from a vintage bus, complete with conductor, which will be coming into school on **Monday 23rd March**. Children will be able to explore this bus and make sketches of it. They will also be able to participate in a short bus ride around the village. However, please be aware that the bus will not be fitted with seat belts due to its age, but staff will be in attendance to keep children sitting down during their ride.



Road Safety Magic Show – Friday 27th March



David Tricks will visit on **Friday 27th March** with his Road Safety Magic Show as the finale for our Topic.

This is an amazing fun filled road safety show that is loaded with important road safety messages and allows the children to learn about practical and important road safety messages through magic, comedy and puppets.

Other Visitors

We also have a host of other visitors coming into school to enhance this topic including Maurice who will be bringing in his VW Camper Van for the children to explore. This is particularly exciting as our key text this half term is the book “Grandad’s Camper” and it will be very exciting for the children to see and experience a “real” camper van.



Dan Beamish will visit to talk about the extreme sport of Motocross and he will also be bringing a motorcycle and his racing leathers for us to look at.

We are hoping to also have a tractor and a lorry cab visiting us.

More details will be in the homework letters.

Cost Breakdown



To help towards covering the subsidised cost which includes the Amberley Chalk Pits entrance and workshop, coach travel, insurance, penny farthing experience, vintage bus, road safety magic show, and other topic related events throughout the term, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£31.00** per child.

Visits and visitors really enhance the curriculum of the children and we would love all the children to be able to participate. Payment can be made via your child’s ParentPay account which has been set up to accept instalments. Sadly, if insufficient contributions are received to help towards the cost of the topic, we may have to cancel some or all of the events. If you have any difficulty with making a contribution towards this, please see your child’s teacher or Mr Andrews in confidence.

We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to FUBS who have contributed towards this topic in order to keep the costs down for parents.

Many regards,
Mrs Gilpin, Mrs Goddard, Mrs McKay and Mrs Duguid

