



# William Gilbert Endowed (Church of England)



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Dear Year 5 & 6 Parents

**Staffordshire Regiment Museum**  
**Year 5 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Year 6 – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

As part of our World War 1 topic, Years 5 and 6 will be paying a visit to the Staffordshire Regiment Museum, which has a replica trench system and a variety of exhibits from the regiment's history. Children will be given a tour of the trenches and will be able to examine some artefacts under supervision. In conjunction with our One Day Creative drama day later in the term, we hope that this will really deepen your children's empathy and understanding of the topic.

The museum website is: <https://staffordshireregimentmuseum.com/the-coltman-trench/> if you would like to see what is there, and details of our itinerary are also attached to this message.

We will be travelling there and back within school time, and all children will need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks, nuts or sweets please) a waterproof coat, sensible shoes and a water bottle.

There is a small shop at the museum, and children will have a chance to visit it. They should bring a **maximum of £3**. Some of the products have a military theme (e.g bullet keyrings) so you will need to explain to your child if you would prefer them not to purchase that kind of souvenir.

Some of the exhibits have sound effects. The trench effects are not too overwhelming as they are outside and distant, but there is a community air raid shelter where children can sit through a raid, waiting for the "all clear" and this is very loud, so this may not be appropriate for all children.

Children will be supported and supervised in the trench tour, and will not have to go into the air raid shelter; we will explain carefully to them what they are to expect, so they can make their own decisions.

It is necessary for us to ask for a voluntary contribution of £17.50, which covers the cost of the activities, travel to and from school and insurance.

This trip has been added to your child's Tucasi scopay online account – [www.scopay.com/williamgilbertendowedprimary](http://www.scopay.com/williamgilbertendowedprimary) please log onto your account to make payment for this trip by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. By paying for this trip online you are consenting to your child to go on the trip, therefore no reply slip is required.

With reference to the Education Reform Act (1988) the school is obliged by law to point out that payment is made entirely on a voluntary basis and you are under no obligation to make a contribution.



It is, however, important to point out that the school has no alternative source of funding and this trip will only go ahead if parents see fit to make a voluntary contribution of £17.50. For parents receiving a Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support or Family Credit the school will offer financial assistance in the strictest confidence.

Please contact us via the office or Mrs Emms at the gate if you have any concerns about your child's sensory needs.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

L Tipping and B Marshall  
Class Teachers