



HEADTEACHER: Mrs Rosalind Bennett

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: Mrs Anne Howarth

19th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 5 Bell Boating Day – Friday 17th April 2026

The children will be participating in a Bell Boating day at Fladbury Riverside on Friday 17th April. Please can you arrange to take your child to Fladbury riverside (Station Road, Fladbury, WR10 2QW) on this day for 9.15am and collect them at 2.30pm. If anyone has difficulty with transport arrangements, please do let us know as we can help with car sharing.

The bell-boat is a twin-hulled, stable craft with up to 12 people in a crew, who are seated and propel the boat with single-bladed paddles. All the crew will be wearing buoyancy aids. The focus is on working as a team.

Children will need to:

- Wear clothing suitable for the weather. Plenty of layers work well (T-shirt, sweatshirt, fleece, joggers or tracksuit) to allow for changes in temperature throughout the day. Jeans are not suitable.
- Depending on the weather, sun hat and sun cream or hat and gloves (it can be cold on the water!)
- Spare clothes and a towel in a bag. In a separate bag (to be taken on the boat) they should have a substantial morning snack, packed lunch, drinks and waterproofs (ideally waterproof trousers as well).
- Trainers or sturdy shoes should be worn. Children should not wear wellies as they are unsuitable near deeper water.

Please also take note of the precautions contained in the information to follow.

We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £5.06 to cover the cost of this training. Please note that the event will be unable to go ahead without sufficient contributions. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please do come and speak to us in confidence. Please can consent and payment be made via Arbor by 10th April 2026.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Kearns



SAFETY AND HYGIENE ADVICE

Paddle-sport on placid water is an enjoyable and safe activity provided buoyancy aids are worn and people are aware of water hygiene. By way of reminder, we'd like to share the following information.

Weil's Disease is a bacterial infection normally believed to be spread by rat urine, though can also be transmitted by cat, fox and rabbit urine. Transmission is usually through an open wound or abrasion but can also be caused by ingestion of contaminated water.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms are lethargy, diarrhoea, headaches, vomiting a high temperature, muscle and joint pain, sometimes referred to as flu like symptoms.

Notify Doctor

Be reassured that it is a rare illness but it's wise to be vigilant. Anyone falling ill with the symptoms after fishing, sailing, paddle or other water sports, particularly within the three weeks following the activity, MUST see a doctor straight away and advise him or her of when and where the activity took place.

Prevention

To prevent infection, cover scratches and cuts with water-proof plasters AND wash or shower after water-based activities, particularly before eating.

Further advice can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Leptospirosis/>

