

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Lammin (BSc Hons QTS)

30th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Chippenham Folk Festival

On Friday 22nd May, Year 4 will be attending the Chippenham Folk Festival being held at The Olympiad Sports Hall. This annual all-day event is great fun and is attended by many Chippenham primary schools. The children will be taking part in a series of folk-art workshops in the morning and will be performing several traditional ceillidh dances during the afternoon. A ceillidh, pronounced "kay-lee", is a big communal country dance, where people participate in sets, with a live band and a caller to take them through the dances.

The children will be leaving school at approximately 9.30am to walk to the Olympiad for the morning workshops and will then walk to Monkton Park to have their lunch, before returning to the Olympiad for their afternoon dances.

The children should wear their PE kit to school and bring in a packed lunch and plenty of water to last throughout the day. PE kits will be sent home with the children after school on the Thursday.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact the office if you would like the school to provide a packed lunch by Friday 15th May. Any school dinners that have been pre-booked on Arbor will be cancelled so you will therefore not be charged.

The voluntary contribution for this trip is £2.00 (reduced for children in receipt of Free School Meals). To pay this contribution and give consent, please log onto your Arbor Parent Portal account by Friday 15th May – you will find this under the Trips section. If insufficient contributions are received, the trip may have to be cancelled.

Unfortunately, this is a closed event, so parents/carers are not able to go along and watch the performances, however, we are sure that the children will all share their experience with you at the end of the school day.

We would like to ask for a couple of parent helpers to walk with us to the Olympiad, Monkton Park and back to school at the end of the festival. We will be leaving school at approximately 9.30am and return at 3pm. If you are able to help, please contact the school office or speak to one of the Year 4 team.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Keogh and Mrs M Harvey
Year 4 Class Teachers