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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 Steam Railway Experience

This half term, as part of our learning enquiry, 'How has transport changed over time?', the children will be exploring how trains have changed throughout history. To bring this learning to life, we have arranged a railway experience that will include travel on both a modern National Rail service and the Dartmouth Steam Railway.

The trip will begin with a walk to Torquay Train Station, where the children will board a National Rail train to Paignton. This will give them the opportunity to experience how people travel by rail today. From there, they will travel on the Dartmouth Steam Railway to Kingswear and back, allowing them to experience what train travel was like in the past.

Throughout the visit, the children will compare modern and historic trains, looking at how they are powered, how they are designed and how rail travel has changed over time. They will consider how developments in transport have made journeys quicker, easier and more comfortable for passengers, while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the English Riviera.

The trip will take place on **Friday, 26th June 2026** for both Rabbits and Foxes Classes. To ensure we do not miss the train, children must be in school on time.

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in full school uniform on the day of the trip. A packed lunch will be provided by the school; however, if you would prefer to provide a home-packed lunch, please inform your child's class teacher.

As we cannot guarantee dry weather, children should also bring a suitable waterproof coat and wear sensible walking shoes.

The total cost of the trip is £15.00. Please provide consent and make payment via Arbor by **Wednesday 17th June 2026**. If you have any queries regarding payment, please contact the school office.

If you have any questions about the trip, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team
Cockington Primary School

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