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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 5 VICTORIAN DAY AT THE WORKHOUSE, SOUTHWELL
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER & TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

As part of our exciting Victorian topic, we have arranged for Year 5 to visit The Workhouse, Southwell on **Wednesday 1st October & Tuesday 11th November 2025.** During this interactive visit, they will find out about life in a Victorian Workhouse, attitudes to the poor and how welfare has developed through the years. They will gain a fascinating insight through a varied learning programme delivered in a unique and atmospheric setting. Pupils will travel back in time as they enter The Workhouse as Victorian paupers and will be immersed in a role-play experience set in the 1840s. They will also meet characters from The Workhouse's past and experience the strict segregation of the building.

Due to a limit on the number of visitors the Workhouse can accommodate, the Year Group will be split over two days:

Wednesday 1st October – All of 5G (Mrs Greenwood) with half of 5D (Miss Davey)
Tuesday 11th November – Half of 5D (Miss Davey) with our peers from Colsterworth

Miss Davey's class will attend the visit in two groups:

- Group A – Wednesday 1st October
- Group B – Tuesday 11th November

All of Mrs Greenwood's class will attend the visit on **Wednesday 1st October.**

To help make our visit more authentic, and to enhance and bring to life the whole experience of life in the Victorian ages, we would like to encourage the children to wear the Victorian costumes they wore for our experience day in school on the 8th September.

Children should arrive at school no later than **8.55 a.m**. as the coach will leave by 9.20 a.m. We aim to return to school for **3.45 p.m**. All children will need to bring with them a warm and waterproof coat, a packed lunch and plenty of drinks for this day.

If your child requires travel sickness medication, please ensure they take this before leaving home and any medication for the return journey is handed to the class teacher with a completed 'Request for school to administer medication' form.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £11.05 per child towards the cost of the visit. Payment should be made via ParentMail +Pay by **Tuesday 30th September**. Please do bear in mind that +Pay offers a part payment option which allows payment in instalments if needed.

As a school we cannot go ahead if we run the risk of making a loss and this visit will not therefore go ahead without sufficient support. When deciding whether or not to run such an event, consideration has been given to the increased pressure on family finances due to the current economic climate. Please do let us know if you require any additional support in this respect by emailing BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk.

If you are able to assist in accompanying us on this visit, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We are all looking forward to a great day.

Yours sincerely

Miss Davey & Mrs Greenwood
Class Teachers