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Year 2 Great Fire of London Day Tuesday 6th of October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

15th of July 2026

To complement our study of The Great Fire of London, we have invited History Off the Page to provide a Great Fire of London Day in the school on Tuesday 6th of October. The parental contribution for the experience is £16.00, which will go to a whole day of learning. However, to make this day possible, we need to raise sufficient funds. Unfortunately, if we do not cover the costs, we may have to consider cancelling the Great Fire of London Day. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring this immersive day can go ahead as planned.

History Off the Page is a company which provides immersive and practical History, Science and Literature workshops to schools. The workshop, which will take place in the school hall during normal school hours, will give us a feeling of what it was like to live in 17th century England.

On the day, your child will experience life as it would have been in 1666 London before, during and after the Great Fire. The children will learn about the issues of the time, with the opportunity to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities and crafts. The children may keep the items they make.

A simple Londoner costume will help your child feel part of the day. Please see the attached for some ideas/ guidance (please do not come dressed as a specific person). However, please use items you have at home to help keep the cost down.

Please pay online via School Gateway, if you are having difficulty paying for this experience, please call the office and speak to Lucy Yarwood.

Yours faithfully,

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Very soon
Off the
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Get ready to be a 1666 Londoner with History Off the Page!

History
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school for
Fire of
Day. To
feel like a
from the
period,

we recommend you put together a simple costume. Looking like a Londoner will help you feel like a Londoner. Costumes do not have to be fancy – you can do a lot with clothes you already have! Here are some ideas:



Girls' Costume

Smock: This can be a plain shirt with a large collar.

Kirtle: Use a long, preferably plain, skirt.

Bodice: A man's plain waistcoat will do if you have one. Or you could wear a long, plain dress with a belt or cord tie.

Apron: Preferably plain white. You could attach a rectangle of white material to a tie (without gathers or pockets.) The tie could be a belt or cord tie, or a plaited wool tie.

Shoes: Any flat, sturdy shoes will work.

Coif: This is a cover for your head. A triangle of white material tied around the head to hide the hair. The long ends are tied over the hanging point, which is then tucked over the knot

Boys' Costume

Smock: This can be a large plain shirt with a large collar and a belt or cord around the waist.

Doublet: You could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one, as a doublet.

Hose: Tuck plain, dark, baggy trousers (such as track-suit bottoms) into long socks.

Shoes: Any flat, sturdy shoes will work.

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