

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Shakespeare's King Lear

As part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's outreach programme with OSA, North America will be participating in the upcoming Shakespearian performance of 'King Lear' at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester on **Thursday 26th June 2025**.

Since September, we have been learning snippets about William Shakespeare and King Lear in preparation for our assigned scenes from the RSC. During the summer term, the children will be preparing to be 'in character' and those children who will be assigned speaking parts will be given copies of the script to practise their lines at home. Requirements for costumes will be sent out before the May half-term.

The bus will be departing the school promptly at **9am** and we will be at the theatre all day to practise and rehearse on their stage. Please ensure your child brings a backpack with water bottles and **TWO** packed lunches (one for lunch and one for dinner).

Our final performance, which parents and families are invited too, will begin at 7pm. The play concludes at approximately 8.45pm and we would be grateful if parents could collect their child from the Mercury Theatre in Colchester after the play or lift-share, if possible.

Cost of the transport to the theatre will be covered by the school, however there will be no return coach transport after the performance.

Please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/v8VeLrhkzt> to a Google Form to give permission for your child to attend the day, collection permissions and if your child is entitled to free school meals, order them a pick and mix lunch (a second lunch will still need to be provided by the parent). This is to reduce our paper waste by removing the need for reply slips. Please complete the forms by Friday 16th May 2025.

This is a truly fantastic opportunity for our children and will be an amazing opportunity for them to engage with the Royal Shakespeare Company and perform in a genuine theatre too! Ticket information to follow.

Yours faithfully,



Miss V. Butcher

Year 5 Class Teacher