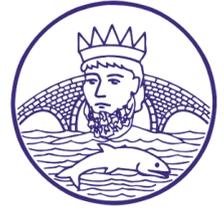


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4th February 2026

Dear Families of Y5,

This year is the 200th anniversary of the birth of modern railway and the rail industry has come together to mark this major milestone with a year-long national celebration called Railway 200 - www.railway200.co.uk.

To bring the railway's 200-year story of innovation to life, Railway 200 has created a unique, interactive and free touring exhibition train called *Inspiration* that will visit 60 locations across Britain over 12 months. Y5 classes have been invited to visit the train when it stops at *Kingston station* on **Wednesday 25th February**.

Inspiration offers a fantastic opportunity to explore the rich heritage and technological advancements in partnership with The National Railway Museum. The children will see:

- **Railway Firsts:** Showcasing groundbreaking innovations in railway history
- **Wonderlab on Wheels:** Offering engaging hands-on activities to explore the science and engineering behind railways
- **Your Railway Future:** Uncovering some of the more hidden roles in rail and encouraging people to consider a career in rail to shape the next 200 years

This exhibition will provide the children with a valuable and memorable learning experience, complementing the national curriculum and inspiring their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects, as well as history. To support this experience, knowledgeable STEM ambassadors will be on hand to provide fascinating insights into railway engineering, careers and the social impact of railways, along with the latest technological advancements driving the industry forward.

Warhol Class will be going at 9.30 am, returning by 11.30am

Dali Class will be going at 10.30 am, returning by 12.30am

As this is a local trip, our general local permission slip, signed on entry to the school covers permission so we do not need separate consent. If you have a DBS and would like to volunteer to accompany either class, please tick the box in ParentPay. There is no cost for this trip.

We will confirm volunteers nearer the time.

Many thanks

Kind regards,

Miss Rana and Mr Gardner
Year 5 Team

