

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ryecroft to Alton Sponsored Walk 2026

I am pleased to inform you that our annual sponsored walk, will return for 2026!

This year's event will take place on the morning of **Friday 22nd May**. Pupils will walk approximately 14km, following the usual route from school to Alton Station and back, using the old railway line. We aim to leave school at **9:30am** and return in time for our usual lunchtime.

To ensure pupils are well-prepared, please ensure your child brings a full, refillable water bottle (no glass or metal), wears suitable walking shoes, and is dressed appropriately for the weather, including a waterproof coat, sun cream, and a hat.

As in previous years, the walk is a key fundraising event for the school. A sponsor form is attached to this letter for your child to complete. Sponsor forms should be returned to school after donations have been paid on Arbor.

Funds raised will directly support the continued improvement of our school environment and resources, both inside and outside the classroom, at a time when educational budgets remain under considerable pressure. We are very grateful for any contributions you are able to make, no matter the size.

As an added incentive, all sponsorship raised by **Year 8** pupils will go towards their **Prom in July 2026**, while **50% of funds raised by Year 7** pupils will contribute towards their Prom in **July 2027**. All other donations will be used to enhance provision across the school.

If you would like your child to take part in this event, please:

1. Provide **consent** by logging onto Arbor (under Trips) **by Friday 8th May 2026**.
2. Ensure your child gathers sponsorship using the attached form.
3. **Pay all sponsorship monies** by logging onto Arbor (under Trips) **by Friday 5th June 2026** at the very latest.
4. Return the completed sponsorship form to the school office, once monies have been paid in Arbor.

Please note: You will see two entries for the sponsored walk on Arbor - one is for providing consent, and one for making the payment.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



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