



**GRETTON
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Thursday 5th March 2026

RIVER ISBOURNE WALK

Dear Parents and Carers,

Like the great explorers who once searched for the source of the River Nile, Owls Class will soon be embarking on an adventure of their own! As the final lesson in our Geography unit on Rivers, the children will become explorers for the day as they investigate the source of the River Isbourne.

We are planning a full-day hike, beginning at the top of Cleeve Hill. From there, we will follow the River Isbourne down to Winchcombe before walking up and over Langley Hill and returning to Gretton. As well as being a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, this experience will help the children consolidate their understanding of river systems and give them real-life practice in map-reading skills.

The route is approximately six to seven miles in total. While it may be a challenge for some, we are confident the children will rise to it—this walk has been completed successfully and enthusiastically in the past. We have planned the day carefully with plenty of rest stops, additional time if needed and an option to shorten the route should circumstances require. The good news is that much of the walk is downhill!

Drop-off and collection:

Please drop your child at the car park behind Cleeve Cloud Golf Club (GL52 3PW) between **8:00am and 8:20am on Thursday 26th March 2026**. This timing should allow you to return to school for sibling drop-offs. We aim to be back at school by the usual pick-up time of **3:10pm**.

What children need:

- Clothing suitable for the weather and terrain, including waterproofs and sturdy footwear. If this poses any difficulty, please let us know - there are always spare items available.
- A packed lunch and plenty of water, carried in a comfortable, practical bag.

Parent helpers:

We would warmly welcome any parents who would like to join us for the walk. If you are interested, please note this on the permission slip below. There is also space to indicate if you can help transport additional children or assist with returning staff to collect cars at the end of the day. Please also inform us of any medical or allergy information we may not already have.

Thank you for your support. We are very much looking forward to this exciting learning experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bridges and Miss Tyler

Permission Slip: River Isbourne

I give permission for my child _____ to complete the walk from
Cleeve Hill Golf Course to Gretton School on **Thursday 26th March 2026**.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Please indicate on this slip if you would like to come yourself, can help transport additional children who may need a lift (or can transport adults at the end of the day to collect their cars) and if there are any medical issues which we may be unaware of.