



15 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Y8 theatre trip to *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, Soho Place Theatre - Thurs 16 July 2026**

To complement students' English and Drama studies we are organising a trip to see a performance of the Royal Shakespeare Company's acclaimed musical *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* at Soho Place Theatre in London on Thursday 16 July 2026. This is the penultimate day of the summer term.

*Based on the international best-selling book, this bold and uplifting new musical tells the extraordinary true story of William Kamkwamba. In drought-stricken Malawi, a 13-year-old boy dreams of saving his village. Nobody believes he can – not his father, his friends, nor his community. As crops fail and hope runs dry, William finds inspiration in scraps of old machinery and a handful of library books. What he lacks in resources, he makes up for in determination, grit and imagination, and a windmill begins to take shape. A celebration of human ingenuity and the courage to dream in the face of impossible odds, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind is a powerful story where imagination brings hope for tomorrow.*

We are watching a matinee performance, so we will leave school by coach at 11.30am, the performance starts at 2.30pm and should end around 5pm so we expect to be back in Marlow around 6.30pm.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£37.50** to support the costs of this trip (including ticket, coach transport and [insurance](#)); please note if we do not receive the required number of contributions we will be unable to run the trip. . If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay, please email [parentpay@swbgs.com](mailto:parentpay@swbgs.com). In line with the school's charging policy, parents are reminded that school charity funds exist to assist families whose financial circumstances would otherwise prevent their child from participating. Application must be made in writing to the Deputy Head, Mrs Louise Walder, outlining the reasons why support is required, as soon as possible and at the latest by the deadline.

Places on this trip are limited to 66 and offered on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to book a ticket for your child, please log onto [ParentPay](#) using your username and password to pay by **Sunday 31 May 2026**. If you need a copy of your activation details, or are unable to access Parentpay, please email [parentpay@swbgs.com](mailto:parentpay@swbgs.com). Once the 66 places have been taken the trip will no longer appear on your Parentpay account. If this occurs and you would like to be added to a waitlist, please email me via [parents@swbgs.com](mailto:parents@swbgs.com). This is a Category B trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy. As such, payment for the trip on ParentPay is taken as confirmation of consent for your child to attend and that the contact details and medical information that the school has on record for you are up-to-date and correct.

If you have any questions, please contact me via [parents@swbgs.com](mailto:parents@swbgs.com).

Yours faithfully

**Mr J Lofthouse**  
Literacy Co-ordinator

