



Our ref LCO/AMO
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Dear Parent/Carer

We are offering year 7 students the chance to attend a performance of Mother Goose at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester on Wednesday 17th December 2025.

Gertie Goose and her daughter run Three-Rings Circus, but their nest egg is running low, and if they can't pay the rent, it's curtains! Just when all seems lost, a fairy with a few tricks up her sleeves casts a spell on Billy the Goose – and suddenly, he's laying golden eggs faster than you can say "honk!" With riches at their wingtips, the circus is saved!

But trouble is brewing... A wicked landlady, green with envy, swoops in disguised as a beauty guru, tempting Gertie with the promise of eternal youth – but at a terrible price: Billy must be traded! Will she fall for the fowl play, or will good triumph over greed?

Expect breath-taking sets, dazzling costumes, side-splitting comedy and plenty of Mercury magic in this eggs-traordinary festive treat for the whole family. So flock to the box office, grab your golden tickets and get ready for an unmissable adventure this Christmas!

On the date of our visit, all participating students and accompanying staff will travel by coach departing from the Academy at 12:30pm to arrive for the performance. We expect to return at approximately 5:30 pm and would be grateful if you would ensure that someone is at the Academy to collect your son/daughter at this time. If there is any change to our anticipated return time, students will be asked to let parents/carers know by text/phone call.

Students will be given the opportunity to eat a packed lunch or food purchased at break time before we leave. Please note that students participating will miss Period 3 to 5 lessons on this date and will be expected to catch up on any work missed.

We are asking for a contribution of £29 to cover the cost of this visit. You will appreciate that the activity will not be able to take place if sufficient funds are not forthcoming. Please note that spaces are limited and are issued on a first come, first served basis, and no space is secured until the contribution has been made. The payment portal will be open from **3pm on Monday 20th October**. Please be aware that the theatre's terms and conditions state that once we have committed to the event, there are no refunds, therefore the trip cost is non-refundable.

It is easy to make a payment online. Simply log onto <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk> with your Username and Password. From the Home Page, click on Accounts and select your child's name, followed by the Details button to the right of the Fund Name 'Mother Goose'. Complete the permissions form and finally, go to the basket and make your payment. It is easy to make a payment online provided you have already registered to access our Cashless Catering/Online e-payments system. If you have not yet registered, please contact Mrs N Logan, nlogan@ormistonsudbury.co.uk to request registration details if you have misplaced the instructions that were sent to you in the post at the start of term.

On the day of our visit, students must be dressed in full and correct uniform. Unfortunately, any students who do not comply with our expectations regarding uniform will be asked to remain in the Academy. I must also mention that, if at any time from now to the date of the trip, your child's behaviour is considered by the Academy to be unacceptable and might cause serious concern whilst away from the site, the right is reserved to refuse to take him/her/them on the trip. However, I am sure all parents understand how important trust, behaviour and safety issues are on these occasions.

If your son/daughter would like a place on this trip, please complete the online permission form and payment by **Monday 3rd November 2025** so that tickets can be confirmed with the theatre. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely,
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