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Dear Parent/Carer

We are offering year 7 students the chance to attend a fun performance of Jack & the Beanstalk at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester on Wednesday 16th December 2026.

*This Christmas, the Mercury Theatre present the pantomime spectacular you've all BEAN waiting for – **Jack and the Beanstalk!** Colchester panto legends **Antony Stuart-Hicks** and **Dale Superville** are back and ready to cause more mischief and mayhem in this GIANT adventure!*

Join Jack, Trevor (Superville) and their Mum, Tilly (Stuart-Hicks) at Trott's farm. Money is running low, and when the ruthless landowner Augusta Bigbucks buys Trott's farm for a steal, things get even more precarious! The family make the difficult decision to sell their beloved cow Pat at Culver Square market.

Then a giant beanstalk appears! And the town fears the ferocious giant will return to cause havoc. Will Jack be brave enough to climb up to Cloudland, defeat the giant and save Colchester before it's too late?

Expect lots of laughter, marvellous music, spellbinding choreography and jaw-dropping sets in this unmissable festive extravaganza that promises fee-fi-fo-FUN for everyone!

On the date of our visit, all participating students and accompanying staff will travel by coach departing from the Academy at 9am to arrive for the performance. We expect to arrive back at the Academy at approximately 2pm at the end of lunch break and ask that students are provided with a packed lunch or if eligible, a free school meal packed lunch will be provided. Please note: participating students will miss Period 1 to 4 lessons on this date and will be expected to catch up on any work missed.

We are asking for a contribution of £21 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 **4pm on Sunday 4th October. Please be aware that spaces book up fast.** Also, to note 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 'Jack & the Beanstalk'. 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 2nd November 2026** 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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