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Year 5 Residential Trip to Dorset

Dear Parents/Carers,

As in previous years, Year 5 children will have the opportunity to take part in a residential week at the Cumulus Outdoor Activity Centre in Swanage, Dorset. The visit to Dorset is an opportunity for the children to develop geographical skills which build on prior learning in school as well as team work, leadership, social skills, awareness of others and is a chance to begin to develop their independence before the longer residential in Year 6. The trip is a remarkable way to bring their learning to life as well as provide them with memories to last a lifetime.

This year there will be one trip for the whole year group. This will be from **Wednesday 18th March – Friday 20th March 2026**.

Cumulus is a well-established outdoor centre that supports thousands of young people from all backgrounds to take part in outdoor education courses and activities all aimed at helping young people to grow and to develop in a beautiful, adventurous and challenging, yet safe environment, it supports hundreds of schools and youth groups to help their young people get the best experiences possible.

Included in the cost:

- Travel by coach to and from the centre with a stop at Corfe Castle on the way home
- 2 nights' accommodation in dorm style facilities (between 2 and 18 children to a room)
- Breakfast, lunch (packed lunch), cooked evening meal (and a trip to the chip shop on one evening additional to the evening meal and an absolute highlight for the children) on each of the days we are staying at the centre and a packed lunch for the journey back on Friday
- Approximately 6 hours per day of qualified instructor led activities including: map reading, beach/coastal study and team challenge. In the evenings, there will be a trip to the chip shop, or a campfire
- All necessary equipment for outdoor activities and bedding (children only need to provide basic day to day clothing including waterproof outdoor wear and wellingtons)
- Additional costs for snacks and other necessary supplies

The total cost for the trip per child is **£260**. As stated before, this includes all of the above.

To secure your child's place, please complete the attached form. A **non-refundable** deposit of **£50.00 per pupil** is required and this should be forwarded to the school office by **Friday 24th October 2025**.

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Payment can be made via Scopay (our preferred method), or by cheque or cash given into the school office. If you pay by cash or cheque, you will be able to view your payment receipts on the Scopay system. Please note that payments of **any amount** can be added to Scopay or paid in cash/cheque and if you prefer to pay weekly you are more than welcome to do so.

If you wish to pay in instalments, we recommend making **three further monthly payments of £70** to complete payment in February. However, you may wish to pay in full or smaller weekly instalments both of which are completely acceptable.

The final payment is due by **Friday 6th February 2026**.

We are happy to create you a personalised payment card if it is helpful. We understand that this trip is costly and encourage you to pay what you can now rather than leaving it all until the last moment!

Please speak with Mr Wanstall or email bursar@stmarysprimary.org if you have any questions or concerns regarding payments.

There will be a Dorset information meeting nearer the trip in February for parents/carers. If you have any concerns or queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me or get in touch via email.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Wanstall

Year 5 Leader

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YEAR 5 DORSET OUTDOOR CENTRE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the school trip to the Dorset Centre YES NO

If your child is going to take part in the trip please tick the appropriate boxes below:

I enclose my deposit of £50.00, which I understand is **non-refundable**,
unless the visit is cancelled.

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I have made an online payment of £50.00, which I understand is **non-refundable**,
unless the visit is cancelled.

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I wish to discuss a trip payment plan for my child.

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*I would like a payment card in order to keep track of how much I have paid
each week/month.*

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Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Date: _____

Please tick as appropriate, and return this form to the class teacher as soon as possible.

FINAL DATE FOR REPLIES –Thursday 23rd OCTOBER 2025

