



September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 5 Residential Trip – 3rd - 5th March 2027

We are very pleased to be able to offer a residential trip to our Year 5 children. We would like to invite the children to Great Wood Camp, on Wednesday 3rd March 2027 for 2 nights, returning on Friday 5th March.

This will be an opportunity for a team building trip in preparation for their transition to Year 6. This is also a great opportunity for our Skybase pupils. We encourage parents of Skybase pupils to contact Mrs Lavis directly to discuss arrangements that can be made to support your child with this residential visit.

At Great Wood, the children will take part in lots of different activities such as:

- Team Building Activities
- Shelter Building
- Tracking and Trailing
- Swimming
- Camp Fires and Night Walks

Each activity is designed to challenge and engage the children and make the most of the great outdoors as the campsite is based at the foot of the Quantock Hills in Somerset.

Great Wood's website is: <https://sseoutdoors.co.uk/centres/the-great-wood-centre/>

The cost of the residential visit will be £220 per child which includes accommodation, meals, teaching sessions and activities (morning, afternoon and evening), educational visits insurance and coach travel.

The school is able to use additional funding to help towards the cost of residential visits for eligible children.

There are 2 different levels of funding and these are as follows:

- Pupils entitled to Free School Meals in the 'targeted' funding tier will be eligible for a grant of £110 towards the cost of the trip.
- Pupils entitled to Free School Meals in the 'expanded' funding tier will be eligible for a grant of £55 towards the cost of the trip.

Please indicate on the return form if your child is entitled to this funding and which level of funding they qualify for. If you are unsure or need further information, please speak to the school office who can check your child's record.

If you would like your child to take part in the residential visit, please give consent by completing the form and pay the non-refundable deposit of £55 online using the Arbor parent app, or in person by card payment at the school office. Please do this by **Friday 23rd October**. If you are claiming the additional funding, please also complete and return the attached slip to the office as the funding will cover the deposit and part of the second payment. ***We are unable to accept payments by cash or cheque at the school office.***

We have put together a payment plan based on the price of £220.00 per child.

- 23/10/2026 £55 Deposit or school funding (if eligible for)
- 01/12/2026 £55
- 01/01/2027 £55
- 01/02/2027 £55

TOTAL £220.00

Please contact Mrs Isted in the school office if you have any queries about payments or need to discuss the payment schedule.

Children who do not attend the Great Wood residential should still come to school, where they will join in with extra-curricular activities in and around school. If you do not wish your child to attend Great Wood, **please also complete and return the attached form** confirming this.

We will write to you again later in the term when we will be sending out the kit list and medical/dietary forms to be completed and returned to the school.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sue Preston
Headteacher and Trip Lead

REPLY SLIP

Great Wood Camp – Year 5 Residential Visit 3rd – 5th March 2027

Child's name: Class:

- ☐ I would like my child to take part in the Great Wood Camp Residential and have paid the 'non-refundable' deposit of £55 online **OR** will pay this by card at the school office (*please delete as appropriate*)

OR

- ☐ I would like my child to take part in the Great Wood Camp Residential and I wish to claim additional funding due to their free school meal status (*tick ONE of the boxes below in the funding section*)

Funding Entitlements:

- ☐ My child is entitled to the targeted level of funding - £110

OR

- ☐ My child is entitled to the expanded level of funding - £55

If you don't wish your child to attend Great Wood Camp Residential Visit:

- ☐ My child will not be attending the Great Wood Camp Residential Visit, but will attend school activities (Should you change your mind during the year, please speak to the office)

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Print your name:

**Please return this form to the school office as soon as possible but no later than
Friday 23rd October 2026**