



Tuesday 27th May, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know about the Year 5 and 6 residential trip for next year to the Isle of Wight. The dates of the trip are Monday 8th June 2026 – Thursday 11th June 2026.

We will be staying at a hotel in the Isle of Wight with all meals provided. The children will be involved in a busy schedule of events, including the following activities:

- A trip to the Needles which will include: a glass making workshop, a sweet making workshop, a needles pleasure cruise Children will also spend time on the beach which we will access via a chairlift.
- Time at Osborne House where children will be able to tour the house and grounds and also take part in a Victorian immersive experience. This will build on the children's learning from Year 4, where they studied the Victorians.
- A visit to a Donkey Sanctuary. There are over 100 donkeys, mules and Shetland ponies for the children to meet and interact with.

I believe the trip will be highly beneficial to the children. Residential trips provide the children with an opportunity to improve their qualities of co-operation, confidence, responsibility, self-discipline, decision-making and consideration for others, as well as having a lot of fun.

We do understand how expensive everything is at the moment, and we have worked hard to negotiate the lowest possible cost. The cost of the trip is £484. This includes all travel expenses during the week, accommodation, food, insurance and entrance charges etc. To secure a place for your child on the trip, we ask that you pay an initial deposit of £50 by Thursday 19th June via ParentPay. Please note that this deposit is non-refundable (unless there is insufficient interest to run the trip) and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I would like to take the opportunity to flag the fantastic funding opportunities available through the Kingstone Parish Church Charity Trust. This funding available to anyone who is a resident in the ecclesiastical area of the parishes of Kingstone, Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore or Thruxton. This is a fantastic, and often underused, resource which can significantly help with the cost of trips. Letters written by the children themselves is always a well appreciated gesture when applying. Applications need to be sent at least a week in advance of the meetings to: The

Hollies, Clehonger, Hereford, HR2 9S. The next meetings are on 25/06/2025 and 15/10/2025.

Below is a suggested payment plan to help spread the costs. On ParentPay you are free to make payments at your own pace, but we ask that these deadlines are met. These payments will be visible on ParentPay from the end of day on Monday 2nd June.

Initial Deposit - £50	19 th June 2025
2 nd Payment - £50	30 th July 2025
3 rd Payment - £50	29 th August 2025
4 th Payment - £50	13 th September 2025
5 th Payment - £50	31 st October 2025
6 th Payment - £50	28 th November 2025
7 th Payment - £50	30 th January 2026
8 th Payment - £59	27 th February 2026
Final Payment - £75	26 th March 2026

As we are still some way off the trip, we haven't finalised the staffing details yet – these will be released closer to the time. I am organising the trip and will continue to be in close communication with you in the coming months. There will also be an information meeting closer to the departure date. In the meantime, do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions. Please feel free to arrange an appointment through the office or email me directly: KOCallaghanJames@kingstoneacademy.co.uk if you would like to discuss anything further.

Yours sincerely,



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