



# Year 4 Residential Hooke Court

18th – 20th March 2026



# Staff attending:

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Mrs Biles



Mrs Woodrow



Mrs Scoble



Mr Hall



Mr Knight



Mrs Powell

\*For each activity, there will always be multiple school members of staff to support.

We will be collecting a list of preferred roommates from each child prior to going on the trip.

Although we cannot guarantee that they will be with everyone they pick, they will be with at least 1 friend they choose.

We would like the children to have a positive experience that they are sharing with friends and hopefully making new ones!



# Overview of the visit:

- The children will be split into two groups to participate in the activities throughout the day.

## **Cooking – ¼ day**

Prepare and cook a simple meal including grinding cereals to make flour and bread with oats and cinnamon. Make butter and a simple vegetable stew with fish. For dessert prepare and cook oat cakes flavoured with honey.

## **Weaving and Jewellery Making – ¼ day**

Learn about the process of preparing, dyeing and spinning wool to weave a piece of fabric. Make your own Viking Troll Cross (Trolsker) to wear around your neck and keep the trolls away!

## **Viking Runes & Wattle and Daub – ¼ day**

Look at the Viking Runic form of writing and create your own Runic spell in clay. Construct your own Wattle fence enclosure. 'Daub' a wattle hurdle to weatherproof an early Viking hut.

## **Viking Society & Battle – ¼ day**

Learn how Viking society was structured and choose a King, a Jarl, a Karl and a Thrall to dress in Viking clothes. Finish the day as a Viking warrior and join a classic battle formation as you prepare to fight with the help of the Gods.

## **Viking Long Ship – ½ day**

Build your own Viking long ship and sail it on the moat and then watch as the chief is sent on his way to Valhalla in his own burning long ship.

# Viking Costume Ideas

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- As part of the activities the children will be taking part in a Viking Day.
- Children need to bring a Viking costume with them for this activity.

## Boys



## Girls



# Accommodation:

- Bunk-bedded dormitories.
- Staff bedrooms next door.
- En-suite bathrooms.
- Rooms sleep 4, 6 or 8 children.



# Wednesday morning arrangements:

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- Children to please arrive normal time: **8:30–8:40am.**
- Mrs Powell and Mrs Biles will collect any medication (please ensure it is named) and be available to discuss any specific arrangements.
- If applicable, please provide your child with 2 inhalers.
- **If your child gets travel sick**, please provide them with what they would usually take for a long **journey and for the return journey in a named envelope please.**
- **Coach is due to depart school at approx. 10:00am.** *You are welcome to come back and wave the coach off.*



# Wednesday morning arrangements:

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- Ideally, luggage for the week will fit in one bag. Please keep as compact as possible.
- Please try to name / label belongings – encourage your child to take responsibility for their things.
- Separate day bag / rucksack – waterproof coat, named water bottle, hat and sun cream.
- **ENSURE YOU PROVIDE A LUNCH BOX FOR EACH CHILD TO TAKE WITH THEM**
- If you do not require a pack lunch from school, as you will supply one yourself, please let the office know ASAP.



# Friday arrangements:

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The children will have a morning of activities.

Lunch on-site before departing.

Due to depart at around 2:00pm.

Back to school just after 3:00pm for pick up.

Office will keep you informed of any delays.

In preparation for the visit, please reinforce St Mark's rules & behaviour expectations:

**Pupils will:**

Follow all instructions and guidance given by staff.

Respond to all staff in the same manner as to their school staff.

Respect one another, and treat others as they would hope to be treated.

Take part in all of the activities, unless there is a medical reason to prevent them from doing so.

Follow all rules as explained before the visit and on arrival.

**Pupils will not:**

Enter the accommodation of pupils of the opposite sex.

Disturb others or prevent them from getting to sleep after lights out.

Use any equipment or try any activity without the supervision of staff.

Pupils may not take mobile phones, other electronic equipment or valuables.

Please do not pack extra food into your child's suitcase/ bag as we are cautious of allergies.

# Other information:

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- No electrical items or mobile phones
- Please don't wear or bring any jewellery
- No food – snacks will be provided throughout the day.
- Updates of the trip will be provided.
- Battery operated night lights (small ones allowed)



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Any questions? ...



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