



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Tuesday 7 October 2025

HOOKE COURT – RESIDENTIAL TRIP FOR YEAR 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to be able to offer Year 4 children the opportunity to attend a residential trip to Hooke Court, near Beaminster. The trip will take place **18 March – 20 March 2026 (three days and two nights)**.

This super education centre offers a secure and comfortable environment with a flexible programme of appropriate activities for Year 4. In addition to the curriculum objectives, it will also be an excellent experience for the children to develop skills in other areas.

The children will stay in dormitory accommodation, in rooms varying between two and ten beds. Each accommodation area includes staff bedrooms, ensuring a suitable level of supervision and security. Food is provided by the centre and you can be assured that the children will be well fed!

During their stay, in addition to making beds and learning to look after themselves away from home, the children will follow a program of activities with a focus on what it was like for children during World War II.

The cost of the trip will be **£254.00** to include travel to and from school, board and lodging (except for packed lunch on the first day), use of the equipment at Hooke Court and tuition costs for activities lead by the centre. This will reduce to **£134.00** for families currently in receipt of free school meals.

To secure your child's place, please make a **non-returnable deposit** payment of **£30** on Arbor, by **25 October 2025**. Payment can be made in instalments and should be completed **by 13 February 2026**.

The Governors are keen that all children have the opportunity to experience our residential trips and will consider support in cases of exceptional hardship. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Previous residential trips have proven to be a highlight in the year and we look forward to taking the whole of the Year 4 cohort in March 2026.

Thank you

Mrs Scoble and Mrs Woodrow