



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Tuesday 25 November 2025

YEAR 6 – RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BRENSCOMBE OUTDOOR CENTRE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we have secured a booking for an exciting residential trip. The residential is a three-day, two-night visit staying in accommodation blocks with excellent on-site facilities. The children will leave school at **approximately 9:00am on Monday 8 June 2026 and return at approximately 5:30pm on Wednesday 10 June.**

The trip is an action-packed three days participating in a range of enjoyable activities and evening entertainment. The following web link provides extra information about Brenscombe <https://www.brenscombeoutdoor.co.uk/>. It is an excellent centre, where we have enjoyed many previous residential visits. Their specialist team of dedicated staff ensure all children have a great experience. Children are able to enjoy the great outdoors and have access to a wide range of activities including archery, water sports, rock-climbing, high and low ropes and more. We will also have a team of at least eight St Mark's staff accompanying the children on the visit. The trip will be an excellent opportunity for team-work, promoting independence, confidence building, tackling new experiences and so much more. We very much hope that your child will be able to join us.

The cost of this trip is £383.00 per pupil, to include travel to and from school, board and lodging as well as equipment and tuition costs for activities led by the centre.

We are dependent on the voluntary contributions for the visit to go ahead and ask parents to help with this. We will have no choice but to cancel the visit if we do not receive enough contributions to cover the cost of travel and fees. **Please pay a £30 deposit via Arbor to secure your child's space by Friday 5 December 2025.** We do appreciate that this is a significant cost for families, which is why we have given as much notice as possible to help with spreading the cost. The price of residential trips has increased over the past 12-24 months and we have worked hard to keep costs as low as possible. Please note that Arbor has been set up so that you can pay in instalments if preferred. **We ask for the outstanding balance to please be paid by Friday 27 March 2025.** If you have any concerns regarding payment please speak to your child's teacher or the office.

The Governors are keen that all children have the opportunity to experience our residential trips and will consider support in cases of exceptional hardship. If your child is entitled to FSM, the total cost of the trip is reduced to £248.00 per pupil.

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)

Additional information, a kit list and medical information forms will be published in the new year.

Previous residential trips have proven to be a highlight of the year and we are really looking forward to providing Year 6 with this opportunity.

Kind regards,

Miss Pitkin and Miss Holland