



Year 6 Residential Brenscombe

8th – 10th June 2026



Where? Brenscombe, Swanage

When? 8th –10th June. Leaving Monday morning from school and returning Wednesday for approximately **17:30** *Please note that we will be departing Brenscombe at 16:30.*

What? A 3 day/2 night residential in dormitory accommodation with a range of adventurous day and evening activities, including water sports.

Who? The trip is offered for all children in Year 6 and we encourage all children to go.

Why? Highlight of the year! 😊 Team building, developing independence, confidence building, participating in new and challenging experiences

Staff attending:

Miss Pitkin

Miss Holland

Mr Knight

Mrs Cousens

Mrs Williams

Mrs Symonds

Miss Monument

Mrs Powell

Mrs Biles

*For each activity, there will always be a school member of staff with each group who will support the Brenscombe instructors.



Address:
Brenscombe Outdoor
Centre,
Studland Road,
Corfe Castle,
Wareham,
Dorset. BH20 5JG

Centre telephone number:

Tel 01929 481222

*Parents are asked not to call the centre except in an emergency.



Brenscombe Outdoor Centre is situated just off the B3351 (Studland Rd), 1.5 miles along the road from Corfe Castle to Studland.



Brenscombe:

- Provides real outdoor activity experiences balancing safety, fun, learning and challenge
- Activities in the woodland & fields surrounding Brenscombe, as well as the wider landscape of Poole Harbour and the Jurassic Coast
- Watersports are based from Cleavel Point



Indoor Accommodation:

- Built in the fifteenth century using stone quarried from Corfe Castle, Brenscombe is a lovely old Purbeck farm on the flanks of the Purbeck Ridge, with beautiful views across the heathland to Poole Harbour.
- Dormitory rooms in converted farm buildings
- Groups to be shared on arrival



- **All bedrooms come complete with pillows, duvets and linen so there is no need to bring any bedding.**
- Shower blocks in the courtyard.
- Children are required to bring their own towels.
- Teacher rooms located in each accommodation block.
- No drying facilities – pack plenty of spare clothing!



Overview of the visit:



-Each group will have a Brenscombe instructor who will look after guests for the duration of their stay

-Morning and afternoon activity sessions

-Activities are designed to encourage new skills and challenge the children

-An evening programme run by Brenscombe staff

Activity Schedule:



Catering:

- Freshly-prepared, wholesome meals suitable for fuelling full days in the outdoors and providing comfort away from home.
- Typical menu includes a cooked breakfast, packed lunch and 2 course evening meal.
- Special diets are regularly catered for.



Typical food options:



- cooked breakfast
- cereal and toast options
- Juice



- Filled roll with a choice of fillings
- Fruit
- Crisps
- Cake / chocolate



- Home-cooked meal, such as spaghetti bolognaise, cottage pie, roast chicken, etc.
- Pudding
- Hot chocolate before bed

Health & safety:

- Brenscombe staff are highly trained and experienced instructors.
- Monitoring in place to ensure quality and safety of activities.
- Licensed by AALA
- Insurance Activate Outdoors Ltd operating as Brenscombe Outdoor Centre holds public liability insurance of £10 million.
- All staff hold first aid certificates, up-to-date safeguarding training and are DBS checked.



Monday morning arrangements:

- Children to please arrive promptly for the normal gate opening time of **8:25am** so they can be registered.
- Mrs Williams and Mrs Symonds will collect any medication (please ensure it is named) and be available to discuss any specific arrangements.
- Children to wear water clothes/have spare shoes/towel in rucksack as we will be going straight to Cleavel Point for watersports
- Please ensure your child also has a packed lunch in their rucksack for the first day as Brenscombe are not supplying lunch.
- **Coach is due to depart at approx. 8:40am–8:45am.**



Monday morning arrangements:

- 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. ***lunch for Day one.**



Wednesday arrangements:

- The children will have a full day of activities.
- Lunch on-site before departing.
- Due to depart at around 16:30.
- Anticipated to be back to school in time for 17:30
- We will seek to keep you informed of any delays.

Kit List:

- .Walking boots or trainers for activities
- .Old trainers / closed toe shoes to wear in the water
- .Waterproof jacket / trousers
- .Warm, lightweight jumpers
- .T-shirts
- .Light, loose fitting trousers/ tracksuits / leggings - no denim
- .Evening clothes
- .Underwear & socks
- .Pyjamas
- .Towel for showering
- .Towel for activities
- .Swimwear
- .Toiletries—shampoo/toothbrush/ toothpaste etc... (no aerosols please)
- . Sunhat and sunscreen
- .Plastic bags for wet kit
- .Plastic bag for dirty washing

- .Plastic water bottle
- .Lunch bag / box
- .Disposable camera (if wanted)
- .Reading book/ card games (**no small pieces or electronics**)
- .Torch

- .Medication/inhalers to be given to staff on day of travel
- .No sweets/jewellery/mobile phones/valuables/

Please try and pack kit into as small a case/bag as possible that children are able to re-pack at the end.

PLUS – children to bring a day bag (i.e. a school-bag sized rucksack) to carry water bottle, sun-cream, spare shoes, towel, etc during activities.

In preparation for the visit:

Reinforce Brenscombe / St Mark's rules & behaviour

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.

Other information:

- No electrical items or mobile phones
- Please don't wear or bring any jewellery
- Do not bring snacks
- A medicine form will need to be completed and brought in with any medications your child will/might need on the residential. Please consider filling in a form and providing children's antihistamine even if your child hasn't previously had hay fever.

Thank you for listening.
Any questions? ...



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