



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 2 October 2026

YEAR 4 – HOOKE COURT RESIDENTIAL TRIP – 17 – 19 MARCH 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share with you the exciting news that have been able to book a residential trip to Hooke Court, near Beaminster, for Year 4. The trip will take place **17 – 19 March 2027 (three days and two nights)**.

This super education centre offers a secure and comfortable environment with a flexible programme of 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 **£257.00 per student** (not including FSM). This cost is 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 per FSM student** for families in receipt of free school meals. Please ensure that you have reapplied for your FSM status and have letter confirmation from BCP.

To secure your child's place, please make a non-returnable deposit payment of £50.00 on Arbor, by **23 October 2026**. Payment can be made in instalments and should be completed **before Friday 5 February 2027**.

The Governors are keen to ensure that all children can take part in residential trips. In cases of exceptional financial hardship, support may be available.

Your child may be eligible for assistance if they qualify for Free School Meals. This includes families receiving certain income-related benefits, such as:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- Pension Credit (guaranteed element)
- Certain Tax Credit awards
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think you may be eligible for support, please contact <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals>.

Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us on Tuesday 29 September for the parents meeting. Please have a look on our website under Year 4 for the slides regarding Hooke Court.

Please return all consent forms as soon as possible to the office, so that we can firm up the number by **23 October 2026**.

Additional information, a kit list and medical information forms will be published after Christmas.

Previous residential trips have proven to be a highlight in the year and we look forward to taking the whole of the year four cohort this coming spring term.

Thank you

Mrs Scoble and Miss Smith