

Year 2 Bishops Wood Visit & Overnight Stay in The Barn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Year 2 will be taking part in a visit to Bishops Wood, followed by an overnight stay in The Barn at school.

These experiences link closely with our Science topic Habitats and our English class text, *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King-Smith. The trip has been carefully planned to provide an exciting outdoor learning opportunity while also helping children develop independence, resilience and confidence.

Bishops Wood Visit – Thursday 21st May

We will begin the experience with a daytime educational visit to Bishops Wood, where the children will take part in outdoor learning activities linked to habitats and wildlife.

Key Information

- Departure from school: approximately 9:15am
- Return to school: mid-late afternoon
- Travel: school minibus
- A packed lunch will be provided by school. Children should bring a named water bottle.

Due to the outdoor nature of the visit, children should wear:

- School PE kit (tracksuit bottoms, polo shirt and jumper)
- Trainers
- A warm, waterproof school coat
- Wellies will be taken from school if required.

Overnight Stay – Thursday 21st May

Following our return from Bishops Wood, children will remain at school for an overnight stay in The Barn.

The Barn includes toilet and shower facilities and a kitchen, allowing us to stay together in a safe and familiar environment. The aim of the overnight stay is to strengthen friendships, build independence, and prepare pupils for future residential experiences in Year 3 and throughout Prep.

Timings

- Overnight stay begins following clubs.
- Children may change into home clothes for the evening after club.

The children will be supervised throughout by Mr Roberts, Mrs Majhu and Mrs Rand, with Mr and Mrs Butt also on site. Our teaching assistants will also be on hand during the evening.

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During the evening, children will:

- make homemade pizzas using the school pizza oven,
- enjoy campfire activities,
- finish with s'mores for pudding.
- A cooked breakfast will be provided the following morning.

Friday 22nd May – Friday Fun Day!

On Friday, children will continue with an off-timetable programme, including:

- Kata-canoes on the canal
- Swimming
- team building games
- Afternoon Games

Children should therefore bring everything needed for the following school day. An early collection on Friday afternoon (3:30pm) is recommended due to the overnight stay.

What to Bring for the Overnight Stay - Please send items in a clearly named bag:

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Small blanket or duvet (optional for comfort)
- Kip mat, bed roll, or small inflatable mattress
- Nightwear
- Wash bag and towel
- Torch
- Warm clothes and spare tracksuit bottoms
- Fleece or warm coat
- Waterproof jacket
- Woolly hat
- Clothing/PE kit for Friday's activities

****Please do not send sweets with your child.***

Medication

Any essential medication not already held in school must be handed to Matron on arrival, clearly labelled with written instructions.

Should the need arise, staff supervising the activity will, having made reasonable attempts to contact parents, authorise medical treatment advised by a qualified medical practitioner. Participation in the trip indicates parental consent to this arrangement.

Cost and Payment

The cost for the Bishops Wood visit and overnight stay is £10. Payment and consent should be completed via the School Gateway by Friday 1st May 2025. To access School Gateway, please visit: www.schoolgateway.com

If you require assistance, please contact the Accounts & Fees Department on 01905 721727.

Questions

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Roberts will also be available for an informal parent drop-in session on Thursday 23rd April, from 3:30pm – 4:30pm in his classroom should you wish to discuss the trip further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Roberts & Mrs Majhu
Year 2 Teachers, King's Hawford

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