

Year 5 Geography Field Trip on the Malvern Hills and Overnight Camp at School – 5SH Thursday 14th May & 5CK Tuesday 19th May 2026

Year 5 Survival Day at Bishops Wood – Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are delighted to announce two very exciting opportunities for the Year 5 children that have been arranged for the Summer Term. Although they will be taking place at different times, they are both connected to our Summer Term Humanities topic 'Adventure and Survival' and we thought it would be best to combine the letter and payment. Please find the information for each of these below.

Geography Field Trip and Overnight Camp at School

Each class will spend a day carrying out geographical and navigational activities on the Malvern Hills, followed by an overnight camp at school: **5SH on Thursday 14th May** and **5CK on Tuesday 19th May**. The classes will follow the same timetable, leaving school in the morning and returning before the end of the normal school day. While on the hills, the children will be completing map work activities and honing their compass skills on a navigational walk. For both forms, the camp will begin at 5-30pm (after clubs and once the rest of the school has left) and end when the children go back to school the following morning. PE kit can be worn for the duration of the day, with a second kit being left for the following day in their classrooms overnight. The camp will be situated on the lower field and will be supervised by Mrs Redman, Mrs Knight and Mr Hodgkins.

During the evening, after setting up camps and changing into home clothes, the children will cook their own tea using a Trangia stove and have a campfire and toast marshmallows. In the morning, they will be provided with a cooked breakfast in the dining hall before heading back into school for their normal lessons.

For the field trip and campout no special clothing or equipment is required, other than:

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| - a fleece or warm coat | - torch | - a <u>good</u> sleeping bag |
| - a waterproof gaiter or jacket | - pillow | - a small blanket |
| - trainers or walking boots | - school tracksuit | - a kip mat (bed roll) |
| - a spare pair of tracksuit bottoms | - night clothes | - a pillow |
| - wellies | - wash bag and towel | - plenty of layers |
| - woolly hat/sunhat | | |

For the field trip on the hills, the children will need to have their school coat, a waterproof jacket and trousers, water bottle, hat/ cap, sunscreen, gloves and be wearing a sturdy pair of trainers or walking boots. These will need to be packed into their school rucksack. The school will provide a packed lunch.

Please **do not send sweets** with your child. In addition to the evening meal and a good breakfast in the morning, there will be plenty of snacks both throughout the day and at the camp.

Essential medication with written instructions should be handed to matron on the day of the camp. Inhalers, if needed, should be kept by the child and a spare inhaler, clearly named, should be given to the form teacher.

Survival Day

On Friday 12th June, we have arranged a trip to Bishops Wood for our very exciting 'Survival Day'. We will leave school at approximately 9-45am and travel by mini-bus to Bishops Wood. We will be back before the end of the normal school day.

During the day, the children will be enhancing their survival skills in the woods; taking part in activities such as fire lighting, whittling, shelter building, plant identification and preparing dough for flatbread to cook on the campfire. We will also take part in a large team game where the children will work as a group to build a camp and find precious gems that we have hidden around the site to 'purchase' survival equipment. The day is both educational and fun, and a wonderful end to our Humanities work for the year.

Due to the practical and outdoor nature of the day, children should wear their school **PE kit** (tracksuit bottoms, polo shirt and jumper) with their **trainers**. They should also bring along wellies/walking boots as well as their **warm waterproof school coat**. Packed lunches will be provided by the school, but the children will need to bring their own water bottles please.

Parents are advised that there is an element of risk in all outdoor activities. Written permission is required for each child taking part in an Outward Pursuits event.

Should the need at any time arise, teachers supervising this school activity will, having made reasonable efforts to contact parents, exercise their power to authorise any medical treatment for your child which is advised by a qualified medical practitioner.

Any child who participates in an Outward Pursuit event undertakes to behave sensibly and co-operate fully with those in charge for the duration of the event. It is absolutely essential that they understand that they must listen and follow instructions carefully.

Finally, the combined cost of the trips and camp will be £30.00, and the payment and consent will need to be made online, using the School's secure payment system 'School Gateway'. To access 'School Gateway' please visit www.schoolgateway.com you will need your email address and mobile telephone number to register (if you have not used the system before). A pin will be sent to your email, which you should use to access the site. You will be able to pay by credit card, debit card or instant bank transfer. We would be grateful if you could submit your payment before **Friday 1st May 2026**.

If you have any difficulties accessing the site, please contact the Accounts & Fees Department on 01905 721727 for assistance.

If you have any queries about the trip or overnight stay, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hodgkins and Mrs Knight
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