



Year 6 Residential Trip to Blackwell (2027)

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the summer term in Year 6, the children will have an opportunity to take part in a residential trip. This will take place on Wednesday 7th July to Friday 9th July 2027 at Blackwell Adventure. Due to the cost of the trip, I am writing to you now to ensure, if you are interested in your child attending the trip, that the costs are spread across a longer time period. Numbers are limited to 95 children (to ensure same gender accommodation).

The cost of this trip will be around £260, which includes accommodation, travel, activities and food. The exact amount will be confirmed in due course, as this is dependent on the number of children interested. This trip has been the highlight of the year previously: it's an exciting opportunity for the children to be involved in. This is an additional experience and is not a compulsory part of the curriculum.

The trip will involve a two-night stay where the children will take part in lots of outdoor activities such as the 3G swing, rock climbing, crate stacking, high ropes and the zip wire to name a few. A blog from our trip this year can be found here: <https://www.westacre-middle-school.co.uk/blackwell-2026/>. All children will be staying in newly-built wooden pods.

We would like to hold a parent information evening to fully explain the trip, so both adults and children have a clear understanding on what to expect, before signing up.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 6pm in the main school hall. We strongly advise that both parents and children, who are interested in coming on the trip, attend the meeting. Please sign up to this on Arbor closer if you are planning to attend.

A week after the meeting, the trip will be put onto Arbor for you to sign up to, and places will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. There will be an initial deposit of £20 to secure your place, then the rest of the payments will be equally spread over the months running up to the trip. A more detailed payment schedule will be given on the information evening.

Due to the nature of the trip, the venue requires payment in full in advance. Therefore, if your child is unable to attend because of illness, unfortunately we will be unable to refund payments. Parents will need to take this into consideration when securing a place on the trip.

If you have any questions before this meeting, please feel free to contact me via the school office. I look forward to sharing more information about this exciting trip with you soon.

Many thanks,

Mr Treadwell
Trip Leader