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13th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL – HENLEY FORT

We have secured an opportunity for our Year 5 children to attend Henley Fort in Guildford from Wednesday 17th June through to Friday 19th June 2026; the residential will be for three days and two nights. Henley Fort is a Victorian Fort built during the late 19th Century to protect London from invasion by the French. It was later used by the Home Guard in World War 2 and is now an outdoor education facility owned by Surrey Outdoor Learning & Development (SOLD). It offers groups a chance to take part in outdoor learning activities and WW2 re-enactments.

We are delighted to continue to grow the opportunities for our children at Ewell Grove and with this in mind we would like to share the following information. This will enable you to begin discussing the trip with your child, whilst thinking about finances. Please see below an indicative itinerary for the trip.

Date	Time	Activities
Wednesday 17 th June	11:30am	Arrive at Henley Fort
	13:30pm – 16:30pm	Activities – Team tasks and challenge course
	16:30pm – 18:00pm	Dinner
	18:00pm – 20:30pm	Activities - Orienteering
Thursday 18 th June	08:15am – 09:30am	Breakfast
	09:30am – 12:30pm	Activities – ARP
	12:30pm – 13:30pm	Lunch
	13:30pm – 16:30pm	Activities – Home Guard
	16:30pm – 18:00pm	Dinner
	18:00pm – 20:30pm	Activities – Woodland Skills
Friday 19 th June	08:15am – 09:30am	Breakfast
	09:30am – 12:30pm	Activities – Climbing wall
	12:30pm – 13:00pm	Lunch
	13:30pm	Parents to collect from Henley Fort

On the first day of the trip, our intention is to travel by train from Ewell West Station to Guildford in the style of an evacuee. Please be aware that should there be a rail strike on the chosen date of travel, children will need to be taken to Henley Fort and dropped off at a designated location, this would be in addition to being collected on Friday 19th June.

We have no control or power over if, when or where these rail strikes may happen. A separate ScoPay will be set up to pay for the cost of the train fare nearer the time as tickets can only be purchased three months in advance and prices may change.

On arrival at Guildford, we will hand over our luggage which will then be transported by minibus to the Centre and then walk 1 mile to Henley Fort, accompanied by some of the centre staff. The accommodation for the children will be split into 6 large yurts. Each yurt will accommodate 10 to 12 children. Staff will sleep onsite in adult-only yurts.

The cost for this trip is **£248.27** which includes accommodation, food and activities as outlined above. **The cost does not include the train fare as tickets will be purchased closer to the travel date. On Friday 19th June the children will need to be collected from Henley Fort at 1:30pm.** Details of where to collect your child will be given prior the trip. This Educational Visit is based on the actual cost of the trip, therefore, unfortunately we are unable to refund the **£248.27** if, for any reason, your child is unable to attend. Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding are offered this visit at the reduced cost of **£124.14**.

If any of our families are experiencing financial difficulty resulting from unforeseen circumstances, please do not hesitate to speak to the School Office.

The residential can be paid for as a one-off amount of **£248.27** or in five separate instalments. A payment schedule has been set up online for parents who want to make payments over five separate months. The first instalment in **January** will be for **£52.27** and the following **4 payments in February, March, April and May 2026 will be for £49.00**.

Families who are eligible for Pupil Premium will need to pay **£24.14 in January and then £25.00 for the following 4 payments in February, March, April and May 2026**.

Please note that should you choose for your child not to be involved in this trip then they must attend school as usual and they will be accommodated in an alternative class.

Please see kit list below to see what your child will require for the trip:

- At least two pairs of shoes e.g. trainers or walking boots
- Waterproof jacket (in case of inclement weather)
- Hat
- Sun cream
- Change of clothes / spare underwear
- Towel and wash kit (flip flops for the showers)
- Pyjamas and slippers
- Named water bottle
- A cuddly toy!

Yours faithfully,

Paula Rising

Miss Paula Rising
Headteacher