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*Be strong and
courageous.....for the
Lord your God is with you*

17th January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Trip to Willen Lake and PGL 2026 - Year 6 Residential Trip

The Willen Lake water sports trip for Year 5 will be taking place on **Tuesday 8th July 2025**. During the day the children will enjoy a range of individual and team water sports: sailing, katanuig and SUP (paddle boarding). The clothing they will need and the travel arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time. Please be assured that there isn't any special clothing required so no additional cost.

Reasons for this Trip

This water sports trip in the summer term of Year 5 is in place to support an area of the National Curriculum that is very difficult to fulfil in school, 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities.' This trip complements the Year 6 residential trip because we have taken out the water sports and introduced them into Year 5.

Another reason why we undertake this trip is that Year 5 is a key year for pupils in Primary School and it can often be a difficult one emotionally, often resulting in the Year group being slightly unsettled when they enter Year 6. We feel it would be hugely beneficial to Year 5 to build their team-building skills before they reach Year 6, and activities such as water-based challenges not only promote collaboration but also emphasise water safety while ensuring a fun and engaging experience

A PowerPoint providing more information about the trip has been added to the Year 5 Class Page for you to read.

The total cost of the trip is £63 per child. All payments will need to be made using Parent Pay.

We believe that this will be an experience that all Year 5 should be able to participate in. Therefore, special arrangements can be made to allow for any foreseeable financial difficulties. Please see suggested installments,

Parent pay will be set up so that you can pay in full or the suggested instalments.

- ▶ 1st Feb- £18 (Initial deposit)
- ▶ 1st Mar- £15
- ▶ 1st April- £15
- ▶ 1st May- £15

If you require financial support, please make an appointment to speak to the headteacher in order to arrange a payment plan. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope that Year 5 will be excited and look forward to a fun-packed day at Willen Lake!

Please complete the linked form to confirm that your child will attend Willen Lake and payment arrangements will be made by 1st February 2025.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rtrUGZuEGG>



PGL 2026 -Year 6 Residential Trip

At the meeting Mrs Hawkins also shared an overview of the proposed Year 6 residential trip. Further details will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Miss L Hawkins
Year 5 Class Teacher.

