



20th January 2026

Dear Families of Y4 Children

Year 4 – Visit to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre, near Bakewell in Derbyshire, March 2026

We are delighted to be able to once again offer all of our Year 4 children the opportunity of a 3 day/2night visit to Thornbridge Outdoor Centre in The Peak District in March. Thornbridge is a residential outdoor centre owned by Sheffield Local Authority. It is situated between Great Longstone and Ashford in the Water, approximately two miles from Bakewell, and is set in sixty acres of grounds and woodlands. You can visit the website for details of the site at <https://www.thornbridgeoutdoors.co.uk>

The week will be split into two, with each Y4 class having a two night stay. The dates are:

Monday 23rd March to Wednesday 25th March for Mrs Heaver's class
Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March for Mr Bebbington's class

There will be a range of activities during the week. These will include walking, cycling, orienteering and time at Thornbridge using the fantastic low ropes courses located in the woods on the site. The theme of the activities will be team work, support, co-operation, confidence building, adventure and lots of fun! During the children's stay each class will be accompanied by staff from school and, in addition, Thornbridge staff who are on site and will be leading some of our activities.

The cost of for the visit this year will be **£85 per child**. This includes a two night stay, travel to/ from the centre, food, hire of equipment and cost of instructors. The actual cost per child considerably more, but we feel that this visit provides valuable experience to our Y4s, and school will therefore subsidise the cost to you.

Places can only be booked if you do not have outstanding debts to school. Please book and pay the initial deposit by **Thursday 12th February**. The remaining £65 needs to be paid by **Friday 6th March** to keep your place. You can pay the full amount or opt to pay by instalments.

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So that you can find out more about what we have planned we have arranged a meeting after school on **Tuesday 3rd February @ 14:45** in the Hall. At the meeting we will provide more details about the visit and give you the chance to ask any questions you may have. If you would like to sit with your child and discuss the residential here is a link to last year's video.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/6824725?video=1103754331>

In the meantime, if you have any worries do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or email us - we are sure that we can work with you to sort out any problems you have.

We reserve the right to withdraw children from the opportunity of attending the residential if their behaviour and or attitude deteriorates prior to the visit.

We do hope your child will join us on this visit.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Claire Bradley
Head of School

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