

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an exciting change to the Year 6 residential trip for the upcoming academic year.

In previous years, the Year 6 class has visited Stanley Head in October. Unfortunately, last year the weather was simply terrible, which we felt impacted the children's overall enjoyment and the activities they could complete. As a school, we have taken the decision to move the Residential Visit in Year 6 to the summer term of 2026 after SATs. We believe the weather will be warmer and kinder at this time of year, and it will be a wonderful trip with time to celebrate after SATs before the children leave us to go to their secondary schools.

You will probably also be aware that the next Year 5 class will be going on a Residential Trip to Alton Castle in the Autumn Term, and to run two residential within the space of a few weeks is simply not possible.

The residential trip has been booked for 3 days, from Wednesday 17th June 2026 to Friday 19th June 2026. The children will stay at Ilam Hall YHA, a Victorian gothic mansion that sits in 84 acres of National Trust parkland in the Peak District National Park. The cost of the trip will include 2 Nights / 3 days, transport to and from Ilam Hall, all food (including Breakfast, Lunch, and Evening meals), and all activities. The activities will be selected from a range of options, such as a visit to the stepping stones at Dovedale, hiking through the Peak District, cycling on the Manifold Track, canoeing, caving, bouldering, and a visit to the Peak Wildlife Park, as well as games, campfires, and evening trails.

We wish to notify you of this visit in plenty of time and explain why the visit has been moved to the summer term in 2026. Further information will follow in September 2025, along with a payment plan for the visit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clowes'.

Mrs Sarah Clowes –Principal



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