

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Minstead Study Centre – Residential 2026

We are delighted to be able to announce we will be organising a residential visit to Minstead Study Centre run by Hampshire County Council for the Lower Junior children in the **Summer term**. This visit will conclude our topic on The New Forest.

The trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity, giving pupils the chance to live with their peers in this amazing Eco study centre in the heart of the New Forest whilst participating in a wide range of inspiring activities learning about our wonderful environment. Take a look at the website [Minstead Study Centre information for parents and children](#) to learn about the centre and what the children can expect to experience.

A meeting with more details of the trip will be held on **Wednesday 4th February at 2.45pm** in the **Acorn Room**. The meeting will give parents a chance to hear more about the trip and ask any questions. We anticipate the meeting taking no longer than thirty minutes.

This trip is part of the national curriculum and therefore it is expected that all pupils will be attending, for both the day and night, unless they have had a discussion with Mrs Phillips by Friday 13th February.

Who?	Year 3 and 4 children
Where?	Minstead Study Centre
When?	As yet, we are not sure which children will go on which days. This information will be available in the Summer Term. Group 1: 13th July - 15th July 2026 Group 2: 15th July - 17th July 2026 Group 3: 20th July - 22nd July 2026
Why?	A unique outdoor learning experience where children can learn about sustainability and the environment whilst having the opportunity to develop their independence and get to know their new teams.
Transport information	Children will need to be dropped off at Minstead at 10.30am at the start of their residential and picked up at 1.30pm at the end.
Payment	£184 - The cost of this trip is the cost to the school and no profit is made. A payment schedule is enclosed. We request that the initial payment for this trip (£36.80) be made online via Scopay by 1st March.
How to pay	
Clothing	Please see attached kit list. Children will not need to wear or take school uniform with them.
Consent	Formal consent will be requested later in the Spring term, however please confirm your child's attendance on the residential visit by clicking HERE .
Meals	All meals will be provided.

Yours faithfully,

Lower Junior Team

MINSTEAD KIT LIST

The children must have **one** item of luggage containing their clothing and other essentials. We recommend that all items are labelled with the child's name and school. A kit list can help children remember all their belongings at the end of the week.

Bedding

- All bedding is provided

Clothing

Much of the time will be spent outdoors so suitable clothing and footwear are essential.

- Wellington (with a separate bag to put them in and either thick socks or lots of socks!)
- An additional pair of outdoor shoes (trainers etc)
- Slippers or alternative indoor shoes
- Long trousers for activities
- Tops
- Waterproofs - coat (essential) and trousers (if possible)
- Fleece or jacket
- Insect repellent, sun screen and sun hats
- Nightwear
- Extra socks and underwear
- Toiletries (in a washbag)
- Towel
- Large plastic bag/bin liner for dirty clothing and spare plastic bags for shoes
- Water bottle
- Small day sack (suitable for carrying on a walk in the woods)

Please name all belongings clearly.

Children may also wish to bring a reading book or puzzle book for quiet times. If they want to bring a camera this will be their responsibility but will need to be clearly named. They are **not** permitted to bring money, food, drink, aerosol sprays, mobile phones or any other electronic equipment such as hairdryers, MP3 players, game boys etc.

Please do try to involve your child as much as possible in the packing process. Packing can be a valuable learning experience where children become aware of the effort which goes into preparing for any trip away from home. They are also more aware of what they have packed and so are much more likely to return home with the same items.

Payment Schedule

- £36.80 - Due by 1st March
- £36.80 - Due by 29th March
- £36.80 - Due by 26th April
- £36.80 - Due by 24th May
- £36.80 - Due by 28th June