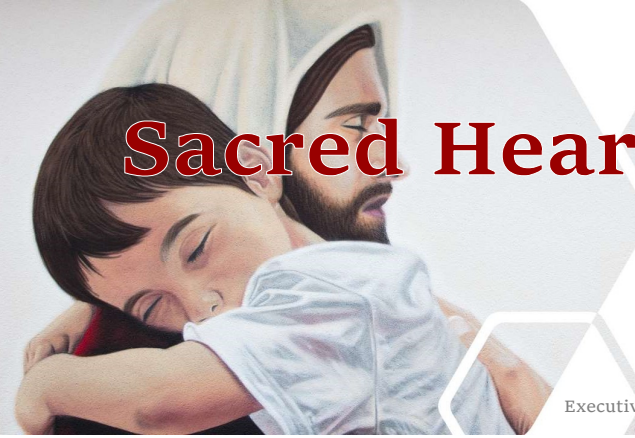




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Y5 Residential Experience.

Ford Castle adventure

Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026.

The final arrangements for our Y5 residential trip are now being made.

The trip will allow our children to become 'Young Explorers' for three days in a historic setting. They will enjoy a full and narrated tour of Ford Castle, study the local geography, take part in historical role playing activities and enjoy a one day off site visit to Lindisfarne.

Whilst at the centre we will also have opportunity to enjoy lots of onsite activities.

A suggested packing list is attached. Please ensure your child brings this along as it can then be used to check all garments and personal belongings are safely returned home. **Please pack a large black bin liner, or similar, to allow any wet garments to be kept separate if necessary.**

Mobile phones, tablets and other similar electrical items are not permitted. Ford Castle have requested that all hygiene products are of the non-aerosol types as the smoke detectors are very sensitive and spray products will trigger the fire alarms.

Please ensure any medication is packed as detailed. If any medical needs change please inform Mrs Altham prior to departure. It is essential that this information is completely up to date as we depart.

The highest standards of behaviour are expected from all children during our stay.

We will leave school at 9:30am on Wednesday morning.

Please can all children bring along a packed lunch for the journey.

This will include a bottled drink, however children may wish to bring extra drinks/snacks for the coach journey. Upon arrival at the Centre hot snacks will be provided.

Children are allowed to bring spending money, but a maximum of £15 is suggested. This is an absolute maximum as pocket money is only needed on our day off site, to visit the gift shop and vending machines etc. Please provide spending money in coins rather than notes.

We will leave Ford Castle at 2:00pm, returning to school at approximately 7:00pm on Friday 27th March 2026, depending upon traffic on the day. We aim to send a message to families, via school Facebook page, as the coach is well on the way home, in order to prevent families waiting outside school for any length of time should there be any delays.

Any outstanding balances must to be cleared by Friday 6th March 2026.

As a staff team we look forward to this Year 5 residential as a new experience for our school children. The trip forms a major part of memories our children will have of their Primary School days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Dootson

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Ford Castle Adventure
Year 5 Residential

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

(PLEASE DO NOT BUY ANY NEW GARMENTS)

Packed at home		Packed for return
	Pyjamas or similar bed time clothing	
	Sleeping bag + Pillow	
	Re-useable water bottle – Children will be encouraged to fill this up at regular intervals	
	Warm long sleeved tops (needed for ropes and harness based activities)	
	Four pairs of track suit bottoms, or similar (children will not be allowed to wear shorts for certain activities)	
	Sun cap / suncream (let's be optimistic ☺)	
	Waterproof jacket	
	Fleece or similar jumpers / general clothing	
	Black bin bag	
	Two pairs of trainers (one which you don't mind getting muddy!)	
	Spare socks and underwear (in case they get wet)	
	Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, shampoo etc	
	Flannel, shower gel, baby wipes etc.	
	Towel	
	Wallet/purse with any spending money if needed (Max of £15) <i><u>Children will be responsible for looking after this themselves</u></i>	

Please note that aerosol deodorants are NOT allowed, please bring roll-on if required
Hairdryers can be taken but no straighteners please
Thank you.



Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions... Love one another!
So that, in all things that we think, say and do, God may be glorified.