



17th July 2025

To: Parents of children in Year 4 from September

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO DEAN FIELD STUDIES CENTRE

Monday 23rd March – Wednesday 25th March 2026

As you may be aware, for the many years, children in Year 4 have taken part in a two-night residential trip. Both Year 4 classes will visit from Monday 23rd March to Wednesday 25th March 2026.

The aim of the residential trip in Year 4 is:

- to enrich and enhance the curriculum delivered in school
- to prepare children for the five-day residential visit in Year 6
- to give children the experience of being away from home
- to develop the children's independence
- to enthuse and motivate the children.

The children enjoy a range of activities including: exploring the area, investigating the water cycle and life in water; producing art from natural materials; using the climbing wall; building a camp fire; developing their orienteering and map skills as well as a night walk listening for bats!

We always encourage children to come on the residential trips as we believe that they are an important part of their education. Children always have a fantastic time and are left with very positive memories of their time away from home.

The cost for the three days is £200 which includes £5 spending money and covers transport, insurance, board and lodging, and all activities (which are led by qualified staff). This cost is subsidised by the School and Friends of Swindon Village Primary School.

We are asking for a non-refundable deposit of £30 that needs to be paid by **Friday 5th September 2025**. Payment can be made by:

- our Online Payments Facility (scopay)
- cash or cheque payable to Swindon Village Primary School (SVPS)
- monthly or weekly standing order

Please could you sign and return the permission slip attached **if not paying online, otherwise there is NO need to return.**

The payments have been split into instalments, however, you are able to pay as much or as little as you like at any time so long as the payment deadlines are met. Please see the attached for payment deadlines/amounts.

If you are in receipt of free school meals, you will be entitled to a reduction, which is equal to 50% of the trip cost, leaving a total payable of £102.50 (£97.50 plus £5 spending money).

Yours sincerely,

Claire Phelps
Office Manager



Swindon Village Primary School

Y4 Residential Trip to Dean Field Studies Centre

Clarification of Payment Methods

Payment can be made in one of four ways:

1. **Our Online Payments Facility**
2. Cash
3. Cheque payable to Swindon Village Primary School (SVPS).

For options 1 to 3 above, please see payment card for payment/amount deadlines.

4. **Standing Order**

This is by far the easiest (and least painful) way to do it, and we would encourage as many people as possible to pay by monthly standing order).

MONTHLY 1st September 2025 – 2nd March 2026

7 x monthly payments of £28.60

Free School Meals Pupils – 7 x monthly payments of £15

You will need to set up a standing order to us via your bank and the details that you will need are:

- Account Name: Swindon Village Primary School
- Sort Code: 20-20-15
- Account Number: 90682241
- Ref: Dean Field (+ your child's name)

***** Please DO NOT use these details to do a bank transfer – if you would like to transfer money online to school, please use our online payments system using the appropriate code for your child.***

If you need any help with this, please don't hesitate to contact the office and we will be more than happy to assist.

We would also be grateful if you could indicate on the permission slip if you have set up a standing order.

SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT – 23rd March to 25th March 2026

Please could you sign and return the permission slip below **if not paying online, otherwise there is NO need to return.**

Name of child: _____ Teacher : _____

I do / do not wish my child to take part in the Dean Field Studies residential visit from Monday 23rd March to Wednesday 25th March 2026.

☐ £30 deposit enclosed

or

☐ I have set up a monthly standing order

* Please delete as necessary and return by **Friday 5th September 2025**

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

DEAN FIELD STUDIES 2026 PAYMENT CARD

£200 (incl £5 spending money)

This card is for your records only - please send card to school office with all cash/cheque payments to enable you to keep a track of what you have paid.

Name _____

Class _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Received</u>
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Payment Schedule

£30 Deposit by Fri 5th September 2025

Followed by S/O or:

£85 by Fri 5th December 2025

£85 by Fri 27th February 2026

£200 total

Free School Meals Pupils

Payment Schedule

£30 Deposit by Fri 5th September 2025

Followed by S/O or:

£33.75 by Fri 5th December 2025

£33.75 by Fri 27th February 2026

£102.50 total