



SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Residential Visit to Broad Haven 19th – 22nd May



Information for Parents

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

We are very excited for this year's residential trip to Broad Haven. Below is all the key information you'll need to help your child prepare.

1. Itinerary

Tuesday 19th May

- Meet at school at **7:45am** for an **8:15am departure**.
- Travel to Carew for a visit to **Carew Castle**.
- Arrive at Broad Haven, settle into the Youth Hostel.
- Evening walk to explore the local area.

Wednesday 20th May

- Visit **Ramsey Island National Nature Reserve** by speedboat.
- Take part in **Pembrokeshire Coast Nature Reserve activities**.
- Visit **St David's Lifeboat Station** and the historic **St David's Cathedral**.

Thursday 21st May

- A full activity day with **TYF Activity Centre**: beach games, kayaking, climbing, coast craft, coasteering, surfing and paddle boarding (SUP).

Friday 22nd May

- Visit **Big Pit** in Torfaen.
- Travel back to school, arriving at approximately **3pm**. Any delays will be communicated.

Evenings will be spent enjoying the beach, playing games, rock pooling and relaxing.

2. Staffing

Six members of staff will accompany the children:

Mr R Bradnam, Mrs C Kreft, Mr G Mills, Mrs M Stewart, Mrs M Harris and Mrs L Brown.

Our coach and driver will remain with us throughout the week.

3. Kit List

(A full detailed kit list is enclosed.)

- A **school sweatshirt** should be worn on Tuesday morning.
- For the rest of the week, children should wear comfortable, practical clothes (jeans, sweatshirts, trainers).
- They will need **at least four complete sets** of clothing.

Packing:

- Clothes should go in a **large holdall or suitcase**. Suitcases go in the coach boot and won't be accessible until we arrive.
- Children also need a **rucksack** with items for the journey: purse, water bottle, packed lunch, waterproof coat, pencil case, etc.

Optional extras:

- Reading book
- Small pocket/card games (no phones, electronic devices, radios, iPods, etc.)
- A bedtime soft toy

Important:

- All items must be **clearly named**.
- All bags, cases and rucksacks must be **labelled**.
- No electrical items, including hairdryers.

Luggage labels for the journey out:

Please attach 2–3 labels with:

Your child's name

Swindon Village Primary School

c/o Broad Haven Youth Hostel

Broad Haven

Haverfordwest

Pembrokeshire

SA62 3JH

Return labels with your child's **name and home address** should be packed inside their case.

4. Contact

Please do **not** contact the Youth Hostel directly.

We will check in with school daily and can pass on any important messages.

Updates and photos will be shared on our **Facebook account**, and the school office will happily answer queries.

5. Pocket Money

£10 is already included in the trip cost.

- It will be given out daily by staff.
- Once children have their money, it is their responsibility.
- Any unused money will be returned at the end of the week.

Please do not send any extra money.

6. Packed Lunch & Drink

For the outward journey on Tuesday, your child needs:

- A **packed lunch** in a disposable bag (no glass bottles or cans).
- A **reusable drinks bottle** to refill each day.

7. Biscuits

Please send your child with **one packet of biscuits** to share at bedtime.

- These will be collected on Day 1.
- If your child needs dietary alternatives (e.g., gluten-free), please send those too.

8. Postage Stamps

These are helpful as children will be encouraged to write home. (Knowing their home address is equally helpful!)

9. Meeting on Return

Please make sure **someone meets your child** when we return.

We expect to be back at around **3pm**, and you will receive a text if we are delayed.

Please ensure the office has your **up-to-date mobile number**.

10. Children's Welfare

Your child's wellbeing is our top priority.

- All risk assessments have been completed and approved by the Local Authority.
- The Youth Hostel manager will explain safety procedures on arrival.

Please inform us (confidentially) of anything that may affect your child during the trip, including:

- Sleepwalking
- Bed-wetting
- Travel sickness
- Medical needs or concerns

Important reminders:

- On the morning of departure, hand all medication to **Mrs Brown** with clear written instructions.
- Travel sickness tablets should be taken before arriving at school.
- We can only cater for genuine dietary needs (allergies, religious requirements, vegetarian, etc.).
- No sweets please.
- No additional food in rooms.
- Children are **not permitted to phone home** – this usually increases homesickness.
- Please avoid packing letters or family photos, as these also tend to make children homesick.
- And finally—please tell us anything you feel we should know. Thank you.

11. TYF Registration

All children must be registered with **The TYF Group** to take part in the activity day.

This should have been completed by **6th March**.

If not, please do so **as soon as possible**.

12. Rules

Children are expected to listen to and follow all instructions from adults at all times.

We are very proud of our excellent behaviour record on residential trips and look forward to another great week.

13. Insurance

The visit is fully insured through the Local Authority.

If you have any questions at all before the trip, please get in touch. We are really looking forward to a wonderful week with the children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Mills', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Mills
Head Teacher