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Year 5

22nd July 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 5 Students,

Re: Argoed Lywd residential
Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December 2025 Eagle Class
Monday 7th - Friday 11th December 2025 Falcon Class

Dear parents,

I am writing to provide you with further information regarding the Year 6 residential visit to Wales in December.

We shall be staying at Argoed Lwyd Outdoor Education Centre in Bannau Brycheiniog National Park (Brecon Beacons) – a Hampshire Education Centre. The centre has modern accommodation with a range of dormitories, a common room and dining room. We shall be self-catering for breakfast and lunch, with evening meals provided by the centre.

Address: The Farmhouse, Argoed Llwyd, Libanus, Brecon Powys, LD3 8EN
Telephone: (for emergency use only) 01874 611947

These visits will give the children opportunities to develop socially, become more confident and develop their resilience. Through their experiences we aim to develop feelings of trust and responsibility.

A great deal of time will be spent outdoors, in and around the hills, caves and rivers. If the weather allows, we shall also go mountain walking. **Appropriate walking boots, waterproof trousers/jackets and rucksacks will be provided by the Centre.** The children will be accompanied on some of these activities by qualified instructors from the Mountain Centre and they will be supervised closely and specified adult/pupil ratios adhered to at all times. Safety of groups is paramount to the Outdoor Education Centre, therefore they:

- Are annually inspected under the Adventure Activities Licensing Regulations 1996;
- Follow Hampshire County Council Safety in Hazardous Pursuits Regulations;
- Ensure all staff employed by Hampshire Mountain Centre have recognised National Governing Body qualifications for the relevant activities;
- Ensure all staff employed by the centre have recognised First Aid qualifications;
- Ensure First Aid Kits and other emergency equipment relevant to the activity are carried by the instructors or group leaders;
- Ensure safety equipment relevant to the activity is provided by the centre.

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School staff are undertaking a pre-visit to Wales in order to carry out detailed risk assessments for all the activities and are guided by local advice regarding weather and local conditions whilst on the trips. All risk assessments are approved by county before the trip is allowed to go ahead.

Each visit will be accompanied by 4 adults from school, and supported by at least 3 members of staff at the centre. Details of staffing will be given closer to the trip but will include the children's class teachers and members of SLT. The children will travel to Wales by coach.

We asked previously for parents/carers to express an interest in volunteering for the trip. If you are interested and able to accompany the trip, please complete the form. We will be on contact in September to confirm whether or not your support is required. Wales residential 2026 - parent volunteers – Fill out form

The total cost of the trip is £400 per child and this can be paid online in one lump sum or in instalments. A reminder that the payment plan dates are:

05/06/2026 £100
05/09/2026 £150
05/11/2026 £150

The final payment for the residential is due by **5th November 2026**. If you are struggling to meet the cost, please do contact Ms E Edwards or Miss Z Morgan via the office in confidence and they will work with individual families to find suitable payment plans or external grants where possible to ensure no child misses out.

Families in receipt of free school meals/pupil premium are eligible for a discount - please contact the office in confidence.

Medical and dietary requirement forms will be sent out in September for completion.

There will be a Parents' Meeting giving further details about the Wales visits on **Tuesday 29th September** at 5pm in school.

We are all looking forward to these very enjoyable weeks. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the Year 6 teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Z Morgan
Co-Headteacher

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