

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Year's Year 4 Calshot Activities Centre Residential

Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December 2026

We are very pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to secure your child's place for the next academic year's Year 4 residential trip to Calshot. This is an exciting trip where the children will have the opportunity to spend 3 days (2 nights) with their peers; trying out lots of new and exciting sporting activities such as: climbing, skiing and archery, as well as exploring the New Forest. We have always received incredibly positive feedback from our pupils and their families about this trip in the many years that it has been running and are very pleased to be able to offer it again.

The trip will take place from **Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December 2026.**

Calshot Parents' Meeting:

To give you as much information about this trip as possible, we would like to invite you in for a Calshot Parents information meeting with two of the current Year 4 teachers, Miss Fear and Miss Nicholas. There, you will have an opportunity to develop an understanding of the trip in its entirety, along with a slide show of the current Year 4's trip, and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The meeting will also include information about sleeping arrangements, what to pack, the food provided, plus the exciting activities on offer. You will also receive a secondary meeting closer to the time of the trip to remind you of this important information.

The meeting will take place at Solent Junior School on **Monday 2nd March at 15:30 – 16:00**. This is being held so that you can make an informed decision before the deposit is due. As some parents and carers do not wish their child to attend this meeting we will arrange for them to be cared for in another room.

Cost:

The trip is a great opportunity for the children to strengthen relationships with their class, as well as their teachers and support staff, outside of the classroom environment. We really believe this is a beneficial trip for all children and would love to see them all there. This trip will also support their writing abilities, upon their return, where they will write a Recount of their time in Calshot. The total cost of the trip is approximately £220 (subject to change depending on numbers).

An initial, **non-refundable deposit of £40 must be received by Friday 1st May 2026**. Payment will need to be made via the Arbor App. **Please note that if you do not pay your deposit by this date, we cannot guarantee your child a space at a later date.**

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We shall write to you again when we have final numbers, to confirm the actual cost of the trip and implement a payment plan to enable you to spread the balance over 6 monthly payments of £30 each (these will be due on 1st June, 1st July, 1st August, 1st September, 1st October and 1st November 2026).

Parent Volunteers:

Volunteers for the residential will be taken from our approved volunteer bank. However, if you are not already an approved volunteer, and would like to be considered to become a volunteer for this trip please contact the school office.

Should you wish to volunteer, the school will need to carry out a full DBS check, which can take up to 6 weeks, as well as an induction process, so please register your interest as soon as possible to ensure that you will be able to attend.

In return for volunteering, parents will be provided with three generous meals a day, plus snacks and hot and cold drinks. You will have a private room with hot drink facilities available, and access to a private shower room. If you wish, you are also able to join in with all the activities, including skiing, archery and rock climbing.

Alongside a qualified Calshot instructor, volunteers will be responsible for supervising a group of up to 10 Year 4 pupils. Responsibilities will include taking children to and from activities to the cafeteria for meals, and ensuring children are ready for bed on time! At all times, class teachers and school staff will be available to support and assist. Every element of this trip is considered beforehand; therefore, we are confident that all volunteers will enjoy the experience as much as the pupils.

We sincerely hope you can make the meeting, as we are looking forward to discussing the trip with you in further detail.

Kindest regards,

Miss Fear, Miss Nicholas, Miss Atkins and Miss Saunders

Year 4 Team 2025-2026

