

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**East Barnby**  
**Year 6 Residential Visit**  
**30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to let you know that we have secured a booking at East Barnby for our Y6 pupils next year.

For many years now, we have taken our Y6 pupils to the East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre which is near Whitby.

<https://outdoored.co.uk/east-barnby-outdoor-centre/>

The visit is an excellent opportunity for children to develop a range of skills (particularly relating to independence, resilience and teamwork) which then transfer to the classroom environment.

We have used this centre for more than 20 years and have always had a superb visit. All the staff there are highly qualified in their particular area of outdoor expertise.

We have several aims in taking the children to East Barnby:

1. To develop self confidence, resilience, self esteem and organisational skills
2. To engage in field studies to support our geography curriculum
3. To engage in adventurous activities
4. To foster a love of, and respect for, the outdoors

We achieve this by immersing the children in the life of an outdoor centre where they have to take responsibility for organising and tidying shared areas, help with meal times and work co-operatively to achieve common goals. The children will also take part in a number of challenging activities which may include:

- Beck scrambling
- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Rock climbing
- Mountain biking

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When reflecting on their time at Western, the majority of our children choose their visit to East Barnby as their most memorable experience. In responding to the challenges of the visit, the children discover talents and qualities they never knew they possessed and new friendships are often formed.

This year, we will be bringing in a change to the East Barnby format. This is to reflect the current rising costs for the trip and cost of living crisis which many families are experiencing at home. We want all of our pupils to be able to join this trip and hope that by reducing the residential from 5 days and 4 nights to 3 days and 2 nights we can secure the future of this trip for another 20 years.

The total cost of the visit will be £265 per pupil. This covers food, transport, accommodation, equipment hire and instruction. We do not want any child to miss out on this trip due to financial constraints. If you are likely to experience difficulty paying for this visit, please contact me ([brookes@wes.rklt.co.uk](mailto:brookes@wes.rklt.co.uk)) in the strictest of confidence and I will be able to discuss options with you.

In order to secure a place for your child on this visit, we are asking for a non-refundable deposit of £100 to be paid by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Payment can be made on Arbor in one lump sum or in several smaller amounts spread over a few weeks.

The remaining balance of £165 may be paid from 1<sup>st</sup> May. Full payment needs to be made by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

I will be in touch in the near future to provide more information about the visit but please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime should you have any questions.

Many thanks

Suzanne Brooke  
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