

Year 5 - Trips for the Year

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

The Year 5 team have been busy planning some exciting trips for the children that link in with their learning. To give you a whole year overview and to help with financial planning, we have planned a mixture of onsite and offsite activities, as transport costs add a significant amount to the cost of a trip. These include an in-house planetarium visit, an in-house Greek Workshop and a trip to the SeaCity Museum.

Science Planetarium - <https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/schools-and-groups/mobile-planetarium1>

The Winchester Science Centre will be bringing their mobile planetarium into school to transform the school hall. The children will be taken on an adventure through the solar system, finding out what lies beyond the skies.

We are requesting a contribution of **£4.70** for this activity.



Greek Workshop - <https://www.portalstothepast.co.uk/classes/ks2-ancient-greeks/>

The Greek Workshop will involve the children learning about what life was like for the Ancient Greeks through drama, storytelling and different activities. The morning workshop consists of a short introduction to Greek life and culture, followed by four engaging activities:

- A Greek quiz, with loads of fun Greek facts for the children to discover
- Archimedes' Stomachion – the oldest known mathematical puzzle
- Petteia, the Greek strategy game
- Myths and legends – the children are transported to a Greek theatre where they re-enact Greek myths and legends

We are requesting a contribution of **£4.50** for this activity.

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An amazing experience for the children to be a part of. Dan was enthusiastic, lively, and responsive. I think at times the teaching staff were just as enthralled as the children!

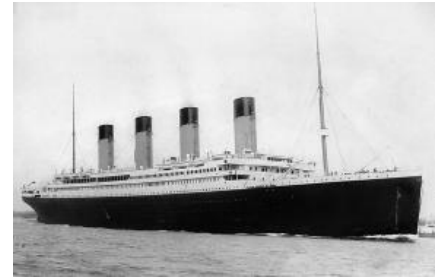
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SeaCity Museum - <https://seacitymuseum.co.uk/learning/schools/>

Our trip to the SeaCity Museum will involve learning about what life was like onboard the Titanic, as well as finding out who really was to blame for the sinking of the ship!

We are requesting no more than **£25.00** which covers the cost of transport, entry and activities.



Stubbington Residential Trip - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/stubbingtonstudycentre>

In Year 6 we offer the chance for all children to attend a week-long residential trip to Stubbington Study Centre. The dates for this trip are likely to be in our **Autumn 1 Term, September – October 2026**. We start requesting payments for this in Year 5. Based on previous years, we would estimate this to be no more than **£325.00** which covers the cost of transport, meals, accommodation and activities. An interest letter with more information will be sent before Christmas.



TRIP DATES	Rooksdown	Greenbank
Science Planetarium	Thursday 18 th September 2025	Friday 19 th September 2025
Greek Workshop	Thursday 15 th January 2026	Tuesday 12 th January 2026
SeaCity Museum	Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Wednesday 6 th May 2026
Stubbington Residential Trip	Autumn Term 2026 Dates TBC	Autumn Term 2026 Dates TBC

The cost for these workshops and trips will appear on your child's Arbor account in advance of the date for each trip/activity. The amounts are calculated assuming that each child takes part and contributes to ensure we raise sufficient funds. Please note should there be insufficient voluntary contributions the school reserves the right to cancel or postpone the trip. The school does not make any profit on these trips and so by making these contributions you are helping to ensure that the school funds go further. **Please note that if your child receives pupil premium funding the cost of the activity will be covered using their funding allocation.**

As we are a cashless school, please pay online via scopay.com. If you would like a link code to set up an online payment account, please contact the school office.

We would also like to thank our Fundraising Friends teams for their continued contributions towards our activities. This is the last year that we will have funding for Greenbank pupils as, sadly, our Friends committee closed at the end of last academic year due to the lack of volunteers. We hope that this can be resolved before the next Academic year with a new Friends committee and that we will have funding again to help future trips and activities.

We are looking forward to some exciting experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 5 Team