

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 **£6.20** for this activity.



Greek Workshop - <https://www.portalstothevast.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 **£4.90** 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!

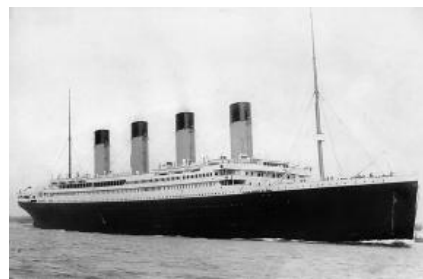
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SeaCity Museum - <https://seacitymuseum.co.uk/learning/schools/>

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 **£18.65** 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 2027**. 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 17 th September 2026	Friday 18 th September 2026
Greek Workshop	Thursday 14 th January 2027	Monday 11 th January 2027
SeaCity Museum	Wednesday 5 th May 2027	Thursday 6 th May 2027
Stubbington Residential Trip (Yr 6)	Autumn Term 2027 Dates TBC	Autumn Term 2027 Dates TBC

The cost for these workshops and trips will appear on your child's Arbor soon. 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.

Students eligible for Pupil Premium (Targeted FSM) will have their school trip and workshop costs covered by their funding allocation. Please note that under current government guidelines, Pupil Premium discounts apply only to Targeted FSM allocations. If you are unsure whether your child qualifies for Targeted FSM and Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

In the absence of a formal Fundraising Friends team at Greenbank, and thanks to the dedication of Greenbank staff, we raised enough funds to support every class and contribute toward school trips. We also extend our gratitude to our Rooksdown Friends for their efforts last year and for ringfencing funds to support Rooksdown class trips this academic year.

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

