



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Edinburgh Experience Year 5 Pupils (October 2026)

I write with exciting news about a planned residential, educational visit for our Year 4 pupils in the next academic year.

After the success of our Year 5 residential trip to London last Autumn term, we have continued to work with Fussell's Travel Service, who are an experienced travel company based in South Lakeland and have specialised in school visits for over 10 years. Together we have built an exciting itinerary for our pupils for a residential trip to Edinburgh when they are in Year 5. The trip is planned to leave school on Thursday 8th October at 8.30am and return on Friday 9th October at 6pm. We will be travelling there and back by coach.

I have attached the timings and programme for the planned two day residential, which includes visiting Edinburgh Castle, Camera Obscura, the National Museum of Scotland and the Real Mary Kings Close. The children will also walk around Edinburgh centre. Our pupils will stay in a hostel in dormitories and all food and drink will be included. The children will also get the opportunity to eat out at a restaurant during the trip.

I will accompany our children alongside Mrs Shennan, and two other staff members. The trip is planned for Thursday 8th October until Friday 9th October at a total cost of £260.

Payments can be spread over the remainder of the current school year with the final balance due by the end of October 2026. As a school, we need to confirm numbers as soon as possible and if you would like your child to take part in this fantastic opportunity, we ask that you sign and return the reply slip by Friday 22nd May 2026, enclosing a non-refundable deposit of £25. This is also an agreement to commit to paying the full amount in an agreed payment plan.

We will then ask for further payments of £50 in June and each month thereafter, until the balance is settled, with a final payment of £35 in October. Any families in financial hardship, should contact me directly if this payment plan is too difficult to meet or needs to be altered/extended.

We will invite parents and pupils to an information meeting to share further details of this exciting opportunity nearer the time. Risk assessments will be in place to ensure that our pupils' safety is at the forefront of all that we do.

I hope that as many Year 4 pupils as possible will be able to benefit from this great opportunity. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please contact the school office and I will arrange to meet with you.

Kind regards

Lorna Smith



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Reply Slip – Year 5 Residential Trip to Edinburgh, October 2026

I give my consent for _____ (child's name) to take part in the residential educational visit to Edinburgh on 8th-9th October 2026.

I enclose a non refundable deposit of £25 and agree to pay the remaining balance in the monthly payment plan shared.

Signed: _____

Date: _____