



Monday 20th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Our planning for our Tolmers Camp is gathering momentum!

The annual Year 4 two-night outdoor adventure experience will this year be held at Tolmers Activity Centre, Cuffley. It's an amazing experience for all children and always creates long-lasting memories. It fits very nicely with other overnight experiences which form part of our learning journey at St Michael's (one night away in Y2 and four nights away in Y6). As you may know, the children spend one night in a (centrally heated) 'bunk-room' and one night in a (potentially chilly!) tent.

This year we will be away between **Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th June**. We would like to give you all the details about cost and payment arrangements, as well as give you the opportunity to head to the loft/under-stairs cupboard/shops/friends searching for kit!

The total cost will be in the region of **£135**, depending on the number of children attending, which includes all meals, snacks through the day and activities on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Payment can only be made via Parentpay. This will be set up as a 'reducing balance' so it can be paid in small instalments, but please be aware of the following deadlines:

Wednesday 20th December:	£35
Friday 24th May:	£100 (remaining balance)

We will have a Parents' Meeting in the Spring term to discuss all the details for the camp, as it may seem a long way away, but we like to be organised! We understand it is also helpful to have more time to manage the cost of school trips.

We would be grateful if you could return the slip below by 20th December to confirm your child's interest in attending this year's camp and also the payment details.

Many thanks

The Year 4 Team

Tolmers Camp 26th - 28th June 2024

Child's Name _____ Class _____

My child will/will not be attending our Year 4 Tolmers Camp 2024

I agree to pay a minimum of £35 by 20th December and any remaining balance by 24th May (via ParentPay)

Signed (Parent/Carer)

Date

Year 4 Tolmers Camp 26th - 28th June 2024

Recommended Kit List

- Soft holdall or rucksack to carry kit (no suitcases please)
- Sleeping bag (try to get a bag suitable for colder nights outdoors - not a centrally heated and carpeted house!)...please help your child practise squeezing it into the bag!
- Pillow with pillow case (if needed)
- Roll mat (for use when sleeping in the tent)
- Sleeping wear (long sleeves and legs we suggest for outdoor sleeping: e.g. tracksuit and bed socks)
- Small (face) and large (shower) towel
- Personal toilet items (in a secure washbag)
- T-shirts and sweatshirts (three of each recommended)
- Fleece/thick jumper
- Underwear and socks
- Trousers (tracksuits rather than jeans please)
- Waterproof trousers and jacket
- Warm coat (if temperatures are forecast to be un-seasonally low during the day)
- Wool hat and gloves (if colder weather is forecast)
- Sturdy shoes (not necessarily boots but shoes stronger than trainers) or Wellies
- Torch/headtorch/night light*
- Water bottle with leak-proof lid (shop-bought water bottles seem to be the best!)
- Plastic bags for washing and wet clothes
- Old set of clothes (as an emergency)
- Daysack (this is a small rucksack for a water bottle, cap, sun cream etc. during daytime activities)
- Sun hat and sun cream (should we be blessed with glorious weather!)

** We provide lanterns in every tent for the children to see the zips after dark and the lights are left on in the corridors but if your child usually sleeps with a light on you may wish to provide them with a small nightlight.*

Please name everything. To make life easier, all children will arrive in their own clothes on 26th June and not school uniform (less to pack!).