

Year 5 Residential 2026

Calshot Activity Centre

Tuesday 5th May –
Friday 8th May 2026

About the Centre

- It is one of the largest Outdoor Adventure Centres in Britain with a reputation for excellence and professionalism and it operates to the highest safety standards.
- Calshot offers year round residential courses in an unrivalled number of educational activities.
- Owned and operated by Hampshire County Council.
- Calshot Activities Centre is situated at Calshot Spit, Fawley near Southampton. It is just over an hour away from school.

The Centre:



Aims and Objectives:

- Experience of staying away from home
- Develop life skills such as problem solving and decision-making
- Raise self-esteem and develop self-discipline
- Develop a sense of individual achievement
- Develop teamwork
- Foster positive attitudes to learning
- Develop personal and social skills
- Promote health and fitness

Activities:

Activities programme will be finalised nearer the time but will most likely include:

- Climbing
- Ringos
- problem-solving activities
- low ropes
- Team swing
- crate stack
- archery
- geography fieldwork – local river study

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- We will spend a day studying a local river as part of our geography fieldwork for our 'Rivers' topic. This is part of the curriculum we are not able to offer in the Farnham area as the local river is not safely accessible.
- We will also have a full programme of evening activities hopefully including a film night and a beach walk.

Venue:

- All accommodation is in large accommodation blocks and the children will share rooms with friends.
- Rooms will be single sex.
- We will stay in accommodation blocks.
- A sleeping bag and pillow will be needed.

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- The rooms are grouped together with the teachers allocated rooms in the same corridor as the children's rooms, so an adult will always be close by during the evening/night.
- When we have our accommodation we will ask the children to give us names of the children they would like to share with so we can allocate rooms. **This will not happen until around Easter time.**

Clothing:

All of the specialist equipment needed for activities is provided.

Please do not send lots of new clothes as they will get dirty! Warm layers are important as we are right on the coast and the weather can be very changeable.

Children will need a waterproof coat.

A full kit list will be sent out nearer the time.

Food:



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- The children will have 3 meals a day, each with a hot option and a vegetarian choice at every meal. There is also the option of plain pasta or jacket potatoes for lunch and dinner.
- All medical and dietary needs can be catered for.
- The centre provides snacks mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
- There is a good range of food.
- Don't worry if you think your child is fussy!

Staffing:

Mrs Marriott– Trip Leader

Mrs Duncan, Mrs Chambers, Miss Coombe

Other Waverley Abbey staff and parent volunteers

The children will be in groups of approximately 10 for all activities and each group will have a WA staff member and a Calshot instructor.

Staffing will be confirmed once we know the number of participants.

Cost:

- The cost is estimated to be around £ 450.00 per pupil, but will vary slightly depending on final numbers.
- An initial non-refundable deposit of £100.00 will be required by the end of September 2025.
- The full payment will be due in February 2026. It is possible to split your payments up monthly if this suits you.
- If you require support with the cost of the trip, please contact the office who will be able to advise what support would be available to you. Please do this as early as possible.
- Once you sign your child up for the trip, you will be liable for the full cost of the trip as once we have confirmed numbers with the centre, we are unable to decrease our final number of participants.

Payments:

- Payments should preferably be made by SCOPay but cheques (payable to Waverley Abbey School) or cash, clearly marked with your child's name, are both acceptable.
- Payment of the deposit for the trip will secure your place. There is no sign up form and final numbers for the trip will be taken from the deposit payments.



Concerns:

Please email or talk to your child's teacher if you have any particular concerns about the trip for your child.

Lots of us are parents ourselves so we understand that children and their parents may be apprehensive.

Please let us know of any issues that we need to be aware of and record them on the consent form which will be sent closer to the time.



Other details:

Further information, including kit list and final parent details will be issued during the Spring Term.

If your child is unwell at the time of the trip and is unable to attend, you would need to make a claim through your own travel insurance.



Any Questions?