



Year 5

Just To Let You Know

17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all hope you had a lovely break! The children have returned full of energy and we have started our new topic of Coasts with bundles of enthusiasm. Thank you to those that brought in their coastal pictures.

We hope some of the children were able to see some of the images from Artemis II while on their Easter break, and share their knowledge of gravitational pull and the relationship between our moon and Earth.

Please see below the kit list for Brenscombe and the slides from our meeting. Do not hesitate to contact your class teacher if you have any questions regarding the trip.

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Our week's learning

This week, we have focused on the adventure book 'Kensuke's Kingdom', reminded ourselves of how to measure area and perimeter and explored the coastal shape of the British Isles.

Spelling/Phonics:

This week we have looked at the following spellings.

Spelling Soldier Musical illustrated physical muscle principle individual vegetable

Spanish

Numbers 1-15



Numbers 11-20



Upcoming Dates

Monday 11th May – History local field trip (AM only) Parent helpers required

Tuesday 12th May – Friday 15th May – Brenscombe Residential Trip

Tuesday 19th May – St Nicolas and Millmead churches (AM only) Parent helpers required

Monday 25th May – Half term holiday

Monday 1st June – Last half term begins

Monday 22nd June – Midsummer Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – End of term

Thank-you to those of you who were able to join us for our Brenscombe meeting. A copy of the kit list should have been sent home with your child and can also be found on the next page. There is also a copy of some of the slides we used in the presentation.

Example Itinerary

Tuesday 8:15 - Arrive at School Medicine to Scarlett 9:00 - Leave school for Corfe 12:00 - Corfe Castle and History based activities Lunch 16:00 - Arrive at Brenscombe Farm – Orientation, field games and BBQ dinner	Thursday 7.00 - Wake up 8.00 - Breakfast 9.00 - 4:00 - Activities - Archery & Rifle Shooting, Bushcraft, Team Building
Wednesday 7.00 - Wake up 8.00 - Breakfast 9.00 - 4:00 - Activities - Watersports (Cleavel Point) - Low and High Ropes (Burnbake)	Friday 7.00 - Pack rooms for inspection 7.30 - Breakfast 9(ish) - Leave Brenscombe 10.00 - Arrive at Durdle Door Lunch at Lulworth Cove Back to school, aiming for 4:30 (We will keep you updated)

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- Prescribed medication
- Regular medication (i.e. two inhalers)
- TRAVEL SICKNESS medication
- In its original box (not decanted into a bag etc.)





Kit List

During the activities, Brenscombe provides all the required safety equipment.

All clothing should be labelled with the child's name and participants are responsible for their personal belongings.

We strongly suggest that people do not bring jewellery or new/expensive clothes as the nature of the activities can get clothes wet, muddy or worn.

During water sports activities you will have to wear **securely fitting closed-toe** footwear that will get wet and muddy (old trainers or water shoes)

Things to think about when packing your bag:

- How many days are you at the Centre?
- Are you doing any water sports?
- What do you want to wear during the evening or when not on activity sessions?
- What will you wear to sleep in or if you need to get up and walk to the toilet in the night?
- What are you going to keep wet and dirty clothes in after activity sessions?
- What's the weather likely to be like?

What to pack:

- Waterproof Jacket
- Shoes (At least two pairs of shoes are needed)
 - Walking boots/outdoor shoes
 - Closed toe shoes like old trainers for water activities (Crocs and flip flops are not suitable for this)
 - Flip-flops/crocs/sliders for walk to shower
- Reusable water bottles and lunch box/bag
- Rucksack (2 straps, comfortable, big enough to fit packed lunch and spare clothes)
- Torch
- Sun hat and Sun cream (No aerosols)
- Hat and Gloves
- Insect repellent (roll on)
- Towel (x2) and toiletries
- Underwear and **lots** of socks
- Indoor /evening shoes
- Clothes
 - Pyjamas
 - Casual clothes to wear in the evening (covered shoulders and longer bottoms are best to avoid ticks/bites)
 - Clothes to wear on activities – t-shirts, warm jumpers, long trousers (not denim) and shorts
 - Warm layers are important, temperatures can vary

Personal medication

Please ensure that we are aware of any personal medication you may need prior to coming to Brenscombe. Children are not allowed to keep any medication in their bags (e.g. paracetamol).

Accommodation

All our bedrooms come complete with pillows, duvets and linen so there is no need to bring any bedding. Towels are NOT provided.

What children will pack in their day bag for each activity:

Onsite activities (Archery, Shooting)

- Suitable Footwear (Trainers)
- Waterproof Jacket
- Warm Jacket or fleece
- Sunhat (or beanie & gloves in cold weather)
- Sun Cream
- Water
- Reusable lunchbox

Offsite activities – Dry (Ropes Course)

- Suitable Footwear – Trainers
- Rucksack
- Waterproof Jacket
- Warm Jacket or Fleece
- Warm Clothes
- Sunhat (or beanie & gloves in winter)
- Sun Cream
- Full Water Bottle
- Reusable lunchbox

Offsite activities – Wet (Big Canoeing)

- Clothing that will get wet
- Footwear to get wet (old trainers, securely fastened)
- Towel
- Rucksack
- Bag to put wet clothes in
- A full change of spare clothes including shoes
- Sun cream
- Sunhat
- Waterproof Jacket
- Warm Jacket or Fleece
- Full Water Bottle
- Reusable lunchbox