

Year 5

Just To Let You Know

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great week for consolidating previous learning this week. In geography, we looked at the coast and reminded ourselves of what makes the UK and Britain different, retrieving our learning from Autumn Term. In English we continued to explore our book Kensuke's Kingdom and practiced using commas. Ask your child if they can tell you when we might use a comma in our writing. For maths, we recapped and expanded our understanding of Roman numerals and angles.

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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PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED

On the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 traditionally have a trip off site to make space for our Year 6's doing SATs. This year, we will be visiting the grounds of Guildford castle and finding out more about it. This links nicely to visiting Corfe castle the following day, Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help. We will be back at school by lunch time.

Spelling/Phonics:

This week we have looked at the following spellings.

Recommend programme thumb dominant stomach numb commit climb rhythm system

Spanish

Numbers 1-15



Numbers 11-20



## Upcoming Dates

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

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Brenscombe Residential Trip

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Half term holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Last half term begins

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Midsummer Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

<b>Tuesday</b> 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	<b>Thursday</b> 7.00 - Wake up 8.00 - Breakfast 9.00 – 4:00 - Activities - Archery & Rifle Shooting, Bushcraft, Team Building
<b>Wednesday</b> 7.00 - Wake up 8.00 - Breakfast 9.00 – 4:00 - Activities - Watersports (Cleavel Point) - Low and High Ropes (Burnbake)	<b>Friday</b> 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