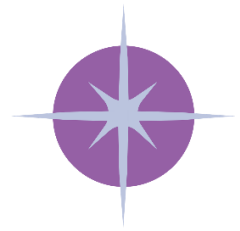




# Abbas and Templecombe Church School

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## Year Three/Four Residential Experience – Booking Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to announce the Year Three/Four Residential for this academic year.

This year's residential trip will once again be to Hooke Court <https://www.hookecourt.co.uk/residential/>.

We will be travelling to travelling to Hooke by coach, approximately an hour away – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June (start of school day) to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (end of school day).

I will be hosting a presentation on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.35pm in Anning Class. If you are unable to join us then the presentation will be on our website <https://abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk/learning/residential-trips/> in the days following this meeting. If you have any questions please do just ask.

Previous years' trips to Hooke have been great fun and memorable experiences for all the children; please see below for details of this 2 day, 1 night residential experience.

The cost will be **£100** and includes:

- ◆ 1 night full board accommodation, including meals, drinks, etc.
- ◆ Coach travel (funded by school)
- ◆ A great range of adventurous, geographical and sports based activities
- ◆ Evening entertainment
- ◆ Bedding

Activities are likely to be:

Low Ropes



Bridge the moat challenge



Orienteering



Shelter Building



Wide Games



And lots, lots more...

Where we will be staying:

Hooke Court is a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Manor House with modern accommodation blocks, situated in beautiful, wooded grounds and gardens. It is a well-established residential site catering for schools and children's groups that we have stayed at as a school many times over the years. It is a family run business and they have many years' experience in the residential education sector. We will be using the onsite caterers with the day starting with cereals and a cooked breakfast, lunch is packed and provided (apart from arrival day); there are a couple of choices for the evening meal with a yummy pudding to follow. Dietary needs are met and are always catered for. Squash and cake/fruit are supplied at break times during the day. They promise that children never go hungry at Hooke Court and neither have !!

We will be sleeping in our own accommodation area in bunk-bedded rooms. The bedrooms sleep up to 12 children but do range in size. Boys and girls will not be allowed in each other's rooms and will have separate toilets and showers. We will also have use of a large indoor space for eating and playing if the weather is not favourable. School staff will be supervising children at all times and any outdoor adventurous activities will be supervised by qualified instructors. Staff have their own bedrooms interspersed between the children's. Although St. Nicholas School are joining us for this trip, children will not be sharing bedrooms with them and they will be undertaking their own activities program.



The cost of this residential is based on all pupils attending and could alter very slightly depending on uptake (£10). Any child not attending will be expected to attend school and will be in another class for the duration of the trip.

The payment deadlines will be:

- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - **£20** – Deposit (non-refundable)
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - **£40** – 2<sup>nd</sup> payment
- 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - **£40** – Final payment

You are welcome to make payments of any size and at any point along this timeline - as long as you fulfill the minimum amounts.

Please understand that, by signing up for the Hooke Court trip, you are agreeing to meet the payment deadlines set out above - the school cannot cover the cost of any missed payments and the deposit is non-refundable. If at any point you are struggling to make a payment please contact the office so they can discuss a way forward with you.

Please use the Parentmail app to give your consent and pay the £20 deposit no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to confirm your child's place. We have access to a special fund for pupils that are or have recently been in receipt of free school meals. If this applies to your child, please do contact Mrs Greene to find out about the assistance we can provide towards these payment amounts.

Please access this link <https://forms.office.com/e/bAJrn64fg3> to read and agree the behaviour code of conduct, give permission for your child to attend the residential and opt in or out of permission for images / videos to be taken and shared.

We very much hope that your child will be able to come on this excellent trip.

*Mr J Webb*

Executive Head Teacher / Educational Visits Co-ordinator