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Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Y6 Residential Trip to Duke's Barn, Beeley, Chatsworth Estate, Derbyshire**  
**(with potential Y5 spaces available on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March if not filled by Y6 children)**

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged an exciting residential trip for our students to **Duke's Barn, Beeley, Chatsworth Estate, Derbyshire**, from **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026**. Trips like this one are incredibly valuable to children. All of our activities will be held at stunning Peak District locations and led by experienced instructors who are highly skilled in their roles, so we feel this is worth the slightly higher cost to ensure the children receive the best experiences possible. We have planned many residential trips in the past (Mr Davey has led several trips to Duke's Barn in the past) and have included a wide range of opportunities for the children. Full details to follow, but expect water activities, climbing / abseiling on real rock faces, hiking, orienteering, campfires...and more!

Our booking at Duke's Barn is on a **full-board basis**, meaning all meals will be provided and includes:

- **Bed and breakfast**
- **Packed lunch** for daytime activities
- **Two-course evening meal**

Further information can be found at [www.dukesbarn.org](http://www.dukesbarn.org)

To secure your child's place on this trip, which will cost **approximately £240 (the final figure will be confirmed as soon as all activities are booked)**, we kindly ask for a non-refundable **deposit of £50 to be paid via Arbor by 15<sup>th</sup> December, which can be made in one payment or instalments**. A suggested payment plan is £10 per week, each Friday between now, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March when the full balance must be paid. Any places which have not been paid in full by this date will be offered to the Year 5 children and all payments, except the non-refundable deposit, will be returned to you. If you are worried about how to pay for this trip, please do not hesitate to discuss this with us in confidence.

While this is an amazing opportunity that we know the children will enjoy, we recognise that parents and children can have some concerns over residential trips, therefore we will hold an **information evening in the spring term**, where we will provide more details and answer any questions you may have. We will cover all the basics about the trip such as food, activities and clothing but, to ensure we tailor the meeting to your exact requirements, we have enclosed a **'Confidential Questions and Concerns' sheet** for you and your child to complete and return to school if you wish. Once returned, we will identify the common concerns that can be addressed within the meeting and the confidential concerns that require a 1:1 meeting with yourself to plan how we will support your child to ensure they can access and enjoy the trip with complete confidence. Please return your questions and concerns by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will share the meeting date once confirmed and contact parents for 1:1 discussions asap.

At SJS, we have consistently high expectations for the behaviour of our pupils and how they represent our Take Care school. If the behaviour of any pupils falls below these standards, they will not be permitted to attend the trip and refunds are not possible. If you wish to discuss implementing a behaviour support plan to set targets and strategies together, we would wholeheartedly welcome this as we want ALL children to access and enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mee and the Year 6 teaching team (Mr Davey, Mrs Swannell and Mrs Yorke)

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**Year 6 Duke's Barn Residential - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

My child .....will be joining the Duke's Barn residential in July and I agree to have paid the £50, non-refundable deposit by 15<sup>th</sup> December and the full amount (TBC – approximately £240) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. I understand that the place will be offered out to Y5 if I have not met these payment dates.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if you would like to work together on a **Behaviour Support Plan** for your child ☐

Please list the **general questions** and concerns you would like covered in the **meeting**:

Please list the **confidential questions** and concerns that you wish to **discuss 1:1** with us:

**Please return this in the confidential envelope provided by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**