

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium
Residential

The Year 5 team are delighted to announce that we are proposing to take Year 5 pupils on a two-day (one night) residential visit at the end of the Spring term. We are planning to go to Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium from Thursday 3rd – Friday 4th April 2025. This will be an exciting opportunity for the children to develop their understanding of science and sleep amongst the incredible exhibits! The aims of this educational visit are:

- To take part in engaging science workshops with specialist leaders.
- To encourage independence.
- To explore exhibits and take ownership of their learning.
- To enrich learning in science through experiences related to Space. This will also include two planetarium shows!

A full information evening meeting will be held in February, but here is some general information:

- We will arrive at Winchester Science Centre at 12pm on Thursday 3rd April. The children will need a pack lunch on this day to eat upon arrival.
- The afternoon will consist of two fun practical workshops, a planetarium show and a live science show in the theatre.
- After tea, we will have the whole museum to ourselves and will have lots of time to explore the exhibits.
- In the evening, once we have set up our bedding amongst the exhibits, we will settle down to have a hot chocolate and watch a movie in the planetarium! Please be reassured that Westende Junior School will be the only school on site overnight. Westende staff will be supervising the children for the duration of the stay and will be sleeping in the same area as the children.
- The following morning, we will pack away our kit and enjoy a yummy breakfast.
- We will then watch another planetarium show before departing back to Westende.
- We will be back at school ready for the 13:15 pick-up on Friday 4th April (last day before the Easter Holidays). We will ensure the children have adequate breakfast and snacks, but they will need to have lunch when they get home on Friday.

The cost of this educational visit will be £93.50. This price includes the coach journey, full admission to the centre, food (dinner, breakfast and snacks), and all the additional workshops/shows. A confirmation of numbers is required to secure the



booking. To secure the booking, please pay a deposit of £46.75, on Arbor by Friday 7th February.

A recommended packing list will be sent in February, but please be aware the Winchester Science Centre do not supply sleeping kit. Therefore, your child will need a sleeping/yoga mat (no inflatables please) and a sleeping bag.

Payment for the trip may be made in instalments as suggested below:

Date	Payment
7 February 25	£46.75
7 March 25	£46.75

If this payment schedule causes you any concern or you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Churchill (School Business Manager) via the school office to discuss an alternative payment plan.

If your child would prefer not to attend this trip, they are still expected to come to school, and an alternative provision will be offered. Absence will not be authorised for children who are not attending the trip.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Miss Watton and Miss Phillips