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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 6 Calshot Activity Centre Tuesday 27th January – Friday 30th January 2026

Calshot Activity Centre, situated just outside of Southampton, offers a wide range of exciting and adventurous activities for all ages and abilities. Facilities include an indoor velodrome, a superb climbing wall and a dry ski slope. Accommodation is across two or three blocks and children will be sleeping in rooms of between 3 and 9 children. Every effort is made to ensure your child is accommodated with at least one friend. Teachers and school staff sleep in rooms that are in close proximity to the children's rooms. High ratios of staff supervision will be maintained at all times. The accommodation is fully catered with an excellent menu for the children to choose from.

The safety of the children is the top priority for teachers and centre staff, with all activities being fully risk assessed. The buildings are secure and compliant with Hampshire's stringent guidelines.

The trip provides wonderful opportunities for the children to develop their physical skills and to enhance their social skills, working as part of a team, developing independence and taking responsibility for personal organisation. The timing of the residential enables teachers to explicitly teach skills and develop attributes such as resilience, perseverance and teamwork, all of which will be critical for the children to make the most of their SATs and transition to secondary school later in the year.

The exact itinerary of activities is yet to be finalised but will likely include:

- Climbing wall activities
- Skiing
- Velodrome cycling (bicycles provided)
- Ringo slide
- High ropes
- Trapeze swing

The exact details of the trip will be confirmed and shared with you during the Autumn term, but do take a look at the Calshot Activity Centre [website](#) to find out more about the activities on offer. Our current Year 6 children have recently returned from Calshot and their photos can also be viewed on the school [website](#) Here is what some of the children had to say about the trip:

"Calshot was amazing. I loved the fact it helped us to all work together. My favourite activity was the team swing because everybody had a role in helping out."

"It was amazing because I was able to overcome my fears and enjoy myself with my friends."

"I really enjoyed Calshot and would recommend it to everybody because there are so many memories to make."

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Following on from the email sent on **24th September 2024** allowing families sufficient time to plan for the financial commitment, I am writing to confirm the price for the trip which will be **£340.00**.

This includes a full programme of activities, full board, accommodation and coach transport to and from the centre. Schools are not permitted to make a profit from school trips.

To secure your child's place, a £50.00 deposit needs to be paid by Sunday 1st June 2025. The remaining balance of £290.00 is to be paid by Saturday 1st November 2025. This may appear early, however the centre requires full payment 12 weeks before our scheduled trip.

We appreciate that this is a considerable amount of money to pay. For families experiencing genuine hardship we are able to consider a reduction in cost.

If you would prefer your child not to attend this trip, can I please ask that you email Mrs Astbury l.astbury@locksheath-jun.hants.sch.uk. For children not attending, a school-based timetable of residential style activities will be offered. This will include some off-site visits that may require a parental contribution to cover the cost of the activities and travel.

A copy of Hampshire's Insurance in relation to school trips and visits is available on our school website. I would urge you to read this carefully, as there are certain circumstances in which an insurance claim will be subject to an excess payment of £50.00 for which parents will be liable.

Parents need to be contactable during the trip to ensure that they are able to collect their child if they are unwell while away.

If you have any immediate queries or questions about this residential trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



Mrs Rogers
Acting Deputy Headteacher