



# Locks Heath Junior School

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Dear Year 4 Parents/Guardians

The Year 5 residential trip to Avon Tyrrell is planned for September 2026. Whilst in a different academic year, this trip takes place in the same year as our day trip to Fairthorne Manor. At the end of Year 4, a class mix takes place; the trip to Avon Tyrrell is designed to support the children with building relationships with their new classmates and teacher and has been extremely successful for many years. To help you make the decision whether you would like your child to attend, please read the following information.

## Avon Tyrrell 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

In 1881, Avon Tyrrell House (now a Grade I listed building), was created as a 'calendar house' and is steeped in fascinating history. Set within 65 acres of grounds, there is a large open field, picturesque lake and plenty of woodland to explore. Inside the property, traditional features can still be seen such as the grand staircase and drawing rooms.

The children stay at Avon Tyrrell for 2 nights. Dormitories sleep from 2-10 across 2 floors of the house and additional lodges nearby. There is a lovely selection of meals prepared on site and all dietary requirements are catered for.

For this residential, the challenge of the activities on offer increases in-line with the children's age and ability. The following activities are likely to be included (but could be subject to change):

### **Raft building**

*Use teamwork to create a raft and sail it across the lake – be prepared to get wet!*

### **Pioneering**

*Create a giant catapult*

### **Mountain Biking**

*Cycle through the woodland of the New Forest*

### **Kayaking**

*Take to the lake for games and fun in a kayak*

### **Pond Dipping**

*Discover newts and other rare pond life*

### **Other activities include:**

Arts and crafts

Team games and sports

Night Hike

Orienteering

Disco Night

Photographs of the Year 5 trip to Avon Tyrrell this September can be viewed on our school website.

Whilst we would want all our children to benefit from the rich experience of a residential, there is no imperative for children to attend. The children who do not attend will take part in engaging activities within the school setting.

**Year 5 Avon Tyrrell**  
**Total Cost £220.00**

As a school, we do not profit from residential trips. The price shown is fully inclusive and no additional pocket money will be required.

To secure a place for your child, a non-refundable deposit of **£50.00** should be made by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**. Further payments can be made as and when, but as a guide, we would suggest the following:

1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026	£34
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2026	£34
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	£34
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	£34
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	£34

Full payment to be made by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**.

Whilst we would appreciate deposits and payments to be made on-line, parents can hand either cash or cheque (made payable to Hampshire County Council) to the office. If you are facing financial hardship, please do contact Mrs Astbury in the school office who will be able to advise you of the next steps. Equally, if you do not want your child to attend, please also contact the school office.

Over the course of next year, further information about the residential trip will be shared with you and staff attending the trip will be made available to answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about residential and the types of activities we will participate in, then please do take a look at the Avon Tyrrell [website](#). 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 questions or queries regarding this or any other residential trips, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



Mrs S Rogers  
Acting Deputy Headteacher