



The Drive Community Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware every year we organise a residential trip for our Year 6 pupils. Past pupils and parents have always spoken extremely positively about the residential trip, and how it had created a long-lasting memory and end of year celebration of their time at The Drive.

Robinwood, our preferred provider for 2026 (<https://www.robinwood.co.uk/>), have wonderful opportunities for children to achieve fantastic things. Their 3-day, 2-night residential course for KS2 groups typically packs in 15 exciting activities providing the right balance by offering activities that will challenge, develop teamwork and stimulate the imagination.

Robinwood offer more activities than children have ever experienced before – see example attached. They offer high-quality activity sessions which are carefully planned in such a way that pupils can experience challenging adventures that are appropriate to their abilities and their stage of personal and physical development. Some sessions differ from centre to centre, but all centres run a very similar, busy programme with typically 15 high quality activities packed into three days at Robinwood. There are also some variations according to the time of year.

Next year, we are looking to organise this trip slightly differently and are giving the option of two dates to parents / carers, this is due to costs. We appreciate that one of the options is in a colder month, but as you can see, the costs do vary significantly and wanted to get your opinion.

Wednesday 7th January – Friday 9th January 2026

£210.00 Per child including transport
Deposit of £21.00 paid by 18.7.2025
Followed by 7 instalments of £27.00

Wednesday 20th May – Friday 22nd May 2026

£384.00 Per child including transport
Deposit of £55.00 paid by 18.7.2025
Followed by 7 instalments of £47.00

So that we can gauge as to whether parents / carers would like their child to attend, and which date is preferred - please note we are not offering two trips, we are just at this time looking for a preferred option.

We would be grateful if you could complete the reply slip below and return to the main office by **Monday 9th June 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren
Head Teacher

Name of Child:

I would like my child to attend Robinwood on:

7th January – 9th January 2026 ☐

20th May – 22nd May 2026 ☐

I do not wish my child to attend Robinwood Activity Centre ☐

Parent Name:

Signed:



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Activity Sample Timetable
The Drive Community Primary School
Year 6 - 2026

Robinwood Sample Timetable. Please note that timings are for guidance only and may vary.

Day One

Arrival 10.40	Lunch 12.00-12.30	Piranha Pool 13.00-14.20	Climbing 14.30-15.40	Nightline 15.50-17.00	Evening Meal 17.10-18.10	Crate Challenge 18.20-19.30	Team Challenge 19.40-20.40
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Day Two

Breakfast 8.10-8.50	Caving 8.50-10.00	Quest 10.10-11.20	Canoeing 11.30-12.40	Lunch 13.00-14.10	Trapeze 14.20-15.30	Archery 15.40-16.50	Zip Wire 17.00-18.10	Evening Meal 18.20-19.20	Team Challenge 19.30-20.40
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Day Three

Breakfast 7.30-8.10	Challenge Course 8.50-10.00	Giant Swing 10.10-11.20	Lunch 11.30-12.00	Departure 13.00
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 Outdoor Activities	 Indoor Activities	 Outdoor Water Activities	 Meal Times
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While we pack 14 high quality activity sessions into a Robinwood 3 day course at Barhaugh Hall , most other providers only offer around 8 activity sessions on a residential of this length, often with long gaps in the day.

We look to keep children busy, having fun throughout, so they gain maximum benefit in every way from their Robinwood experience.