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Dear Families,

Year 5 Overnight Camping – Monday 21st September 2026 (Current Year 4 children)

Following the success of the overnight camping that Year 6 took part in last Summer, and Year 5 will be undertaking this Summer, we are very excited to announce that we have arranged an overnight camping stay on the school field for the children who will be in Year 5 in September 2026.

This event has been moved to Year 5 in an effort to boost the confidence, independence, resilience, and social skills of our Year 5 children and to give them a taste of how 'staying away from home' will feel like when they attend their Year 6 residential. These experiences create lasting memories, deepen understanding of the world, and help to create stronger bonds with their classmates and their teachers by providing a break from the usual routine in a slightly different learning setting.

On Monday 21st September 2026 the Outdoors People will arrive, and the children will begin the most important task of the camp, putting up the tents! The tents are huge, and the children will need to use their teamwork and cooperation skills to build their temporary homes.

Once the tents are up, the children get some time to move their belongings in and get comfortable in this new environment.

The children will enjoy an evening of games and activities on the school field, they will choose and prepare their own main evening meal with hot water from wood-burning volcano-stoves. They will take part in some exciting games before settling down to toast marshmallows and listen to campfire stories. They will spend the night under canvas and wake to camp breakfast.

After breakfast, our day will be jam-packed with activities:

- **Bush-tucker challenge – learning to make pancakes over the open fire (bugs seasoning are optional!)**
- **Crash and Carry – a survival activity.... Our plane has crashed in the jungle, and we need to gather supplies, help an injured teammate, build a shelter and survive!**
- **Water purification – A core bushcraft activity, working in pairs to build a purifying filter able to take on the muddiest water!**

At the end of the camp, the children will pack away their own tents before lowering their camp flag. Please take a look at some of the photographs from last year's camp at the end of this letter– the children had the most amazing time!

The cost of this activity including the evening meal and breakfast is £63.00 which we have split into 3 manageable instalments of £21.00. You are, of course, welcome to pay in full if you prefer. All payments should be made via Scopay, so please submit at least your first instalment by 26th June 2026 with full payment to be received by Friday 28th August 2026. Unfortunately, the school has no other means of paying for this activity and so, unless ALL contributions are received by the deadline, the event will have to be cancelled.

On Tuesday 22nd September you will either need to provide a packed lunch for your child, this can be dropped into school before 12:15pm or they may bring it to school with them on Monday, we can keep this refrigerated for you overnight. Alternatively, your child can order a school lunch on Tuesday in the normal way.

We are keen for the entire year group to take part in all aspects of this event, including the overnight stay so if you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher. If your concerns are financial, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

The Year 5 Team

