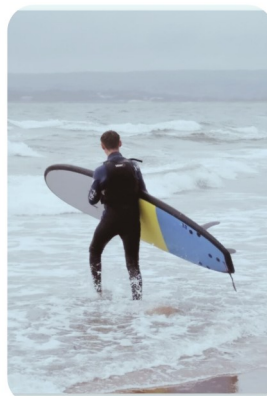


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Project Week 2026

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July

DAY TRIPS



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Project Week is a long established part of The King's School's enrichment and extra-curricular programme and provides highly memorable learning experiences for many students. The week off timetabled lessons gives students and staff the chance to work and learn outside of the classroom in less formal situations. Project Week gives our students opportunities to experience a variety of environments, often with different aged peers and with others outside of their usual friendship groups. Students may decide to pursue existing interests and passions or try a completely new challenge.

This booklet gives details of our 'Day Trip' Project Week activities that supplement the week-long 'Big Trips' and residential that were published early November. We have attempted to offer a wide variety of activities to suit all interests and budgets, acknowledging the current economic climate. We hope all students can find something that inspires and engages them. We are releasing information as early as possible in an attempt to allow time to save and to pay in instalments where required for more expensive trips and visits. Students currently in receipt of Free School Meals will be eligible for a bursary (up to £130). The bursary supports the cost of Project Week trips from The King's School Pupil Premium funds. Parents/carers should contact the Finance Office with any queries surrounding Pupil Premium payments. **Whilst every effort has been made to give an accurate price guide, please be aware that prices can change, dependent on final participant numbers and transport costs.**

PROJECT WEEK ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE WITHIN TERM TIME AND NORMAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RULES APPLY

Please read this booklet carefully before making your child's choices. Please ensure that you complete **3** choices with your child, ranked in order of priority, on the Edulink form which will be sent in conjunction with this brochure. **If you do not complete 3 different options, this may result in the form not being processed.**

Once the selection process is complete, letters will be sent out via Edulink confirming the day trip allocation for each student and advising of the payment requirements and schedule. **Please note that a deposit payment will be required to secure your child's place on their allocated activity block and Friday activity.**

The payment schedule is listed below:

DEPOSIT - FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

1ST INSTALMENT - FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

2ND / FINAL INSTALMENT - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

**Forms should be completed and submitted on Edulink by:
9am on Friday 9th January 2026**

Please note that once a project choice has been confirmed and a deposit paid, then this will be your child's allocated choice; late changes can affect project costings and changes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances or where a clear replacement is available.

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DAY TRIPS OFFERED FOR 2026

BLOCK	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES	MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED TO RUN TRIP	APPROX. COST
SPORTS MIX	24	18	£80
DANCE & GLOW	12	10	£80
ADRENALINE A	36	30	£190
ADRENALINE B	36	30	£205
ALL OUT ACTION	36	30	£225
OUT & ABOUT A	36	30	£135
OUT & ABOUT B	30	24	£124
FASHION WEEK	12	10	£55
SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES	0	0	£15*

* This activity is school-based but does not form part of the statutory curriculum. If you wish your son/daughter to take part in this opportunity a stated voluntary contribution is requested to cover costs incurred in providing this project.

Please note that a trip can only run if the minimum number of students is met.

Ballots will be drawn where a trip is oversubscribed.

PLACES ON A TRIP ARE **ONLY** SECURED BY A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF **£50 OR 10% OF THE TRIP TOTAL**, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

THE DEPOSIT IS DUE ONCE YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A PLACE ON A TRIP.

Please return your choices via Edulink by 9am, Friday 9th January 2026.

Please note that choices are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Applications received after the deadline will only be accepted if a trip still has space available.

DAY 5 - FRIDAY OPTIONS

SPLASHDOWN QUAYWEST - £35

Make a splash at the UK's biggest outdoor water park. With water heated to near Mediterranean temperatures flumes and pools can be enjoyed whatever the weather!



WOODLANDS THEME PARK - £31

Spend a fun-filled day at the largest theme park in Devon, enjoying a range of rides, slides and play areas including water rides, a zoo farm and much more!

PLYMOUTH SKI CENTRE - £55

Hit the slopes at Plymouth Ski Centre! Instructors will be on hand to help teach skiing and snowboarding as well as tubing and the exhilarating Cresta Run, a 650m toboggan ride.



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SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES - £FREE

Stay local and enjoy a carousel of fun, free activities in and around the school site!

SPORTS MIX



FOUR DAYS OF SPORT & ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

EXETER CITY FOOTBALL ROADSHOW:

A day of coaching and games with Exeter City FC Community Coaches.

GLOW SPORTS:

Led by Sporty Stars, enjoy a range of glow sports, archery tag, goggle football and 'zorb' mayhem!

EXETER CHIEFS RUGBY CLUB:

Train like a Chief in a day of coaching and games with Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club's Community Chiefs.

CRICKET & FUN SPLASH:

Spend some time honing your cricket skills and playing cricket related games with Mr Coult before heading to Sidmouth Swimming Pool to cool off at the 'Fun Splash'.

COST: £80

DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A 'FRIDAY' OPTION TOO!

Please see the 'Day 5 - Friday Options' page for more information.

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DANCE & GLOW



FOUR DAYS OF DANCE & FITNESS TO INCLUDE:

JW DANCE - DANCE DAY:

Spend the day at the JW Dance Studio in Ottery St Mary learning a variety of dance styles with Mrs Wilson, Head of School.

GLOW SPORTS:

Led by Sporty Stars, enjoy a range of glow sports, archery tag, goggle football and 'zorb' mayhem!

JW DANCE - ACRO DAY:

Try your hand at acro with JW Dance at the Studio.

TRAMPOLINING & FUN SPLASH:

Bounce into Thursday with Mrs Kiely on the trampolines before heading to Sidmouth Swimming Pool to cool off at the 'Fun Splash'.

COST: £80

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Please see the 'Day 5 - Friday Options' page for more information.

ADRENALINE A



FOUR DAYS OF HIGH ENERGY ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

REACH OUTDOORS - COASTEERING:

Explore deep sea caves, scramble over rocks and take a plunge at Anstey's Cove.

**** Please note students will leave school at an earlier time of 8am on this day ****

CLIP 'N CLIMB:

Challenge yourself at the ultimate vertical playground on an action-packed climbing adventure.

SURF SAUNTON - SURFING:

Head to the beach at Saunton Sands in North Devon for a surf lesson to suit all abilities. All equipment will be provided by Surf Saunton.

**** Please note students will leave school at an earlier time of 8am on this day ****

GO APE & MOUNTAIN BIKING:

Spend the day at Haldon Forest enjoying the Go Ape Tree Top Adventure as well as mountain biking with experienced instructors across the trails.

COST: £190

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ADRENALINE B



FOUR DAYS OF HIGH ENERGY ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

RED ROCK OUTDOOR WATERSPORTS:

Try your hand at a variety of land and water-based activities on Exmouth beach to include archery tag, kayaking, raft-building and the Mega SUP!

RACEWORLD INDOOR KARTING:

Get ready to race in a Super Prix at Raceworld Indoor Karting.

**** Please note drivers must be over the age of 12 years and 1.55m tall to participate ****

VIVARY PARK ADVENTURE CENTRE - HIGH ROPES:

Move from tree to tree using zip wires, bridges, platforms and more on an adrenaline pumping high ropes course.

EXE WAKE WATERSPORTS:

Spend an exhilarating day at Exe Wake Watersports in Exmouth where you will experience the thrill of knee boarding and speed boat rides up the Exe.

**** Please note students will return to school at a later time of 5pm on this day ****

COST: £205

DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A 'FRIDAY' OPTION TOO!

Please see the 'Day 5 - Friday Options' page for more information.

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ALL OUT ACTION



FOUR DAYS OF HIGH ENERGY ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

NORTH DEVON WAKE PARK:

Learn how to kneeboard and SUP and have fun on the ringo rides before taking on the new inflatable Aquapark.

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NINJA WARRIOR UK ADVENTURE PARK - BRISTOL:

Test your Ninja skills whilst climbing, balancing and swinging across obstacles or bouncing on the inflatables at Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park in Bristol, inspired by ITV's hit tv show. Will you conquer the famous Warped Wall?

COST: £225

DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A 'FRIDAY' OPTION TOO!

Please see the 'Day 5 - Friday Options' page for more information.

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OUT & ABOUT A



FOUR DAYS OF TRIPS AND VISITS TO INCLUDE:

DARTMOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE:

Spend the day on Haytor learning bushcraft skills, taking part in team challenges and conducting your own search and rescue exercise.

PAIGNTON ZOO:

Visit over 2,000 animals and countless amazing plants across 80 acres of beautiful grounds at Paignton Zoo.

CREALY ADVENTURE PARK:

Enjoy an unforgettable day out at Crealy Adventure Park with over 60 rides and attractions, spectacular entertainment, live shows and animals galore.

WAKE THE TIGER - BRISTOL:

Based in Bristol, Wake The Tiger is the UK's largest immersive art experience and the world's first Amazement Park; a hyper-reality, self-guided voyage of discovery through kaleidoscopic realms of the imagination.

COST: £135

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OUT & ABOUT B



FOUR DAYS OF TRIPS AND VISITS TO INCLUDE:

PENNYWELL FARM:

Enjoy a fun-filled day out at award-winning Pennywell Farm. Cuddle the world-famous miniature pigs, take part in bottle-feeding, watch live shows and tractor rides.

BEACH LIFESAVING & LED BOWLING:

Spend the morning on Exmouth beach learning about beach lifesaving, sea swimming and playing beach games.

Head to Ocean at Exmouth for 2 games of ten-pin bowling after lunch.

CREALY ADVENTURE PARK:

Enjoy an unforgettable day out at Crealy Adventure Park with over 60 rides and attractions, spectacular entertainment, live shows and animals galore.

FOREST SCHOOL & TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES:

Spend the morning taking part in fun, team building games before immersing yourself in nature in the school grounds. Learn how to cook on a camp fire and make woodland crafts.

COST: £124

DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A 'FRIDAY' OPTION TOO!

Please see the 'Day 5 - Friday Options' page for more information.

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FASHION WEEK



FOUR DAYS OF TRIPS & ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

KILLERTON HOUSE - FASHION EXHIBITION:

Visit Killerton House, home to the National Trust's biggest fashion collection with more than 20,000 items of historic clothing and accessories.

FABULOUS FASHION WORKSHOP - 2 DAYS:

Join Mrs Amato for two days of transforming and upcycling fabric and clothing garments into fashion statements. Working on the sewing machines, we will create fashion pieces and accessories fit for any catwalk!

WAKE THE TIGER - BRISTOL:

Based in Bristol, Wake The Tiger is the UK's largest immersive art experience and the world's first Amusement Park; a hyper-reality, self-guided voyage of discovery through kaleidoscopic realms of the imagination.

COST: £55

DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A 'FRIDAY' OPTION TOO!

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SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES



FOUR DAYS OF ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

TABLETOP GAMES & JEWELLERY MAKING:

Play a range of board, card and strategy games. Unleash your creative side with some art and jewellery making.

TREASURE HUNT & ESCAPE ROOM:

Tackle our tricky treasure hunt around the school site and take part in an Escape Room - will you be able to escape in time? There will be prizes!

STRATEGY & ICT GAMES:

Spend the day in our ICT suites and play some computer-based strategy games.

MOVIE DAY:

Enjoy a day of watching films. Popcorn and drinks provided.

**** This activity is school-based but does not form part of the statutory curriculum. If you wish for your student to take part in this opportunity a stated voluntary contribution is requested to cover costs incurred in providing this project.***

COST: £15*

DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A 'FRIDAY' OPTION TOO!

Please see the 'Day 5 - Friday Options' page for more information.

HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR DAY TRIP

1. **DECEMBER 2025**: MAKE YOUR 'DAY TRIP' SELECTIONS VIA EDULINK FORM

Students must choose 3 DIFFERENT trips - ranked first, second and third choices.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNS: 9AM, FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026



2. **MID-JANUARY 2026**: ALLOCATION LETTERS SENT HOME VIA EDULINK

Places on a trip are only secured by a non-refundable deposit of £50 or 10% of the trip total, whichever is greater.

DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT PAYMENT: FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026



3. **FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 1 DUE



4. **FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 2 (FINAL) DUE



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Project Week?

It is a week when the normal timetable is suspended and students and staff embark on a variety of enrichment activities which we would ordinarily not be able to do. The aims of the week are to broaden horizons and experiences.

- Year 12 are engaged in fieldwork or work experience
- Year 10 are involved in work experience
- Years 7, 8 and 9 are engaged in Project Week

At the same time the school plays host to Year 6 students from our partner primary schools who visit as part of their induction week.

Why does the school charge for Project Week?

In previous years, the cost of Project Week has been over £175,000. This is equal to approximately 40% of the school's budget for buying books, text books and equipment for a whole year. We could not possibly cover the cost of Project Week without adversely affecting other aspects of the curriculum. However, the week is valued by students, staff, the Board of Trustees and parents and has an impact on students' learning and attitudes. In order to facilitate a broad and balanced offer for some activities we do need to request a voluntary contribution to cover costs incurred.

Why might some costings be an 'approximate' charge?

Costings are based on several factors - principally, quotes given to the school and previous years' experience. There are three main reasons why the final cost may change:

1. The external provider may change the cost of an activity (some providers have not been able to give us definitive 2026 prices yet)
2. The number of students on an activity may change. For example, coach hire has a fixed cost irrespective of number of students. Each extra student on a coach brings the cost per student down
3. Sometimes activity centres lower the cost per student if we bring more students

Why have some prices increased so much?

Provider quotes received for 2026 have risen due to higher provider operating costs and an increased demand for UK based residential activities.

In the event of a project being oversubscribed, how are students allocated to a project?

Ballots will be drawn when a project is oversubscribed, **however priority will be given to Year 9 students** as this is their last year on Project Week. We will do our utmost to enable students to receive one of their three choices.

In the event of cancellation, will we be refunded?

We would like to be in a position to say yes. We may be able to issue a refund once Project Week is complete and all trip costs are accounted for. We will return all funds less those unrecoverable by the school (i.e.: where providers are unable to return monies already paid). **However in the event of an external agency demanding compensation for cancellation, we will not be able to do this. In general, deposits are non-refundable.**

In the event of a student being removed from a project due to behavioural reasons, will we be refunded?

Any refund will be based on the school being able to recover any payments made to providers. Where providers are unable to return monies already paid, a refund will not be issued. **Any deposit paid is non-refundable.**

In the event of a student being unable to attend a project due to medical reasons, will we be refunded?

We may be in a position to issue a refund once Project Week is complete and all trip costs are accounted for. We will return all funds less those unrecoverable by the school (i.e. where providers are unable to return monies already paid). **Any deposit paid is non-refundable.**

FAQs CONTINUED...

Can students receive financial support for projects?

Students currently in receipt of Free School Meals will be eligible for a bursary (up to £130) to support the cost of Project Week trips from The King's School Pupil Premium funds. **Any cost over £130 must be met by parents/carers.** You will still be required to pay the required **non-refundable deposit** to show commitment and hold a place on the trip and then the balance of the trip – less the bursary – will be payable by instalments in the usual way. Each instalment does not need to be paid all in one go – it is possible to make smaller regular payments if you wish, as long as each instalment amount is paid by the deadline date. By clicking on the *i* next to the trip name on ScoPay, you'll be able to see instalment deadline dates as well as the total you have paid so far and what remains outstanding. Parents/carers should contact the Finance Office with any queries surrounding pupil premium payments. The King's School Foundation and Jubilee Trust (F&J) each year receives a number of requests for part-funding of projects. The F&J have in the past supported a small amount of the cost of an individual's project in cases of financial hardship. **Applications should be made in writing to the Headteacher.**

Can my child swap projects after having selected a project?

It may be possible to do this early on, but becomes increasingly difficult as time progresses. We will do everything we can to ensure that your child has a positive and enjoyable experience, however, once a project choice has been confirmed and a deposit paid, then this will be a student's allocated choice. **Late changes can affect project costings and changes will only be considered in exceptional circumstances or where a clear replacement is available.**

Where can I get more information about a specific project?

Confirmation letters will be communicated via Edulink once all replies from students have been collated and places are allocated. **Parents are also free to contact Mrs Lewis (Project Week Lead) with any queries.**

Student conduct

Students are expected to sign a code of conduct regarding expectations and responsibilities. This is to help ensure the safety of themselves, the party and members of the public. Any student who endangers themselves, the party or members of the public may be ejected from the project. In exceptional cases a parent may be requested to collect their child from a centre. **Please be aware that, if your child commits a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the school's behaviour policy during the remainder of the academic year, they may not be allowed to attend any off-site activities during Project Week. The decision not to allow your child to attend an off-site activity, including an in-country or overseas residential, is at the discretion of the Headteacher. In this circumstance, your child will be re-allocated to an activity taking place on the school site or the local area.**

What precautions are taken to maximise the safety of students and staff?

Safety is of paramount importance. Activities undergo a rigorous risk assessment procedure, which is checked by the school's educational visits co-coordinator and follows a code set out by Devon County Council, which reflects national government guidance. We ensure that tutors for adventure activities are accredited and insured and have passed child protection checks. Where possible adventure activities are held at centres certified by The Adventure Activities Licensing Authority or with accredited tutors.

Can we take our child on holiday during this week?

We see Project Week as a critical part of our young people's education, broadening experiences and building positive new relationships. It counts as school term time and as a consequence parents are requested not to take their sons/daughters on holiday during this week. **Holiday requests during this week will be unauthorised and could result in parents being fined.**

FAQs CONTINUED...

What happens next?

Your child's form must be completed and submitted on Edulink by the deadline of **9am on Friday 9th January 2026**. We will then ascertain which projects have sufficient numbers and are viable to run. It is possible that some projects may not run due to insufficient applications, making them prohibitively more expensive than advertised. It is possible that some students may need to re-apply once confirmed projects are determined. You will be advised which project your child has been allocated and the final cost of the projects by the end of January 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: the criteria for selection for these trips may vary, therefore parents will need to read the information carefully in order to avoid any misunderstanding. Whilst we acknowledge that it may be upsetting for students if they do not get a place on their preferred trip, due to oversubscription, this is sometimes unavoidable.

We ask that you support the school by preparing your child for this potential outcome.

If you are not successful in securing your preferred choice for Project Week, please only contact the school if you wish to be added to a waiting list. Be assured that the allocation of students to projects is equitable for all students and there is no process for appealing.



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ENQUIRIES

If you have any enquiries relating to Project Week please check the school website and/or Edulink 'Noticeboard' in the first instance.

If you still require assistance please contact Mrs Lewis, Project Week Lead via email on llewis@thekings.devon.sch.uk or 01404 812982.

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