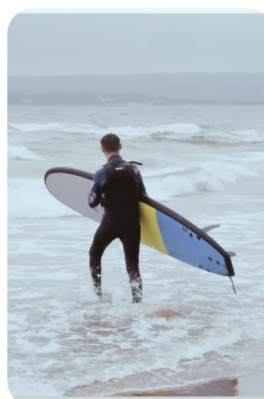


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Project Week 2026

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July

BIG 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 away from timetabled lessons gives students and staff the chance to work and learn outside 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 week-long 'Big' Project Week trips that supplement the day trips and residential that will be published early December. 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. This may include a mixture of 'Big Trips' and 'would like to wait for the Day Trips' option. **If you do not complete 3 different option choices, this may result in the form not being processed.**

Once the selection process is complete, letters will be sent out via Edulink confirming the 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 trip.**

The payment schedule is listed below:

DEPOSIT - WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025

1ST INSTALMENT - FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

2ND INSTALMENT - FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

3RD / FINAL INSTALMENT - FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

**Forms should be completed and submitted on Edulink by:
10pm on Friday 14th November 2025**

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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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON EDULINK INDICATING YOUR CHILD'S CHOICE OF BIG (WEEK-LONG) TRIP OR 'WAITING FOR THE DAY TRIPS' OPTION.

A RESPONSE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS.

There will be other lower cost, daily trips launched in early December.

TRIP	APPROX. COST	NUMBER OF PLACES
HORSE RIDING	£390	14
CORNWALL SURFING	£538	45
ARVON WRITING RETREAT	£412	16
LONDON THEATRE	£680	50
CUMULUS OUTDOORS	£457	45
SCALEXTRIC	£70	12
HAVEN BANKS	£199	48
ANIMAL ANTICS	£112	45
EXETER CITY FOOTBALL FRENZY	£125	30
CREATE @ KING'S	£26	15
PARIS TRIP	£895	40
YEAR 6 LIAISON	£FREE	12

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 10pm, Friday 14th November 2025

Please note that choices are NOT allocated on a first come, first served basis. Applications received after 10pm, Friday 14th November will only be accepted if a trip still has space available.

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HORSE RIDING



Spend five 'horsey' days at Budleigh Riding School taking part in a riding lesson and hack each day, plus a picnic ride over Woodbury Common and final Show Day. Learn about stable management, horse care and show preparation. All abilities are welcomed - even those new to riding. Students **do not** need their own hat / body protector as these can be provided by the riding school.

£390

A week of surfing, stand-up paddleboarding and coasteering on Crantock beach with The Big Green Surf School. Staying in tented accommodation, students will take part in daily surf and SUP lessons as well as coasteering, beach games and conservation work. All abilities are welcomed - even those new to surfing. The cost covers surf tuition, accommodation and full board.

£538

CORNWALL SURFING



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ARVON WRITING RETREAT



Release your imaginative potential on this 5-day residential creative writing retreat in Totleigh Barton, West Devon. Arvon is a place for contemplation, challenge and going beyond what you thought you were capable of achieving. The recently renovated barn offers a comfortable stay in an idyllic area. Price includes all workshops, food and accommodation.

£412

From the magic of West End shows to the sights of London! Spend 4 theatrical days in London and a creative day back in school enjoying 3 shows and a workshop led by industry professionals, a tour of The Royal Opera House plus a visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum. All this and a chance to visit Covent Garden, Westfields, the South Bank and more! Price includes all travel, food, tickets and accommodation.

LONDON THEATRE



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THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY-MUSICAL

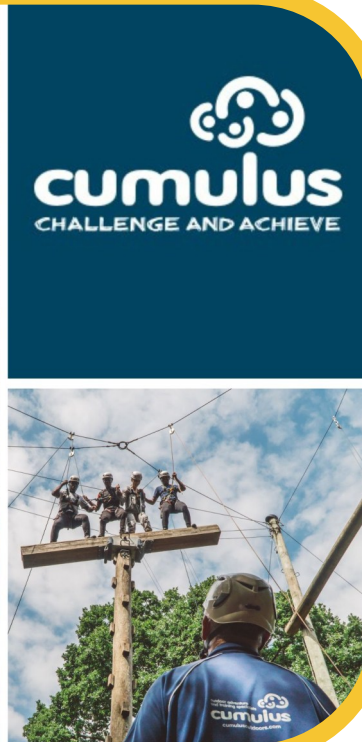


£680

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CUMULUS
OUTDOORS



Experience the true spirit of adventure on the stunning Jurassic coast in Dorset. A 4-night stay in a tented village where you will take part in a wide range of activities across the 5 days. Activities include: coasteering*, high ropes, archery, target shooting, mud trail, beach games and the legendary inflatable waterpark at Dorset Adventure. Price includes transport, food and accommodation.

£457

* Students must be able to swim 10m unaided and 50m with a buoyancy aid to attend this residential.

Spend an exciting week in school racing Scalextric cars on a variety of both small and gigantic racetracks, taking part in time trials to find the best drivers! As well as this, we will make at least two Airfix type models which you will get to take home. There will also be racing games on the PlayStation and Lego vehicles to construct too. It really is an awesome week and is a lot of fun!

£70

SCALEXTRIC



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HAVEN BANKS



Spend 5 action-packed days at Haven Banks outdoor education centre where you will experience a whole variety of activities which may include climbing, abseiling, indoor caving, bell boating, canoeing, sailing, raft building, windsurfing, dragon boating, kayaking and the 'Leap of Faith'. Students will be transported by coach each day, returning in time for 3.30pm.

£199

A week of activities for animal lovers! From the largest zoo and marine animals to the tiniest of insects, students will get the chance to watch, learn and where possible handle and feed them! We will visit Wildwood at Escot Park, Paignton Zoo, The National Marine Aquarium, and Longleat Safari Park (early departure & late return). On the Friday we will spend the day at Crealy.

£112

ANIMAL ANTICS



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EXETER CITY FC FOOTBALL FRENZY



Are you football crazy? If so, the Exeter City Football Frenzy week is for you! Coaches from the Community Trust will come to King's from Monday to Thursday and run action-packed sessions aimed at developing and improving fundamental football skills. On Friday, students will play a tournament on a 3G pitch in Exeter before heading to St James' Park for lunch, stadium tour and awards.

£125*

* price includes an Exeter City gift at the end of the week within the presentation of medals and awards.

Create @ King's is a new 5-day craft programme for students who enjoy arts and crafts in a calm and focused environment. Activities will include a variety of paper and card crafts such as stationery making and papier-mâché, fabric-based projects like printing and needle felting as well as jewellery making, decoupage jars and glass art. It's the perfect week for getting creative!

£26

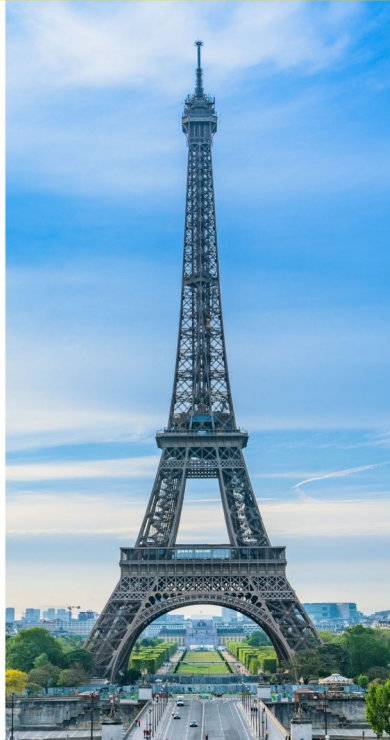
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PARIS TRIP



Experience the magic of Disneyland Paris, test your nerves on the thrill rides at Parc Asterix and explore the beautiful sights of Paris, including a boat cruise down the Seine, the iconic Eiffel Tower and stunning Notre Dame Cathedral. Spend 4 nights immersed in French culture, staying in a hotel close to Disneyland Paris. Price includes all travel, food, tickets and accommodation.

£895

This Project is absolutely vital in supporting new Year 6 students who are joining us on their Induction Week. The week will involve you building up a relationship with a specific teaching group and working with them in their classes. Students who opt for this Project need to get on well with others, be caring, have potential leadership skills and be excellent role models.

£FREE

YEAR 6 LIAISON



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HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR BIG TRIP

1. **EARLY NOVEMBER 2025**: MAKE YOUR 'BIG TRIP' SELECTIONS VIA EDULINK FORM

Students should choose up to 3 trips - ranked as their first, second and third choices.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNS: FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

Please complete the Edulink form indicating whether your child wishes to opt for one of the 'Big Trips' or wait until the 'Day Trip' programme (published early December 2025) is released.



2. **LATE NOVEMBER 2025**: BIG TRIP 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: WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025



3. **30TH JANUARY 2026**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 1 DUE



4. **27TH FEBRUARY 2026**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 2 DUE



5. **27TH MARCH 2026**: PAYMENT INSTALMENT 3 (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 (ie: 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-returnable.**

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-returnable.**

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-returnable.**

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 Head Teacher. 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 **14th November 2025**. 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 November 2025.

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.

A BROCHURE OF ADDITIONAL 'DAY' TRIP ACTIVITIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN EARLY DECEMBER 2025.

Examples of previous 'day' trip activities can be viewed in the [Project Week 2025 Day Trips](#) brochure posted on the school website and the Edulink 'Noticeboard'.

This shows the types of activities that have been on offer previously, however please note some of these activities may change for Project Week 2025.



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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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