



# THE KING'S SCHOOL

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June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **Project Week 2026**

### **ANIMAL ANTICS: MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

Your child is due to take part in Animal Antics during Project Week 2026.

Please see below details of the five days, including equipment required and forms that need to be returned. Each day students should bring a **packed lunch and enough fluids to last the day** (this will be provided for any student entitled to free school meals).

#### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July – World of Country Life, Exmouth**

We will be travelling to World of Country Life in Exmouth by coach and will depart at **9am prompt**. The group will return by 3.20pm to travel home via their usual mode of transport.

Students will take part in the following activities:

- Deer Train
- Bottle feeding
- Goat walking
- Animal handling
- Birds of prey display
- Total Wipeout ferret racing

Students should wear / bring the following:

- ✓ Suitable, comfortable clothing for the weather conditions on the day
- ✓ Sturdy shoes/trainers should be worn as there will be lots of walking (**no open-toe shoes, sandals, or flip-flops please**)
- ✓ Sun cream and hat or waterproof coat if wet (waterproof trousers – optional)
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Any medication that is or may be required for any current illnesses/allergies, e.g. antihistamine/inhalers for students with allergies/asthma

There will be an opportunity for children to buy animal feed/additional refreshments/souvenirs if they wish, so a small amount of spending money may be brought. There is a cafe on site should students wish to purchase additional refreshments, but queues can be lengthy, so we would prefer students to bring their own food and drink.

**\*\* Parents are advised to check their child for ticks upon return as some activities will involve walking in and around areas of long grass \*\***

#### **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July – Paignton Zoo**

We will be travelling to Paignton Zoo by coach and will depart at **9am prompt**. The group will return by 3.20pm to travel home via their usual mode of transport.

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## **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July – National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth**

We will be travelling to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth by coach and will depart at **9am prompt**. The group will return by 3.20pm to travel home via their usual mode of transport.

Students will have an interactive tour of the aquarium led by an aquarium guide before lunch. In the afternoon, students will be free to explore in small groups.

Students should wear / bring the following:

- ✓ Suitable, comfortable clothing for the weather conditions on the day
- ✓ Sturdy, comfortable shoes/trainers should be worn as there will be lots of walking (**no open-toe shoes, sandals, or flip-flops please**)
- ✓ Sun cream and hat or waterproof coat if wet (waterproof trousers – optional)
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## **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July – Longleat Safari Park**

**We will be travelling to Longleat by coach and will depart at 8am prompt to allow for the extended journey time. Please arrive in school for 7.45am.**

**There will also be a late return for this activity. Students will return to school at approximately 5.30pm. Parents must make arrangements for collection or transport home.**

Upon arrival, our coach will enter the safari. After, we will split into groups (supervised by staff) to explore Longleat.

Students should wear / bring the following:

- ✓ Suitable, comfortable clothing for the weather conditions on the day



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- ✓ Sun cream and hat as well as waterproof coat (waterproof trousers – optional)
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Any medication that is or may be required for any current illnesses/allergies, e.g. antihistamine/inhalers for students with allergies/asthma

## **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July – Crealy Adventure Park**

We will be travelling to Crealy by coach from The King's School and will depart at **9am prompt**. The group will return by 3.20pm to travel home via their usual mode of transport.

### Students should wear / bring the following:

- ✓ Suitable, comfortable clothing for the weather conditions on the day. Long-sleeved tops and trousers are recommended for slides to avoid friction burns
- ✓ Sturdy shoes/trainers should be worn (**no open-toe shoes, sandals, or flip-flops please**)
- ✓ Sun cream and hat or waterproof coat if wet (waterproof trousers – optional)
- ✓ Towel and change of clothing (and a carrier bag for wet clothes from the water rides/splash zone)
- ✓ Refillable water bottle
- ✓ Any medication that is or may be required for any current illnesses/allergies, e.g. antihistamine/inhalers for students with allergies/asthma

**Students with Crealy Annual Passes must present them at the turnstiles upon entry. Students who forget their Annual Pass will be charged on the day.**

**Please note that there is a minimum height restriction of 1m 20cm for some rides.**

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**Your child will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct in school before Project Week and a copy is attached for your information.**

***Please be aware that, if your child commits a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the school's behaviour policy during Project Week they may be removed from their designated activity and a refund will not be issued.***

*The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones / iPods / cameras should they be lost or stolen.*

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ ALL THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND HAVE RETURNED THE PARENTAL CONSENT FORM VIA EDULINK BY 3.30PM ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026.**



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If you would like further information or have any concerns about this trip, please contact either myself or Dr Kirby (Animal Antics Trip Lead) directly via email or by telephone on 01404 812982.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Lisa Lewis**

Project Week Lead