



THE KING'S SCHOOL

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Founded 1545 Headteacher: Mr Rob Gammon BSc Hons PGCE NPQH

June 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Project Week 2026

ARVON ADVENTURES WRITING RETREAT: MONDAY 6TH – FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

Your child is due to take part in the Arvon Adventures five-day residential at Totleigh Barton during Project Week 2026. Please see: <https://www.arvon.org/centres/totleigh-barton/>.

Students should bring a **packed lunch on Monday only**. All other meals will be provided; however, students may bring small amounts of snacks or sweets to eat during the week.

Monday 6th July: 8.50am meet at King's in EN5 - writing games and joy!

Shared lunch (bring your own). Depart King's @ 12.30pm.

Arrival and Introductory Workshop - 2pm.

MONDAY

Afternoon	2.00pm and 3.30pm Welcome drinks and cake in the living room for students Briefing meeting for all A run through of how the house is run and domestic arrangements.
5.00 -6.30pm	First workshop
6.30pm	Dinner (cooked by Writing House staff) After dinner the tutors will outline the week ahead and run a small writing exercise or word game.

TUESDAY

9am	Group workshop led by the tutors
12.30pm	Lunch (provided by Writing House staff)
Afternoon	1-1 tutorials and free writing time
4pm – 6.30pm	Cooking team report to the kitchen
6.30pm	Dinner (cooked by the group in teams)
7.45pm	Tutor readings: the tutors read from their work, talk about their writing lives and answer questions

WEDNESDAY

Morning/afternoon	Same schedule Tuesday-Thursday
Evening	Guest reading: a third writer gives a reading from their work, and answers the students' questions

THURSDAY

Morning/afternoon	Same schedule Tuesday-Thursday
Evening	Final readings: All of the students and accompanying staff gather to share from and celebrate the work they've produced during the week

FRIDAY

9.30am	Final Workshop and evaluation.
12.30	Lunch (Can also depart with a packed lunch if preferred)
2pm	Departure



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The trip will return to school by 3.20pm on Friday 10th July for students to travel home via their usual mode of transport.

Students should bring:

- Comfortable clothes (including trainers)
- All medications and toiletries
- Writing materials (books & pens or laptops with chargers*)
- Card / board games for entertainment
- Books to read and relax with
- Phones and chargers* (although signal is very limited). Students will be able to call home from the landline if they need to.

*(*All equipment should be insured and students are responsible for looking after their technology. The school takes no responsibility should they be lost or stolen)*

Bedding and towels will be provided.

Phone/internet:

There is very limited phone signal, internet, and Wi-Fi onsite. You can contact us in an emergency via email on abennett@thekings.devon.sch.uk or the centre landline 01409 231338 (during office hours 9am-5pm).

Medicines:

Please ensure students bring all medication with them and that we are aware of any recent changes to medical needs.

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.

If you would like further information or have any concerns about this trip, please contact either myself or Ms Bennett (Arvon Adventures Trip Lead) directly via email or by telephone on 01404 812982.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lisa Lewis

Project Week Lead