



Headteacher: Mrs V Smith

7th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 6 Residential (current Y4) to Le Chateau d'Ebblinghem, St Omer, France
Tuesday – Friday 22nd - 25th September 2026

We are always striving to enhance and extend the pupils' learning experiences and we are delighted to have been able to arrange a residential visit to France to further engage children in French culture and provide them with the opportunity to speak French.

The cost of residential visits have increased, however, we believe they further develop resilience, independence and teamwork skills which are vital for life. We work tirelessly to reduce the cost but to ensure an equally rewarding trip. We feel that the cost of the 4 night/5 days trip at £693 is too expensive within the current financial climate, hence after careful consideration we have made the decision to offer a 3 night/4 days trip to Chateau d'Ebblinghem as we value the experience it offers for a reasonable cost.

We have provisionally booked the week from 22nd September – 25th September 2026 inclusive at a cost in the region of £499 (dependent on confirmed numbers), which includes coach travel, insurance, activities, excursions & full board accommodation.

We will be staying at NST Chateau d'Ebblinghem, 37 miles from Calais on the Opal Coast. Children will have a continental breakfast in the morning, baguettes with choice of fillings at lunchtime and a hot dinner in the evenings. They will take part in a range of activities, including buying food for lunch in a French market, visiting a boulangerie and Nausicaa Sealife Centre, as well as on site activities: campfire, mini Olympics, crepe making and a disco! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to flourish in new surroundings with new challenges, extending them socially, physically and mentally.

In order to confirm our provisional booking, an initial non-refundable deposit of £80 (online payment, cash or cheque payable to "Southway Junior School") is required by Monday 31st March. Please complete and return the tear-off slip below. Please note that this will be a monthly financial commitment until 31st March 2026. If you would like more information about the trip before confirming your place please contact the school office. We appreciate that some families might find it particularly difficult to contribute all or part of the suggested sum and if you feel that you are in such a position, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher, in confidence to discuss whether some suitable arrangements can be made to cover the cost.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to go on the visit, any monies paid - deposit or instalments - will not be refundable from NST. The school will do its best to refund instalments if someone else can be found to take up the vacant place. Unfortunately, **this cannot be guaranteed** and failure to go, for any reason, may result in a loss of money.

Yours sincerely

Miss G Bailey
Assistant Head & Group Leader

FRANCE – September 2025

Please return this slip to the school office via your class teacher by Monday 31st March 2025

I would like to reserve a place for my child in
Class to travel with NST on a visit to France from Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th September 2026.

- I confirm that I am willing to pay in the region of £499. I authorise the Headteacher to act as an agent between myself and NST.
- I enclose the £80 (non-refundable) deposit required to secure this booking.
- I have made an online payment for the (non-refundable) deposit of £80 to secure this booking.
- I am unable to contribute and will be contacting the Headteacher

Signed.....(Parent/Carer)

Date

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