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Dear Parents and Carers

We are planning our residential trip for Year 3, which will involve us taking the children to Castle Howard for a one-night stay with The Bushcraft Company. The itinerary is yet to be finalised but we are planning to take part in a variety of activities including: camouflage and concealment, fire lighting, shelter building and campfire songs. Situated in the heart of the woodlands at Castle Howard, each camp comprises of a large yurt and a cosy campfire for mealtimes and talks, its own field kitchen and safari-style bell tents to sleep in. We will be holding a virtual parent meeting with The Bushcraft Company via Teams on **Thursday 5th February at 4pm** to share more information about the visit and answer any questions you may have. Please find the link for the meeting below. If you are unable to join the meeting, it will be recorded so can be sent out after the meeting along with the parent handout. You can get in touch with us if you have any individual questions. We have run this trip several times now and everyone has had a fabulous time.

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/37940123136053?p=IPt2go8Mk3YiblJCqR>

Meeting ID: 379 401 231 360 53

Passcode: bo6aY9hH

Dates for the trip are Monday 18th May to Tuesday 19th May 2026.

Please complete the form below to let us know if your child is attending the trip or not, and pay a **non-refundable deposit of £30** via ParentPay by **10th March 2026**. The full cost of the visit cannot be confirmed at this stage as the number of children attending will affect the price. The cost will be between £130 and £170 per pupil. Pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding will receive a 50% discount.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher with any questions in regard to the above.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Devine

Bushcraft 2026

Child's name Class.....

- My child will **not** attend the Bushcraft residential
- I would like my child to attend the Bushcraft residential and I will pay a non-refundable deposit of £30 on ParentPay

Please tick as appropriate.

Parent/Carer name..... Signed.....

