



18th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Residential – Laches Wood 2027

Date	Tuesday 9 th March – Friday 12 th March 2027
Venue	Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre, Staffordshire
Residentials at James Bateman	As you may be aware, we at James Bateman have always offered a full and varied programme of residential visits, giving pupils the opportunity to visit Outdoor Education Centres, a UK city and often an overseas trip during the time that they are with us. We were lucky enough to take Year 5 on a brilliant few days to Laches Wood in March 2026, where they were able to try new things, work as teams and conquer their fears. We are pleased to say that we have booked a residential to Laches Wood for 2027 and we must start the organisation now in order to give parents optimum time to pay. All monies are fully secure and would be fully refunded in the event of the trip being cancelled.
About the Venue	The centre is situated in the south of the county and is run by Entrust on similar lines to their other centre at Standon Bowers. The children will be housed in premium heated dormitories. There are the usual bathroom, kitchen and classroom facilities, which are common to all Staffordshire Outdoor Education Centres, together with a large recreation area where all the children can spend their free time. The programme will cover a wide variety of sporting and environmental activities. The experience of attending the Outdoor Education Centre is invaluable to the development of pupils and has been praised by inspectors.
Website Link	Take a look at www.entrustoutdoors.co.uk to find out more.
Cost & Deposit	The cost of the trip is £249.90, which includes all transport on coaches fitted with seatbelts. A non- refundable deposit of £80 is due by Wednesday 30th September 2026. Please note that places will not be available after this date.

Payment Plan		
	Deposit due 30/09/2026	£80
	Further payment 30/10/2026	£45 (Total £125)
	Further payment 30/11/2026	£45 (Total £170)
	Further payment 29/01/2027	£45 (Total £215)
	Further payment 26/02/2027	£34.90 (Total £249.90)
	All payments are non-refundable once paid under terms and conditions of booking.	
	Payment plan must be adhered to and paid on time.	
Further Information	Further information regarding activities, equipment needed and medical forms will be given out nearer the time.	
Behaviour & Attendance Expectations	As I am sure you would expect pupils who do not meet our attendance targets or do not behave appropriately will not be allowed to attend. We would expect all pupils to have an excellent behaviour record and no refunds will be given if this cannot be met.	

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Fletcher
Year 5 Progress Leader