

15th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Residential: Frank Chapman Education Centre, Bewdley 2026/2027

We would like to invite your child to a 4-night / 5-day residential visit to Frank Chapman Outdoor Education Centre between **21st June – 25th June 2027**. This will be when your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 during the 2026/2027 academic year.

The 'Residential Experience' at Grace Mary Primary School

All residential programmes provide opportunities for developing resilience, confidence & independence, knowing how to keep physically and emotionally healthy, raising aspirations developing critical thinking & reasoning skills becoming more environmentally aware.

Why should your child attend a residential experience?

- **Personal Growth:** Residential trips help children develop independence, confidence, and resilience in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Teamwork & Social Skills:** Activities encourage collaboration, problem-solving, and building friendships beyond the classroom.
- **Educational Value:** The trip includes structured activities that complement the curriculum, offering hands-on learning experiences.
- **Fun & Adventure:** From outdoor challenges to evening entertainment, your child will enjoy a variety of exciting experiences.
- **Memories That Last a Lifetime:** These trips create positive, unforgettable moments that strengthen your child's sense of belonging and school spirit.



Residential experiences provide students with a range of benefits that extend beyond the classroom. These experiences are designed to foster social, emotional and academic growth and they offer unique opportunities for students to develop skills and build relationships. Residential can help students transition into secondary education, improve their interpersonal skills, and create lasting memories that can influence their future behaviour and learning outcomes.



Frank Chapman Outdoor Education Centre, Bewdley



Main building at Frank Chapman



Glamping PODS at Frank Chapman

The Frank Chapman Centre is set in 90 acres of beautiful ancient oak forest, creating an adventurous setting for exploring and learning in the outdoors. The centre was purpose-built to provide high quality residential visits and in recent years has seen investment in a climbing wall, high ropes and a fabulous glamping village.

Grace Mary will be staying the Glamping Pods during this planned residential (see picture above). Each POD holds 4 children with staff at either end of the block. There is a barn area in the centre (see picture above) where children can eat breakfast and lunch, and there is a toilet/shower block there also.



Detailed programmes are arranged by school and centre staff. Children are accompanied by school staff, and the activities are well supported by appropriately qualified and experienced centre staff.

Activities can include:

- High All Aboard
- Bushcraft
- Archery
- Geocaching
- Tree climb
- Orienteering
- Challenge Course
- Problem solving & team building
- Jacobs Ladder
- Crate Stack
- Mountain biking
- Climbing & abseil
- Trekking and expeditions



The course will include lots of fun, new learning experiences and the opportunity to develop personal/social skills and build on teamwork. It will greatly enhance your child's school education through an organised programme



Frank Chapman Residential in June 2027

We are sending letters out early to make parents aware and to give all parents the opportunity to have as long as possible to pay for this trip, as ideally, we would like as many children to attend as possible. We do have a minimum number of places we need to fill, and if this is not achieved, the residential will not go ahead.

This 4 night/5 day residential will be **£250.00 per child**. This works out to be just over £20 a month, spread over the next 12 months (April 2026 – April 2027), when full payment would be required.

If you are interested in your child attending, please complete register your interest and pay a £20 deposit on Parent Pay (under the payment item **Frank Chapman Residential Deposit June 2027**) Please ensure this is done as soon as possible, as we need to gauge numbers quickly.

If you would like any further information to help you make your decision, or would like to speak to Mrs Smith about costs, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sturme
Head Teacher

