



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

YEAR 4 STAR GAZING AND SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL

School residential trips are an exciting part of the curriculum here at Manor Court, but we also acknowledge the cost involved. Next year, we are taking our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils offsite for their residentials but have decided to have the Year 4 residential at school! We are excited to announce that we have booked the Crewkerne Astronomy Club on Friday 23rd January 2026. This date has been chosen especially as it is the night when astronomically there should be a good chance of observing a number of planets, star constellations and other features of the solar system. The Crewkerne Astronomy Club will be giving the children a talk about their club, and they will bring in some telescopes that the children will be able to use on the night.

On Friday 23rd January, the children will leave school as normal and then need to return at 6:00pm. They will need to wear warm clothes as they will be outside, including outdoor shoes or wellies, as they are likely to place the telescopes on the school field. They will also need footwear that they can wear inside school. They will need a water bottle, toothbrush and toothpaste, they can bring a change of clothes for Saturday, or it may be easier to wear the same clothes – and they will need to bring their pyjamas, a pillow and a sleeping bag – and don't forget a teddy!

The children will be given a small camping tea of hot dogs (there will be a vegetarian alternative), hot chocolate and there will be the opportunity to toast marshmallows.

After the stargazing session, the children will go into the school hall where there will be the opportunity to watch a film or to chill out before going to sleep.

The children will sleep in the Year 4 classrooms and the opposite classrooms: Badgers and Dragonflies. There will be rooms for boys and rooms for girls. The children will use the school gymnastic mats to sleep on and camping roll mats, which we will provide. The heating will be on!

We acknowledge not every child may want to stay the night. There will be two choices if your child wishes to join us for the evening:

1. They come just for the stargazing event and tea and must be collected at 9:00pm. They will be walked to the front gate to go home.
2. They come for the stargazing and sleep overnight in school. They will need to be collected in the morning, at 8:00am on Saturday 24th January 2026. They will be walked to the front gate to be collected. They will need to eat breakfast at home.

There will be a number of staff present for the evening and overnight, including Mr Talmage, Mr Clode and the Year 4 staff team.

To enable the evening to go ahead, we are asking for a **£7.50** payment to cover the cost of food and the running of the school outside of our normal hours. Parental permission and payment will need to be paid via your ParentPay account.

To aid your decision about the stargazing residential, we will be holding a meeting in Puffins class on **Friday 5th December 2026 at 3.30pm**. If you are unable to attend and have any questions, please speak to us at the end of the school day or pop a message in your child's reading record.

Further information will be sent out closer to the time of the trip regarding what they need to bring, medical care and tea food choices.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs James, Mrs Terry & Mr Staddon
Year 4 Class Teachers

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