



05 November 2025

Dear Families

Outdoor Learning Course – Thursday 06 November to Thursday 18 December 2025

We are thrilled to share that your child has been specially selected by their community to participate in a new and exciting outdoor learning course this half term. This is a fantastic opportunity designed to push boundaries, build confidence, and connect with nature.

The course will consist of a series of practical, hands-on sessions focused on developing your child's resilience, teambuilding, communication, and problem-solving skills. We believe these activities offer invaluable opportunities for them to engage in practical learning and develop new, essential life skills.

Course Schedule and Topics

The course will run over seven weeks, with each session focusing on a different aspect of outdoor skills:

Week 1 - Introduction to Bushcraft and Team Building

Week 2 - Fire Safety and Outdoor Cooking Skills

Week 3 - Navigation and Team Problem Solving

Week 4 - Foraging and resource Management

Week 5 - Survival Scenarios and Resource Management

Week 6 - Environmental Study and Conservation Work

Week 7 - Reflection, Evaluation and Conservation Work

Travel and Logistics

- Departure: Students must register in form as normal. **They will then meet Mr Parry and Mrs Broad in T01 immediately after form time and be transported via minibus to the off-site venue.**
- **Dates/Times:** The Outdoor Learning project will be running every Thursday from 6 November to the 18 December P1-P3 dates as follows; (Autumn 2): Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 Dec 4, 11, 18 (seven weeks). Students will be off-site for periods 1, 2, and 3, returning to school in time for Period 4.

What to Bring

Students must be prepared for outdoor activities in all weather conditions. They will need two sets of clothes: one for the outdoor session and their school uniform to change back into afterward.

Recommended Outdoor Clothing:

- Layers for warmth (e.g., thermal top, fleece)
- Trousers suitable for outdoor work (not jeans)
- A waterproof jacket
- Sturdy footwear (Wellington boots, walking boots, or work boots, not trainers or crocs)
- School uniform to change back into upon return.

Behaviour Expectations

As students will be working alongside members of the public, we expect them to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for the environment and others at all times.



Please be aware that any serious concerns about a student's behaviour may result in their immediate return to school, where they will remain for the rest of the day.

Photography Consent

We plan to keep a photographic record of the students' work, which may be featured in the school newsletter. Please indicate on the Google form below if you give permission for photographs of your child to be taken.

Please can we ask you to complete the google form [here](#) to give consent for your child to take part in this opportunity.

Thank you in advance for supporting this incredibly enriching learning opportunity. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

You are covered for all school trips through West Sussex County Council. If you would like to know more about the policy, please contact Mr Cowlin – pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk. **Nuts and nut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Yours sincerely

Mr Andy Parry
PE Teacher and Duke of Edinburgh Lead