



14 January 2026

Dear Families

Outdoor Learning Course

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 spring half term 1. 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 five 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 - Environmental Study and Conservation Work

Week 5 - Survival Scenarios and Resource Management

Travel and Logistics

- **Departure:** Students must register in T01 with Mrs Broad or Mr Parry and will be transported via minibus to the off-site venue.
- **Dates and times:** The Outdoor Learning project will be running every Thursday from 15 January to 12 February 2026. 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)
- 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 complete this [Google Form](#) to give consent for your child to take part and indicate your permission for photographs of your child to be taken.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found [here](#). **No peanut or nut related products are allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

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 - aparry@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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