





What's on Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-4.15pm Dodgeball	3-4.15pm Multi-Skills	3pm-4.15pm Homework club	3-4.15pm Football	2.30pm Celebration Assembl

# Trips and visitors

At Wood End we value highly educational visits out of school and very much welcome visitors into our school. 'Trips and visits' form a vital part of our engaging curriculum and support our vision to provide all of our pupils 'Rich opportunities and memorable experiences'.

Memories of school educational trips are among the most prominent of the formative years, largely because they are a welcome break in the routine for both pupils and teachers. While their purpose is essentially to educate, they can also be a fun bonding experience for everyone involved. Our trips and visits provide many benefits: **Reinforcement and Engagement** 

Trips reinforce what a teacher has been instructing in class about a theme or topic and help students understand a subject better and spark their interest levels. Pupils have the opportunity to observe many things that are not available at school. Discussing the educational trip beforehand helps pupils know what they will experience during their time away from school.

# Socialisation and Consideration

Taking pupils into a new environment gives them the experience of traveling in a group and teaches them to be respectful of the locations they visit. Pupils at Wood End are always on their best behaviour during educational trips. On a regular basis we receive lovely comments from settings and the general public about the behaviour and manners of Wood End pupils.

## **Exposure and Curiosity**

Children get to visit a place to which they have never been before. This can be particularly advantageous to pupils who are less fortunate and don't have the opportunity to travel. They also get to find out and learn more about the subjects on which the trip focused.

Retention and Informal learning environments The type of memories that educational trips create are called "episodic memories," this helps children retain information for longer periods. On educational trips our pupils learn while having fun in a more informal environment. They also may return to the classroom with a renewed focus on their schoolwork.

## Bonding

Getting away from the everyday atmosphere of the classroom gives pupils an opportunity to spend time with each other in a new environment. They may be able to connect on more of a personal level without the structure of the normal school day. Pupils may be able to spend much of the educational trip day in small groups, observing, chatting and learning about each other.

### Learning Styles

Educational trips will often cater to more than one learning style, making them excellent teaching tools for certain students. Classroom lessons apply primarily to auditory learners, who learn best by listening. Visual learners can benefit from visual aids, which exist in the classroom, but are much more frequent during an educational trip. Finally, for tactile learners, educational trips offer opportunities to perform hands-on learning

### Enhanced Sense of Community

Educational trips to a local destination enable pupils to gain a better understanding about their community. This boosts pupils' interest in being an active citizen to help preserve what makes their community special

Over this half term we have visits planned or completed to Twycross Zoo, Broomey Croft farm and the Sea Life Centre. This is in addition to the residential trip Year 6 took part in just last week.

Mrs Cross

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Willow Class — Macie Spencer — For being a good role model.