



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Residential to York!**

I am delighted to announce that we are returning to the beautiful and historic city of York for our Year 4 residential once again this year. We will depart on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** and return on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. This one night/two-day trip to York represents an amazing opportunity for the children to not only experience one of Britain's most historic cities, but to visit a variety of attractions that link to our topics during the Summer Term.

We will depart school at approximately 9.00am on the **22nd**. Once we have arrived in York, we will climb Clifford's Tower to get a lay of the land. Then we visit the Jorvik Viking centre to experience Viking life before experiencing what it was like to battle as a Viking at DIG. Following this we will arrive at our accommodation (Racecourse Centre) and settle into our rooms before our evening meal, and then finally, have a fun evening at the Bowling Alley.

On Day Two, we will have breakfast, then receive a packed lunch for later and visit The York Chocolate Story to discover the history of chocolate making in York and then take part in a Dragon's Den style STEM workshop designing our own chocolate product. Following this, we travel to the awe-inspiring York Minster to eat our packed lunch and we will explore the magnificent building and get out our sketch pads. Finally we will eat a McDonalds before we depart!

The cost for the residential is **£163 per child**. An initial deposit of **£25 per child** is required by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Please can the payment be made through School Gateway, which will then remain open until the **final payment date on 31<sup>st</sup> March**.

Following the deposit payment, you are able to pay in instalments of your choosing up until the 20<sup>th</sup> March. We hope that all children will be able to take part in this wonderful opportunity therefore, if you wish your child to visit York in April, please consent when paying on School Gateway.

I have also included some information about the residential for your perusal, and there will be an information evening organised in due course for you to learn more about the residential and answer any possible queries you may have.





If however, you have any queries or questions before the information evening, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bradbury-Smith



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**PROVISIONAL ITINERARY DETAILS: Timings are approximate**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

9:00am approx: Depart Willaston Primary Academy

Coach will arrive 15 minutes before departure

**Packed lunch (please provide from home in a disposable carrier bag)**

**If you want to order a school packed lunch, please email (with ham or cheese preference) to [admin@willastonacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@willastonacademy.co.uk) and pay via School Gateway by 20<sup>th</sup> March**

12:00 approx: Arrive in York

12.15 Lunch at DIG

13.00 Viking warrior tactics at DIG

14.15 Visit Jorvik Viking Centre

See (and smell!) York as it was when the Vikings were here!

15:45 Climb Clifford Tower

16.30 Arrive accommodation Racecourse Centre

17:00 Eat our evening meal

19.30 Bowling

Time for the Y4 children to beat the teachers with their superb bowling skills!





**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026**

07:30: Breakfast then depart Racecourse Centre

9.30: Visit York Chocolate story for a tour, lots of tasting and workshop

12.15: Eat our pre-packed meal from Racecourse Centre

12.45 Visit The York Minister to explore and sketch

14:00: Visit McDonald's for our happy meal

15:00: Depart York

18:00: approx: Arrive Willaston Primary Academy



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