

Bamburgh 2022



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Our Year Five residential week takes the children to the historic village of Bamburgh. Situated on the North-East coast of England, this place will form our base for a wide range of excursions and activities.

The aim of the visit is to first of all explore an environment which is very different from Maltby, but secondly enable the children to develop their independent skills by living away from home for an extended period. Whilst there, the children will have the opportunity to further enhance their learning (which will have already begun in the classroom) regarding the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, as well as a contrasting locality between Bamburgh and Maltby.

We will be staying at the Sunningdale Hotel which is situated a short walk away from the main beach and castle, in Bamburgh. The hotel has catered for school parties for quite a few years. We have exclusive use of the hotel throughout the visit and no hotel staff are on site overnight. The rooms vary in size accommodating between two and eight children and all are ensuite. We will try to cater for the children sharing a bedroom with the friendship groups we will ask them to indicate later in the year. Staff bedrooms are situated throughout the hotel so that the children have easy access to a member of staff should they need one.

Note: The hotel is run a little more like a youth hostel during school visits due to the sheer number of children, therefore some children may be sharing beds, and some on high quality camp beds.



The hotel provides the children with breakfast, dinner as well as supper in the evening. They also prepare a packed lunch, of the children's choice, each day, along with a customised refillable water bottle. We will be providing the children with additional water when they are out and about during the day. We hope that this visit will provide the children with a variety of valuable experiences.

Bedroom List

Nearer the time, as we receive the bedroom list from the hotel we will be asking the children to make a personal choice of 3 friends they would be happy to share with. We will then guarantee them being with at least one friend from their chosen list. The children will be informed of their bedroom when we reach the hotel.



DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 25th April

Children are expected to arrive at school at the earlier time of **7:45am** and meet in the **small hall** with their suitcases. Any important medication please hand to the designated member of staff. Children will require a packed lunch and drink on this day. Please do not pack it in their suitcase!

We aim to depart at approximately 8:15am to our first destination – Durham Cathedral.

At Durham Cathedral, the children will have the opportunity to explore the historic Cathedral, including the Hidden Treasures exhibition, seeing real life artefacts. They will also be given a greater knowledge of the history of St Cuthbert .



After exploring, we will then continue the journey to Bamburgh, arriving at approximately 5.00pm. Upon arrival, the children will be shown their rooms before house rules are explained.

After their evening meal, the children will take a short walk along the beach, gaining their first view of Bamburgh Castle and the Farne Islands.



Tuesday 26th April

This is the day of the long beach hike to Seahouses. Seahouses is the 'gateway' to the Farne Islands with its busy harbour. After experiencing lunch by the harbour, the children may have the opportunity to brave the North Sea and paddle in a small bay.

Following the paddling, the children will walk back to Bamburgh, they will be given the potential option of a sand dune hike or sedate beach walk - depending on energy levels!

That evening's entertainment, once tea is complete, will be Quiz night.

Wednesday 27th April



Wednesday will hopefully consist of an exciting boat trip around the Farne Islands, where we will see and find out more about the Native Wildlife, as well as see key places linked with the historic legend of Grace Darling. If the weather does not allow this trip to take place, we will be undertaking geographical activities around Seahouses and giving children the opportunity to have a go at beachcombing.

We are currently contacting the Sea Houses Lifeboat Station to hopefully organise an exciting opportunity to visit there, where they will be given a talk and the opportunity to see the new lifeboat stationed there.

Finally, if time, we will complete a beach comb and art activity/competition.

Back at the hotel after a day's travelling back in time, the children will participate in an old fashioned games night!



Thursday 28th April



On Thursday the children will be given the opportunity to explore the magnificent Bamburgh Castle which has dominated the surroundings during the week. Children will learn about the extraordinary history and learning some of the famous Bamburgh Legends.

Lunch will be spent playing in the sand dunes and seeing who will win the sand dune challenge—racing to the top of the tallest sand dune.

In the afternoon the children will complete a treasure hunt around the village, where they will have a greater opportunity to investigate the locality in which they are staying.

That evening back at the hotel or on the beach (weather depending) we will all enjoy a disco to celebrate our final night.

Friday 29th April

After breakfast the journey home will begin with a stopover via Beamish—a world famous open air Victorian museum. As well as exploring what life was like in Victorian England, the main focus will be on the way they lived by exploring the pit village. As well experiencing what working life was like down a drift mine. This will allow them to think about life in Maltby at this time and contrast it with Northumbria. If time we may also visit the old fashioned sweet shop and ride one of the trams.

After the long journey home, the estimated arrival time back in Maltby is 5.30 – 6.00pm (traffic depending).

The Structure of the Day

Morning call will be 7.30am with breakfast served at 8.00am.

Evening meal will be served at approximately 6.00pm.

Bedtime is 9.00pm with lights out at 9.30pm.

The children are expected to make their own beds and tidy their own bedrooms each morning - a staff inspection will ensure this and there is a prize for the tidiest bedroom for the week.

Important Information

- It is important that you share all medical details before we leave. If there are any updates which we need to be aware of, please ensure that we know. If your child requires a travel sickness tablet, please ensure they have taken it before arriving at school and all other tablets should be handed to a member of staff with all other labelled medications.
- Pocket money—The maximum amount the children are allowed is £30. Please note this is the maximum, you can send less but please do not send more. All pocket money needs to be handed into school the week before and preferably in £1 and £2 coins. The money will be kept by the staff as a 'bank' and the children will be able to make withdrawals each day.
- Your child's belongings need to be in one suitcase. Your child is responsible for carrying their own case (remember the hotel has four floors!). They will need another day sack/ruck sack for carrying their lunch and any other equipment.
- A camera is a useful item but this will be your child's responsibility. Under no circumstances are mobile phones, ipods, hand held games allowed. Any items found will be confiscated and returned to the parents at school.
- A black bin bag is recommended—all the sandy and beach activities!
- A stamp or stamped postcard with home address is useful then the children can write to you whilst away.
- If your child is celebrating any special occasions, such as birthdays, whilst away - please let us know.
- We will be sharing photos of the visit via Twitter during the week. We can only share pictures of children for whom we have the appropriate permissions and will unfortunately have to either exclude children without permissions from photos or obscure their faces. If you have not given permission and would like your child included in the Twitter feed, please see reception at school. Please note photos are taken by staff whilst supervising children so we cannot guarantee professional quality!

In Case of Emergencies

Sunningdale Guest House—01668 214 334

Staff mobile number— TBC

NB – We will send a suggested clothing list and the medical forms in the new year.