

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Activities Week:

Monday 29th June 2026 - Friday 3rd July 2026

As we get closer to Activities Week, I have no doubt that your children are very excited and that you might have some additional questions about the week.

This letter includes everything you need to know about the experience we have planned - if you require any further information, please feel free to contact us through the class email: year6@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk.

Monday 29th June 2026 - Go Ape

Please send your children to school at normal time (8:40 - 8:55am). The pupils will need to bring a packed lunch from home with them. They do not need to wear school uniform for this day trip - please ensure they have suitable outdoor clothing and shoes (no flip-flops/sliders), including a hat and water bottle.

Please collect your children at the normal school pick-up time (3.15pm) on the top playground.

Tuesday 30th June 2026 - Harry Potter Studio Tour

Please send your children to school at normal time (8:40 - 8:55am) on Monday 10th June.

The pupils will need to bring a packed lunch from home with them and they need to wear school uniform.

Please collect your children at the normal school pick-up time (3.15pm) on the top playground.

Wednesday 1st July - Friday 3rd July 2026 - Longridge and Camp Out

Please send your children to school at normal time (8:40 - 8:55am). They will enter the school through the main office and will leave their bags in the computing suite. Once they have done this, they will go to our Year 6 classroom. The pupils will need to bring a packed lunch from home with them and they do not need to wear school uniform - please ensure they have suitable outdoor clothing, including a hat and water bottle.

We will return to Gade Valley, from Longridge, by mid-afternoon on Thursday, for the Camp out on the school field.

We will have dinner on Wednesday and lunch, on Thursday, at Longridge (provided by Londridge).

Please collect your children from the main office at normal school pick-up time (3.15pm) on Friday 3rd July 2026.

Camp Out Food

Thank you for completing the forms and informing us about your child's dietary requirements.

On Thursday evening (at the camp out) your children will be having pizza for dinner.

We will also provide breakfast on Friday morning.

We will be providing a continental breakfast which will include:

Orange juice

Cereal with milk

Yoghurt

Muffin

Fruit

Toast, butter, jam

Your children are having a school lunch on Friday.

Camp Out Activities

We will be providing the children with a range of fun, team building activities over the course of the camp out. As part of the camp out experience, we will be taking the pupils to Gadebridge Park. The children will be pitching their own tents, learning how to build a campfire and taking part in fun swimming sessions.

Kit List

Please refer to the kit list for everything your child needs. I recommend that you pack with your child so that they know what they are taking and where it is. Just to remind you that the children will need suitable clothes for active activities. Please do not send food and sweets with the children - we will provide everything they need! Please also do not send any electrical equipment - such as phones, cameras or hair straighteners! You have been sent a kit list, which is specific to this trip. Please refer to the kit list for suitable clothing. Sun cream is also a must as we will be outside most of the time and hopefully, it will be sunny!

Medicine

Please see Mrs Chapman (at the Office-on Wednesday morning drop off) to hand over any medication.

Sleeping

At Longridge, the pupils will be sleeping in a tented village. This is a permanent, pre-erected structure which is comfortable, warm and dry.

For the camp-out, the children will be sleeping in tents - in small groups - on the school field. I suggest you send your child with a warm blanket and a sleeping mat to lie on in their tent. This will help to insulate them from the ground and will hopefully keep them warm in their sleeping bags! School staff will supervise the children at all times and will also be sleeping on the field. In the event of severe weather, we will sleep inside the school.

Keeping parents informed

Not having your children for a couple of nights may bring a sense of joy or melancholy! Your children will be having a fabulous time and the staff involved will be doing everything possible to facilitate this. The office, from time to time, will keep you informed via the Arbor app of how we are getting on.

I hope that this letter answers any questions you may have. If you have any queries, please contact me via the class email.

Kind regards

Mr van der Westhuyzen