

11 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Essex Outdoors Bradwell – Educational Visit September 2026

Edwinstree would like to organise an educational residential visit to Essex Outdoors Centre in Bradwell for the current Year 6, at the start of the academic year 2026-2027. I have contacted the centre and made a provisional booking for **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026**. This visit will provide an opportunity for the children to experience new, exciting activities, and develop their own personal and social skills as a whole year group with their team of teachers. No experience is required.

The week includes three activity days and two nights. Probable activities will include abseiling, orienteering, archery, sailing, climbing, high ropes, initiative exercises and crabbing.

The centre at Bradwell is a coastal outdoor education centre, based on the River Blackwater Estuary, a lovely stretch of sheltered tidal water on the east coast of Essex. Delivering high-quality residential and day-based outdoor education programmes, Bradwell is recognised as a leading provider of sailing, yachting and watersport activities.

The Centre has a website which you may like to browse [www.essexoutdoors.com/our-centres/bradwell/](http://www.essexoutdoors.com/our-centres/bradwell/)

All activities are directed by specially selected and qualified instructors and safety standards are in accordance with the recommendations of the Department for Education's publication 'Safety in Outdoor Education'.

The cost of the visit will be **£309.16 per student**, which includes all meals, accommodation, activity tuition, insurance and coach travel. Students will be required to bring a sleeping bag and waterproof clothing.

A **non-refundable deposit of £70.00** will be payable via School Gateway **by 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. If the visit has sufficient support to go ahead, the attached payment plan should be adhered to, and the final balance will be due on **31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**. Places will not be confirmed until your deposit payment has been received.

We will be holding a Parent meeting on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm** in school for you to address any questions prior to booking your child's place.

Regrettably once payments have been posted to the centre, money paid cannot be refunded. If your child is medically unfit with a doctor's certificate prior to departure the insurance cover will ensure a refund of the money paid.

We hope you will share our belief in the positive benefits to be gained from this exciting opportunity. However, if you are undecided about whether to send your child on the visit, please talk to myself or the Year 7 team. We will also host an informal parent meeting after the February half term break. Students not attending this visit will still be expected in school as normal.

Please click on the link below to provide consent for your child to attend:

[Y7 Essex Outdoors Residential - Wednesday 9th September - Friday 11th September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Please note that, if a pupil is facing an exclusion or exhibiting poor behaviour, up to and including the date of the visit, we reserve the right to exclude them from the visit.

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**Payment plan on School Gateway:**

	Payment Amounts	Deadline dates for payments
Deposit	£70.00	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Payment 1	£59.79	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Payment 2	£59.79	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Payment 3	£59.79	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Payment 4	£59.79	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> July

Should you wish to pay in full: following deposit payment of £70.00 on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, full payment can be made on School Gateway by adding all payments to your basket and completing the transaction.

If the cost of this visit will cause you financial difficulty, please email the office on [admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk).

Kindest regards



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