

Y6 WPT Go Explore Residential 2026 – Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June 2025

Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to share with you some exciting news! This year we will be inviting all our Year 6 children to our new 'WPT Go Explore' transition event, fully funded by Wickersley Partnership Trust!

WPT Go Explore will comprise of a day of adventure, taking part in a trail walk expedition through Cave Dale, Derbyshire, an overnight camping stay at our Cranworth Road site as well as a fun-filled day of water sports and activities at Ulley Reservoir. The children from Aston Hall will be separated into 2 groups and each join another group from our neighbouring Aston Lodge Primary School. Together they will all have the opportunity to mix, work together and get to know each other before their transition into Secondary School in September. Group one will be collected from school by coaches and taken to Castleton Visitor Centre to start their expedition, while group 2 will be taken to Ulley Reservoir via Trust transport. They will all come back together in their own school groups in the afternoon to enjoy an evening meal and some free time before settling down to an overnight stay in our amazing bell tents with pupils from their own school. Those who attended the residential in Y5 will be familiar with the site and the set up. The next morning the children will be provided with breakfast before setting off on day 2, where the groups will switch destinations. At the end of day 2, all students will be returned to school for collection as normal.

At both Cave Dale and Ulley reservoir, all activities (both water-based and land-based) will be led by the Trust's trained sports coaches who are qualified to deliver such activities. At Cave Dale the students will be separated into groups based on their trekking abilities, there will be an opportunity for you to indicate which level you think your child will be at on the consent form. Whilst at the reservoir, students will be provided with a size appropriate floatation jacket and the activities are suitable for all levels of swimmers (including non-swimmers). During their time at Cranworth Road children will be sleeping in bell tents in groups and supervised by their class teachers and support staff. They will also have some time to unwind, chat about their day and play games.

We ask that children bring a packed lunch from home for the first day, the Trust will be providing an evening meal. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided for day 2, with all dietary requirements and allergens carefully catered for. If your child receives free school meals, a grab bag will be available for them to collect from school on the morning of the first day.

These events are a brilliant opportunity for children to build their confidence, independence and friendships away from the classroom environment, and give them a chance to learn and try new things.

School expects children to behave in an appropriate, sensible manner and to follow the school code of conduct at all times. We reserve the right to refuse access to the visit for children who do not meet the acceptable expectations. Please be aware that students' behaviour will be considered before the event to ensure that their behaviour has been in line with our expectations for the trip. Parental permission does not automatically grant a place.

The Trust will take care of all travel arrangements. Children should arrive at school as normal on the first day of their visit and will be taken back to school in time for normal collection on the last day.

You will need to make sure that any extra medication needed while your child is away from home is handed in to school and the appropriate forms have been completed.

We ask that all students arrive at school, ready for their first day's activities. If they are attending the expedition, they will need to be prepared for walking and have appropriate clothing and footwear as indicated in the kit list below. For taking part in the activities at Ulley Reservoir, children should be wearing weather appropriate clothing (such as PE kit) which you don't mind getting wet and/or dirty.

School will let you know which group your child will be allocated to in advance of the visit.

Please ensure that overnight things are packed separately, as these bags will be taken directly to Cranworth Road from school. Your child should arrive at school with a separate, appropriate rucksack containing the things they will need for their activities that day, including a packed lunch and some water. Please also bear in mind that these bags will be carried with them during the day while they are at Cave Dale and should therefore only contain essential items.

The dates for your child's visit are Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June 2025.

Each child will need to bring certain items with them, please see the list below for further details.

Trail Walk Expedition Kit needed (Please check the weather forecast):

Suitable rucksack

Packed lunch

Water bottle

Waterproof shoes/boots - after walking the route, sports trainers will be fine in dry weather

Waterproof trousers - potentially non-water proof / shorts if weather is nice

Base and additional layers may be required depending on the weather forecast

Sun protection

Hat

Extra socks

Any medication needed when taking part in activity (inhaler, epipen etc)

Ulley OAA Day Kit needed:

Suitable clothing and supportive footwear for water sports (PE kit is fine – additional layers may be required depending on the weather but please bear in mind it will get wet and potentially muddy so please don't provide new or expensive items)

Long hair tied up

No jewellery

Any medication needed when taking part in activity (inhaler, epipen etc)

A FULL change of clothes and footwear

A carrier bag or similar for wet clothes

A towel

Water bottle

Children can wear swimwear underneath clothing for water sports (no bikinis please)

Overnight bag should contain:

A packed lunch for the first day

Reusable water bottle

Sleeping bag and a pillow

Appropriate nightwear, underwear is not an appropriate form of nightwear

Change of clothes (including underwear) appropriate for physical activity

Trainers/sturdy footwear that you don't mind getting wet/muddy

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Swimming shorts or costume (no bikinis) and a towel, additional layers may be needed depending on the weather

Sunscreen

Torch

Children can bring a book or game but please no electronics (no mobile phones or tablets)

We will have a very small amount of spare equipment, but please bear in mind this stock is very limited. Any requests can be directed to school in advance.

Children may bring a small number of snacks for the evening. We must insist that **all snack items are free from nuts** due to the sharing of equipment and sleeping space. Snacks will need to be handed in to a member of staff.

All activities, including the overnight camping, transport and outdoor adventurous activities have been fully risk assessed. The children will be travelling by Wickersley Partnership Trust mini-bus or pre-approved private coach hire.

To request a place for your child, please complete the Google form on the link below by 12pm on Wednesday 21st May 2025. Link for Google Form:
[WPT Go Explore Consent Form](#)





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GO EXPLORE

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We're excited to launch WPT Go Explore, a Year 6 Transition initiative. As in previous years, students in Year 6 will be given the opportunity to take part in the annual WPT Residential. This year, the Residential will include a trip to Castleton in the Peak District, as well as Ulley Reservoir, for a new and exciting Outdoor Adventurous Activity experience!

Day
1

Ulley Reservoir*

Rotherham

Arrive at Ulley. Safety Briefings. Kit Checks. 5 Activities on rotation including Kayaking, Archery, Den Building, and Night Line.



Night

Cranworth Road

Rotherham

Settle in to home for the night - giant tepees! Evening meal, entertainment and activities provided, plus breakfast in the morning.



Day
2

Cave Dale*

Castleton

Arrive at Castleton. Safety Briefings. Duck Hunt Challenge. Lunch, then orienteering hikes through the stunning Peak District landscape.



* Half of students will swap days, with Ulley being Day 2 and Cave Dale Day 1

Why CAVE DALE

We're taking Year 6 on a hike in Cave Dale to encourage a love for the outdoors and build resilience through physical challenge. Along the way, students will develop teamwork, map-reading, and navigation skills, while also learning about the local landscape and how to care for the environment. Walking up Cave Dale from Castleton is a wonderful walk, with rocky terrain and lush greenery all around as you walk through the dale. The dale then leads into green hills, with magnificent views.

Further INFORMATION

Your child's specific dates are attached to this leaflet. Half of students will have Cave Dale as Day one, not Ulley. In the event of inclement weather, WPT has back-up dates ready. In the event of ongoing inclement weather, the camping element and one or both activity days may be cancelled.

Cost

The Go Explore Residential is provided free of charge courtesy of WPT. Lunch and evening meal are provided on day one, with breakfast and lunch provided on day two.

Travel

All transport is provided. On day one, please arrive at school by 8.30am ready for the coach. On day two, children will return to school at around 3.30pm, traffic dependent.

Equipment

Cave Dale: Waterproof walking shoes/boots. Waterproof trousers. Base/additional layers. Sun protection. Hat. Extra socks. Medication. Water bottle.

Ulley: Suitable clothing and footwear for watersports. Medication. A full change of clothes and footwear. Towel. Water Bottle. Swimwear for underneath clothing during watersports optional. Carrier bag for wet clothes.

There may be equipment to borrow from school - please ask your class teacher.

Cave Dale

Students will be placed into one of three ability-based groups for their hike:

- **Beginner** (3.6km) - no walking experience / don't participate in physical activity
- **Intermediate** (5.5km) - some walking experience / occasional physical activity
- **Advanced** (7.5km) - regularly walk or take part in physical activity

Phones

Please do not send phones with your child. You will be provided with emergency contact numbers to get in touch with staff in an emergency only. Follow your school on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the Residential!



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