

We're going to London!

Year 6 residential 17th May – 19th May 2027



Key information:

Who is going?

Mrs Woollam

Mrs Harrison

Mr Bundy

Mrs Langsdale

Mr Woollam (Mrs Woollam's husband and former police inspector)

Mr Stancliffe (Chair of Governors and former headteacher)



Pre-visit checks:

Mrs Woollam and Mrs Harrison complete pre-visits each year, including travelling the routes to be used.

Day 1 – Monday



Arrive at Crewe Station at 8am (Western Road entrance, opposite B&Q)

Depart Crewe Station at 8.32am



Arrive at Euston Station at 10.09am and use the tube to get to London Bridge.



The children will need to be able to carry their bags (their day bag and their overnight bag), including up and down stairs and on the escalators. Suitcases are not allowed on HMS Belfast.



Walk from London Bridge Tube Station to HMS Belfast and drop off our overnight bags, leaving us with just our day bags.

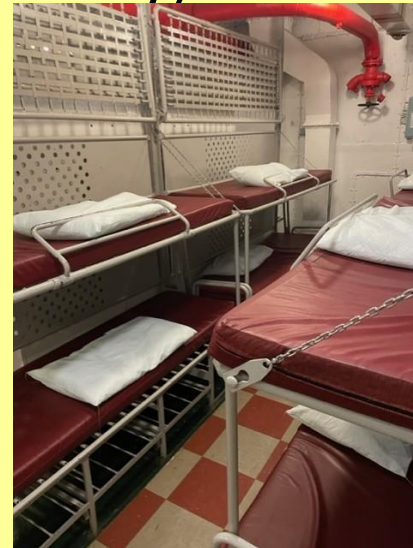
Visit The Tower of London, including a tour and eat our home-provided packed lunch.

Visit St Paul's Cathedral and complete a tour, including the Whispering Gallery.

Tea at Zizzi's (pre-ordered)

Back to HMS Belfast to settle in

Ready for bed at 9.30/10pm – bunk beds! (Chaperone on board all night for security).



Day 2 – Tuesday

Up, dressed and ready for breakfast at 7.30am (toast with butter and jam, cereal, fruit)

A morning of museums – this could include The Science Museum, The Natural History Museum, and The Victoria and Albert, depending on time spent in the various exhibitions. We hope to visit at least two.

Packed lunch (organised by staff) to include a cheese or ham bap, fruit, crisps, small chocolate/snack bar





Afternoon:

Tube to Westminster

Visit The Houses of Parliament (including a workshop)
and sightseeing and exploration of local area

Walk along Southbank, taking in the sights including
the London Eye and street performers.

Return to HMS Belfast for tea via The Globe— children
will pre-order

Evening activities on and around the ship



Day 3 – Wednesday



Up, dressed, packed and ready for breakfast at 7.30 o'clock

Tube to Euston Station to drop off overnight bags at the secure hold



Visit Westminster for the Changing of the Guards ceremony, sightseeing and exploration of the surrounding area, including a walk to Buckingham Palace and hopefully Downing Street.



Visit Trafalgar Square to see Nelson's Column and the National Gallery.

Pre-ordered hot lunch at Pizza Express



Afternoon:

Walk through Covent Garden to the Lyceum Theatre to watch *The Lion King*

Tube to Euston Station and collection of bags



Train home at 6.33pm, arriving at Crewe Station at 8.09pm

Tea on the train, provided by staff (as Tuesday lunch)



Staff collapse in a heap!

Thursday 20th May

Registration will remain open until 10.30 am to allow the children a lie-in.

Children are welcome to arrive from the normal time, however.

Need to know:

Children will wear bright blue caps whenever we are travelling and when we are in public spaces. This is so we can see our full school group at all times. We choose these over high-vis vests as so many other school parties are in high-vis vests during our visit; our caps stand out! They will also wear a silicone wristband with our school name and phone number on.

HMS Belfast is open to the public during the daytime. When it closes, a full security check is undertaken before we are allowed to return, to ensure no-one remains on the ship. The concierge/chaperone stays on the ship in separate quarters overnight, and there are exterior security checks during the night, conducted by the security team.

Children are allocated into small groups (approx. 1:5 or 6), and they will stay in these groups each time we travel (including walking), as well as at key points during the visit, for example, when exploring the museum.

Kit List:

To be included inside the overnight bag – no suitcases and children must be able to carry these comfortably whilst walking at pace:

Sleeping bag (let us know if you do not have one in case we can source one for you)

Pillow case

Hand towel

Flannel

Soap

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Deodorant (no aerosols)

Hairbrush/comb

Hair bobble(s) for long hair

Pyjamas

2 changes of top/T-shirt

Underwear

Socks

Layers, eg zip tops - one change maximum

Strictly no sweets or snacks for midnight feasts

Carrier bag for dirty/wet clothes

Please make sure all items of clothing are named and that your child packs their bag with you so that they know what they have brought.

They must be able to re-pack their own bag, including their sleeping bag (please practise!), for our return. Please also make sure children can tie their own laces!

Last year, Mountain Warehouse at Affinity/Freeport offered 20% discount a few weeks before the residential, in case any parents needed to buy anything. They just asked for proof that the child attended Highfields). I will try to organise this again nearer to the time.

In the rucksack for during the day:

2 x refillable bottles (both full for day 1, no fizzy drinks)

Lunch (please ensure this is in a disposable bag rather than a lunch box, so it can be thrown away)

Plenty of snacks for day 1 - please consider the weather so we haven't got lots of mess with melted chocolate. NO SNACKS FOR DAY 2 OR 3 AND STRICTLY, NOTHING FOR SECRET MIDNIGHT FEASTS – WE DO NOT WANT EXTRA, FOUR-LEGGED VISITORS IN OUR SLEEPING QUARTERS!

Book/puzzle book for on the train

Small packet of sweets for the journey

Also:

Lightweight waterproof coat with a hood

Trainers (not Crocs/pumps/Converse style, as we will be doing lots of walking – they must be comfortable and worn in)

Sun cream

Everything the children bring must be in 2 bags – their day bag (rucksack/backpack) and their overnight bag. Sleeping bags **MUST** be in their overnight bag and not attached.

Electronics, including mobile phones and smart watches, must not be brought on the residential.

Children can bring a disposable camera or a cheap digital camera, but these will remain the responsibility of the child at all times and we will not be able to replace them if they are lost or broken.

Medication:

All medication must be handed to a member of staff on Friday 14th May, with the exception of any medication that is needed/prescribed over the weekend; this should be provided on the morning of 17th May, but you will need to arrive at Crewe Station by 7.50am to do this handover. We should be made aware during the week before the visit if this needs to happen and this should be the exception, being avoided if at all possible. I will keep an eye on SeeSaw over the weekend of 15th/16th May just in case there are any updates to this. We will take inhalers from school. Medication must be named with dosage details clearly identified.

Travel sickness tablets should be taken as per the instructions.

Any general questions?

**Please contact me individually if you
have a questions specific to your
child**