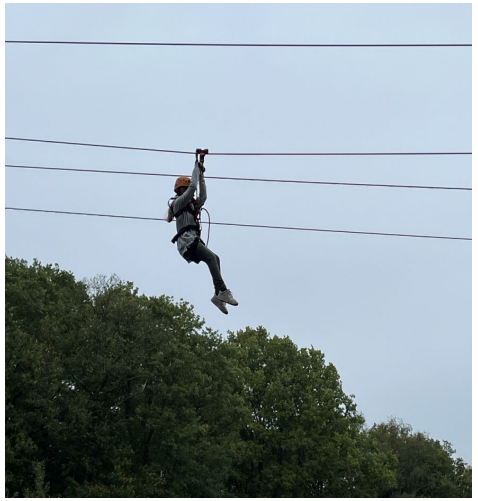
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Year 6 Information Session





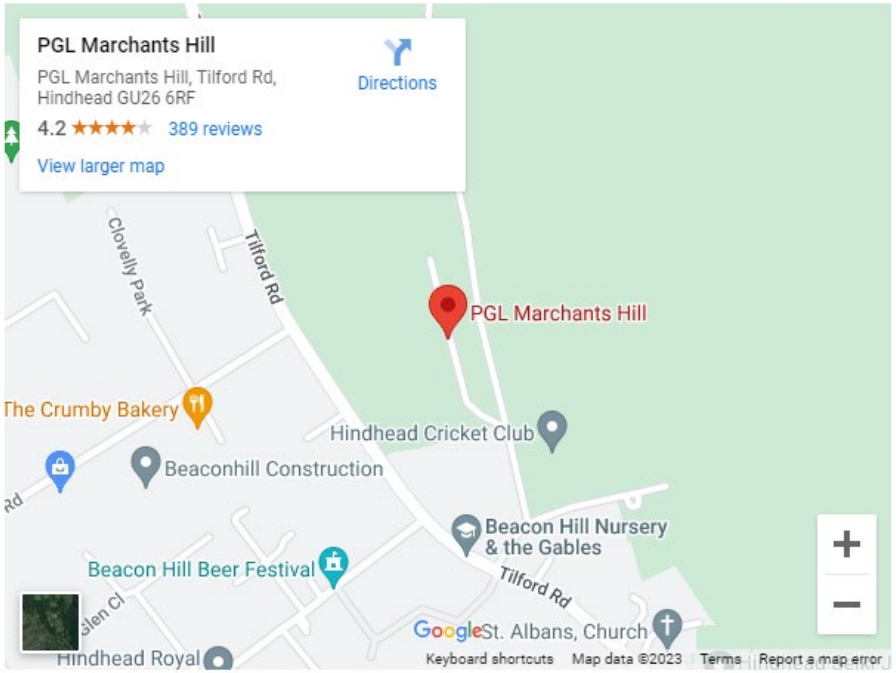


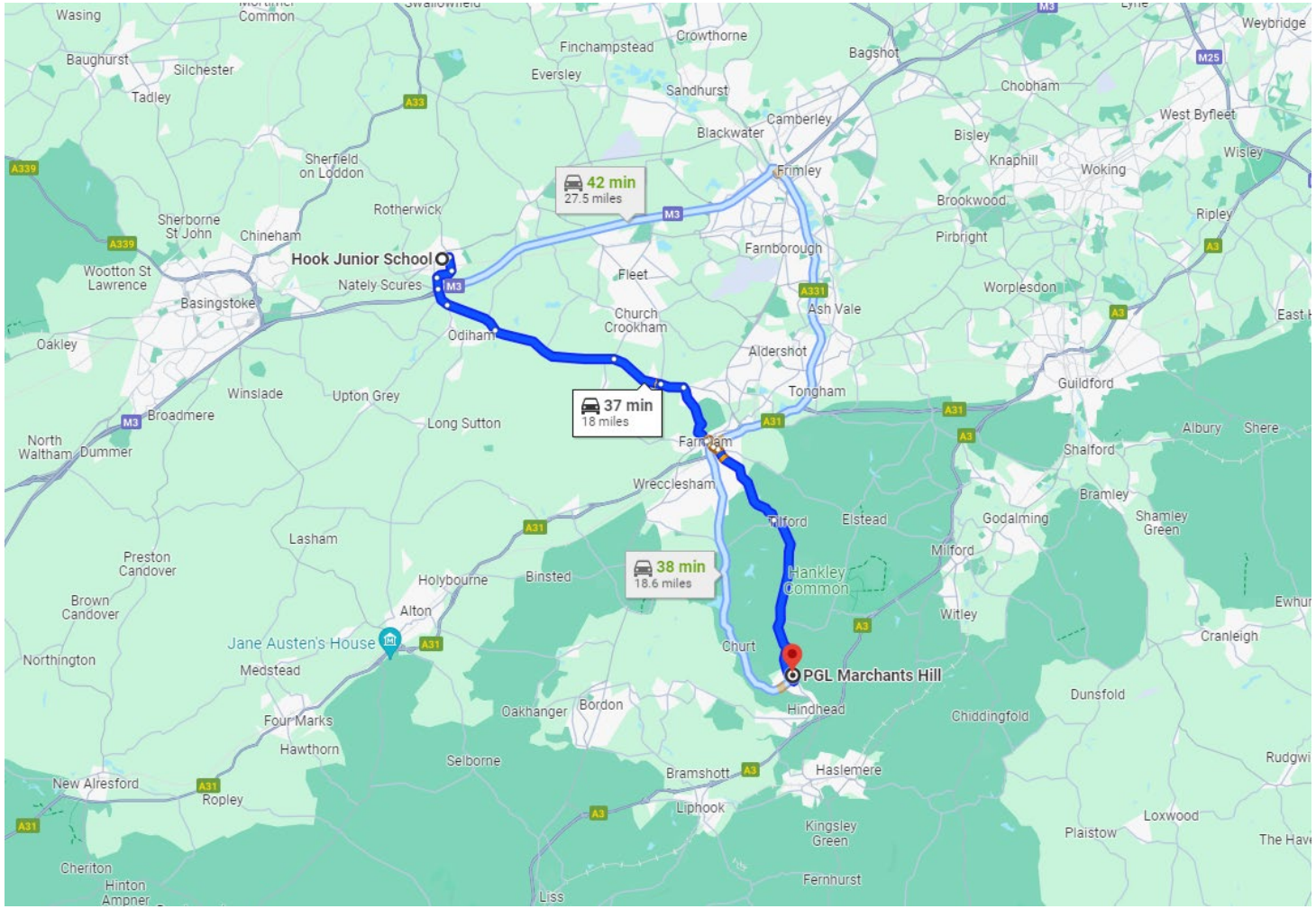
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Year 6 Marchants Hill 2026

- Fundamental and **integral part of the Year 6 curriculum**
- Combines both educational and personal development objectives
- Ideal location
- Provides engaging, hands-on learning beyond the confines of the classroom.
- Situated on 45 acres of beautiful grounds
- Packed with adventure activities

Marchants Hill
Surrey





Why do we go?

Builds independence, resilience and confidence

Develops team work skills

Shared Experience

Creates Memories!



Accommodation

- Purpose-built lodges
- Lodges are a short walk from the accommodation to the main office and dining room.
- Secure site with 24-hour security.



https://www.pgl.co.uk/Files/Templates/Designs/PGLCore/res/swf/virtual-tour/marchants/tour.html

Accommodation

- Children sleep in bunk beds in rooms of 6.* up to
- Every room has an ensuite toilet and shower which is shared by the children in that room.
- The teachers rooms are alongside the children's rooms and so there is an adult close by 24 hours of the day

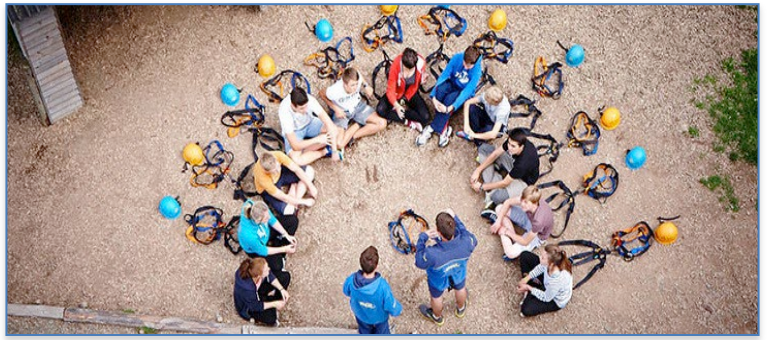




What will we be doing?

- 4 adventure activity sessions per day (all outside)
- Eating three healthy meals a day
- Evening entertainment
- Sleeping really well at night!

Activities



- All activity sessions are led by fully-trained PGL instructors
- Safety is always the priority
- At least one member of school staff will accompany each group – some even take part in the activities themselves!

Activities include*:

- **Climbing**
- **Survivor**
- **Raft Building**
- **Orienteering**
- **Abseiling**
- **Giant Swing**
- **Archery**
- **Jacob's Ladder**
- **Trapeze**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Challenge Course**
- **Rifle Shooting**
- **Laser Tag**
- **Zip Wire**


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FOX RACING







A typical day at Marchants Hill.

Schedule	Activities
07.00 - 08.50	Get up, get ready and fuel up for the day ahead with a hearty breakfast.
08.50 - 12.00	Morning activities - 2 sessions with a 10 minute break in-between.
12.00 - 13.50	Enjoy a fresh and tasty two-course hot lunch and some free time.
13.50 - 17.00	Afternoon activities - 2 sessions with a 10 minute break in-between.
17.00 - 19.00	Time to eat again - a different dinner menu each day.
19.00 - 21.00	1 hour of activities - discos, campfires, quizzes and more - our evening activity programme keeps everyone engaged until bedtime.
21.00 / 21.30	Bedtime. Catch up on some zzz's ready to do it all again tomorrow!

Food and Drink

- 3 nutritious, balanced meals per day
- Self-service salad bar
- Vegetarian option
- Special diets catered for by prior arrangement



Meals – Fuel for Adventure!

PGL operate a buffet style dining room, meaning children can ‘mix and match’ the items of their choice and have unlimited access to a salad bar and fresh fruit.

Water and squash are available with all meals and children are encouraged to refill their water bottles for regular use throughout the day.





Typical Breakfast

Sausage or bacon
Vegetable Sausage
Fresh Mushrooms
Baked Beans
Hash Browns

Typical Dinner

Breaded Chicken
Homemade Lasagne – Meat / Veg
Mixed Vegetables
Baby potatoes or Mash
Chocolate Pudding

Typical Lunch

Beef Bolognese
Vegetable Ratatouille
Penne pasta
Tuna, cheese or Ham Roll
Garlic Bread



Important Information

Date of trip – 19th October 2026 to 23rd October 2026 (4 nights)

Cost - The total cost of the residential trip is **£485** per child which covers:

- 4 nights' accommodation,
- Full board mealtimes (a hot breakfast, lunch and dinner - offering as much as a child wants to eat)
- Full day and evening itinerary of enriching activities that children will participate in

(Daytime activities from 8.50-5.10pm and evening activities from 7-8.30pm).

- Activities lead by qualified and experienced PGL instructors
- Use of PGL equipment and resources
- Intention to provide coach transport to and from Marchants Hill subject to success this year.
This will only be possible with the cost of the coaches being paid by contributions from parents and carers which is in addition to the charge above (as an indication, the cost will be approximately £25)

Outstanding Money – payment deadline 30th September 2026

(access via Scopay for balance or contact the office)

Currently we are £10,000 outstanding as a year group

Things to note

- Sleeping arrangements organised:
  - Aware of who is in their room prior to the trip
  - Rules of room agreed upon before visit
- Team building activities prior to trip
- Daily check ins as a class
- No gift shop – souvenir certificate

Communication

- Teachers in regular contact with school
- School phone – mobile number will be provided*
- Social Media updates

What clothes should you bring?

For the Activities:
Clothes are likely to get dirty and suffer wear and tear so bring several change of old clothes for doing activities.



Your arms will need to be covered to do some activities.

Tops & jackets

- ☐ T-shirts
- ☐ Long sleeved shirt/T-shirts
- ☐ Waterproof jacket
- ☐ Fleeces/jumpers

Underwear & socks

Your socks will need to cover your ankles to do some activities.

1 or 2 sets of
clothes for the evening



Suitable **nightwear**

Trousers or leggings
but not jeans as they get heavy and cold when wet



Two pairs of trainers
One for outdoors and one for evening activities



What should you NOT Bring ?

- ❑ Please do not bring any electrical items or anything valuable
- ❑ Mobile phones and smart watches are not permitted
- ❑ Please do not wear or bring jewellery, no necklaces, bracelets or dangly earrings, stud earrings only
- ❑ No wellies - the activities cannot be safely done in wellington boots
- ❑ Aerosols are not permitted (they set off the fire alarms)
- ❑ No medicines in personal bags
- ❑ No food or snacks (apart from the packed lunch for the first day)
- ❑ Food and drink are NOT allowed in the dorm rooms

Pro Tips

- Sleeping Bag
- One holdall / suitcase – needs to be carried to and from coach (wheels do help!)
- **Name everything**
- Old Clothes
- Wet / dirty washing bag
- Waterproof Coat
- Sensible footwear

Day of Trip

- Medicines brought in by adult
- Children bring everything to school
- Not school uniform
- Monday morning – team building activities and reminders
- Leaving before lunch (around 11:30am) – please provide a packed lunch
- Communication when arrive
- Friday – Home mid afternoon (coach departing around 2pm), pick up from school, straight home.
- Communication nearer day of specific details

Next Steps:

- Complete the **form** about medical/dietary needs
- Make **final payment** if you have not done so
- Look through the **packing list** and check you have everything you need. A week before **practise packing your case!** That's the children, not you!


Hampshire County Council
Hampshire Outdoors
Medical and Consent Form
Name of Establishment:
Visit:
Date/s:
Personal Details of Participant
First Name: Surname: Male / Female (delete as appropriate)
Date of Birth: __/__/__ Age: Mobile (if applicable)
Address: Post Code:
Emergency contact must be contactable for the duration of the visit / activities
Emergency Contact – 1) Name: Number:
Emergency Contact – 2) Name: Number:
Any special dietary requirements?
Medical Information
Name and address of participant's Doctor: NHS Number (if known):
Telephone Number:
Has the participant had or have any of the following? Where 'YES', please give specific details overleaf.
Asthma or bronchitis Yes No
Heart condition Yes No
Fits, fainting or blackouts Yes No
Severe headaches Yes No
Diabetes
Regular medication
Allergies to any know medication Yes No
Other allergies (material, food, animal, plasters) Yes No
Other illness, disability or special needs Yes No
Travel sickness Yes No
Sleepwalking Yes
If a residential, overnight care considerations Yes
Is the participant receiving:
Support and/or treatment for mental health from their counsellor or Doctor?
Medical or surgical treatment of any kind from their Doctor or hospital?
Has the participant been given specific medical advice to follow in emergencies?
If the answer to any of these questions is Yes, please give details overleaf (including name, dosage of an
If it is considered necessary, do you consent to mild painkillers (Paracetamol) being administered?
If it is considered necessary, do you consent to hypo-allergenic sun screen being provided?
Has the participant received vaccination against Tetanus in the last 10 years?

These should be the same as what you have shared on Arbor!

Medical / Dietary forms please return by Wednesday 30th September at the latest.

Any Individual Concerns

Please speak to the class teacher in the first instance then contact Mr McLaren via the school office if required

Pupil Voice

A “Once in a lifetime experience. Lots of opportunities to try something you may never have the chance to do again.”

“Builds independence,” “I had my friend in my room but rest of people I met there. Now I’ve made new friends.”

“So many memories made there. They’ll always be with you and they help lift you up when you’re feeling down.”

“Something for everyone – there are team-building activities, climbing, problem-solving…”
“Learnt new things – I enjoyed the axe throwing! I learnt how to build a raft…”

“The food is AMAZING.” (There was lots of excited children when this was mentioned.”

Questions



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