



PGL 2026 - Isle of Wight 'Little Canada'

Sunday 27th September – Wednesday 30th September 2026

Key Objectives:

Our PGL visit to 'Little Canada'

- Allow children to forge new friendships and build on ones they already have.
- Develop teamwork and independence.
- Enhance social skills.
- Develop communication skills more effectively through collaboration and appreciate the value of teamwork
- Deepen the children's understanding of empathy and respect
- Make Memories

Today we will cover ..

- Key dates and timings
- Travel
- Timetable
- Activities
- Catering
- Accommodation
- Kit Lists
- Medical
- Communication
- Arrival Home



Where are we going?

A little piece of paradise on the Isle of Wight

Set in 48 acres of woodland on the banks of Wootton Creek with quaint log cabins, it would be easy to confuse Little Canada with the country from which it draws inspiration. Locations don't come much better than this and we also have private access direct to the water from our seafront.

Little Canada is home to our **DISCOVER! Adventure** and **EXPLORE! Adventure** multi-activity camps, and for those looking for something extra-special, our **TRAILBLAZE! Adventure: Aqua Explorer** includes off-site watersports such as banana boats, keelboat sailing and wake boarding.



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Key Dates, and information about the visit:

- We will be going on the residential from **Sunday 27th September – Wednesday 30th September 2026**
- We will be leaving from school at around **11.30 am**
- Please arrive at **11.00 am and come into the main school hall where staff will be there to register**
- We will be arriving at 'Little Canada' for **4 pm** and we will have dinner and an activity at PGL that evening
- We will take a coach from Joseph Hood Primary School to the Ferry port at Portsmouth (Gunwharf Quay). The coach will remain with us on the ferry and then take us the short distance to 'Little Canada' once we arrive at the ferry port on the Isle of Wight (Fishbourne)
- On our return - Wednesday 3rd July, we will depart 'Little Canada' at **2:00 pm** We will arrive back to Joseph Hood at **Circa 5:30 pm.**
- **We will keep you informed via parentmail / text to let you know of any delays or an earlier arrival.**

Key Dates, and information about the visit:

- The children will need bring their own bedding: **Duvet with Duvet cover or a sleeping bag. They will also need a pillow. PGL provide a bottom sheet.**
- All meals will be provided - please give your child a packed lunch on the day of the visit for the ferry crossing: our first meal on site is at 6:30 pm.
- Please make sure your child can carry their own luggage




Who is going...

Our PGL visit to 'Little Canada'

- 21 pupils from Year 6
- 3 school staff members (one of these will be from the senior leadership team)
- PGL have their own site staff who will be supporting us during the visit.
- We will be allocated leaders by PGL who will be leading on the activities that we take part in throughout our stay
- There is on site staff 24 hours per day to support with site security throughout the day and the evening

Timetable



	Little Canada 28/09/2025 – 01/10/2025	Provisional Activity Programme	Joseph Hood Primary School
Booking Reference	AU25005324		

	Group	Meeting Point	Group Leader	Session 1 9:00 - 10:30	Session 2 10:40 - 12:10	Session 3 14:00 - 15:30	Session 4 15:40 - 17:10	Evening	
									19:30 - 20:30
Sunday	1						Arrive on Centre		Ambush (AMB1)
	2						Arrive on Centre		Ambush (AMB1)
	3						Arrive on Centre		Ambush (AMB1)
Monday	1			Kayaking (K1)	Kayaking (K1)	Survivor (SU1)	Orienteering (OR1)		Campfire (CF1)
	2			Kayaking (K2)	Kayaking (K2)	Orienteering (OR1)	Survivor (SU1)		Campfire (CF1)
	3			Kayaking (K3)	Kayaking (K3)	Orienteering (OR2)	Trapeze (TR3)		Campfire (CF1)
Tuesday	1			Buggy Building (BB1)	Aeroball (AE2)	Trapeze (TR3)	Problem Solving (PS1)		Silent Disco (SD1)
	2			Aeroball (AE2)	Buggy Building (BB1)	Problem Solving (PS1)	Trapeze (TR3)		Silent Disco (SD1)
	3			Aeroball (AE3)	Giant Swing (GS2)	Survivor (SU1)	Buggy Building (BB1)		Silent Disco (SD1)
Wednesday	1			Giant Swing (GS2)	Laser Tag (LT1)	Depart			
	2			Laser Tag (LT1)	Giant Swing (GS2)	Depart			
	3			Problem Solving (PS1)	Laser Tag (LT1)	Depart			

The children will be split into 3 groups for the activities.

Daily Schedule



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

Discos, campfires, quizzes and more - our evening entertainment programme keeps everyone engaged until bedtime.

21.00 / 21.30

Bedtime. Catch up on some zzz's ready to do it all again tomorrow



Activities:



Activities:



Catering:

Menu:

<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/menus-and-food>



Please ensure you have identified any dietary requirements on the medical forms as these have been sent onto PGL.



Accommodation:

- Pupils will be staying in log cabins. Boys and girls will be in separate cabins
- We will ensure that each child has been put with some of their friends
- Each cabin contains an ensuite for washing and showering
- The children will only be allowed to go into their cabin
- Staff cabins are located next to the children's cabins should they need us
- Cabins are inspected, and the children are expected to make their own bed and keep their cabin tidy

Accommodation:





Map:



Kit List:

PGL - Little Canada

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Kit List:

Please ensure that all the items below are clearly named:

Sleeping:

The children will need a sleeping bag and pillow with a pillow case – a bottom single fitted sheet is provided by PGL.

Tops and Jackets

Waterproof jacket with a hood

2 Sweatshirts / fleece or jumper

At least 3 short sleeved t - Shirts

1 Long sleeved t - shirt - (these need to cover the arms for some activities)

Trousers

3 pairs of shorts

4 pairs of trousers / Jogging bottoms

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Hygiene

x 2 towels - 1 for showering and 1 for watersports activities

Toiletries - shower gel / soap, shampoo / conditioner

Toothbrush and Toothpaste

Hairbrush / comb

Deodorant - **NO AEROSOLS**

Hair Ties for long hair

Insect repellent - **NO AEROSOLS**

2 named plastic bags for dirty clothes

Underwear

Enough underwear for 4 days - day and night (plus spares for watersports)

At least 4 pairs of socks as these will get wet (these need to cover the ankles for the activities)

Sun Safety

Sun cream or spray

Sun hat

Sunglasses

Footwear

2 pairs of trainers/shoes - 1 for dry activities and 1 old pair for watersports

1 pair of trainers / shoes for indoor and evening activities

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling hills in shades of teal and blue. Silhouettes of various trees, including evergreens and bushes, are scattered across the scene. The sky is a light, pale teal color, accented with several white, fluffy clouds of varying sizes.

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Bedtime

Pyjamas

Teddy

Stationary

Book

Pencil case

Other

Rucksack

Water bottle - please label as this will be needed on a day to day basis

An afternoon snack for the Ferry crossing

Up to £15 in spending money only (in a named purse or wallet) £1.00 Coins are preferred please

Optional Extras

Torch with spare batteries

Disposable camera (no expensive cameras)

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Do not bring:

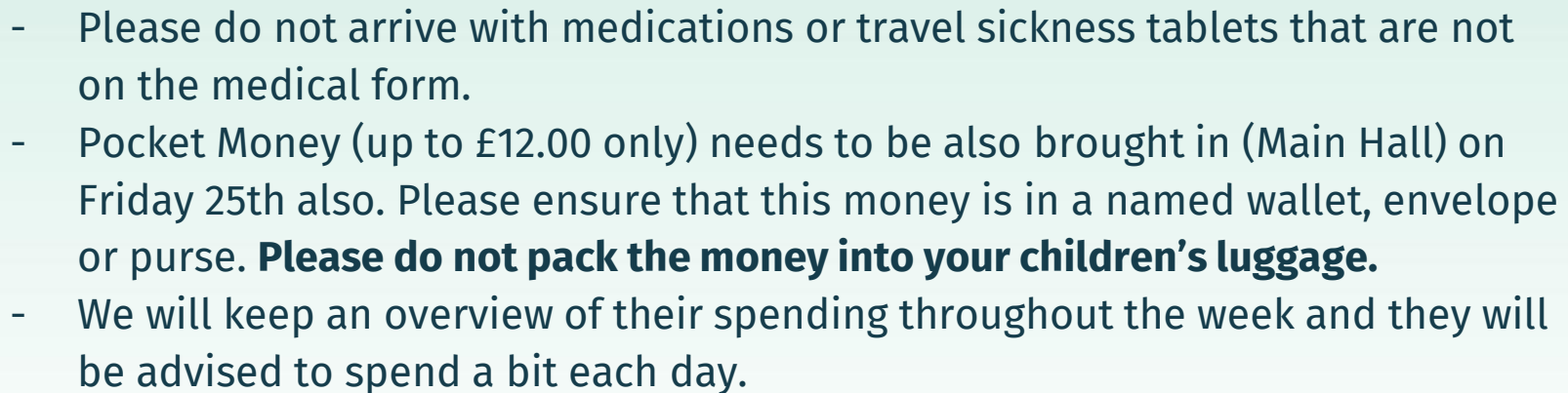
- Electronic devices, computer games, snacks, jewellery / valuable, aerosols or a mobile phone
- Any medications other than what has been logged with the school staff
- Sweets - **the bags are checked for these**
- Extra spending money other than what has been advised and checked in with the school staff

Extra Information:

- You will be spending a lot of time outdoors so please bring suitable clothing and footwear.
- Please mark **all** your things with your name.
- Your kit should be kept in a holdall or small suitcase that you can carry/wheel.
- Return Travel/Sea sickness tablets in a sealed, named envelope, and given to the teachers when medicine and spending money is given in
- Children can bring up to £15 to spend
- Please make sure they have an afternoon snack for the ferry crossing - we will be having dinner at PGL on the Sunday evening.



Medication and Pocket Money

- Please bring any medications that you have logged on the medical form into the school (Main Hall) on Friday 25th September between 08:45 am and 09:15 am. We will check this in, and log the timings that the medication needs to be taken. **Please do not give this to the school office.**
 - Please do not arrive with medications or travel sickness tablets that are not on the medical form.
 - Pocket Money (up to £12.00 only) needs to be also brought in (Main Hall) on Friday 25th also. Please ensure that this money is in a named wallet, envelope or purse. **Please do not pack the money into your children's luggage.**
 - We will keep an overview of their spending throughout the week and they will be advised to spend a bit each day.
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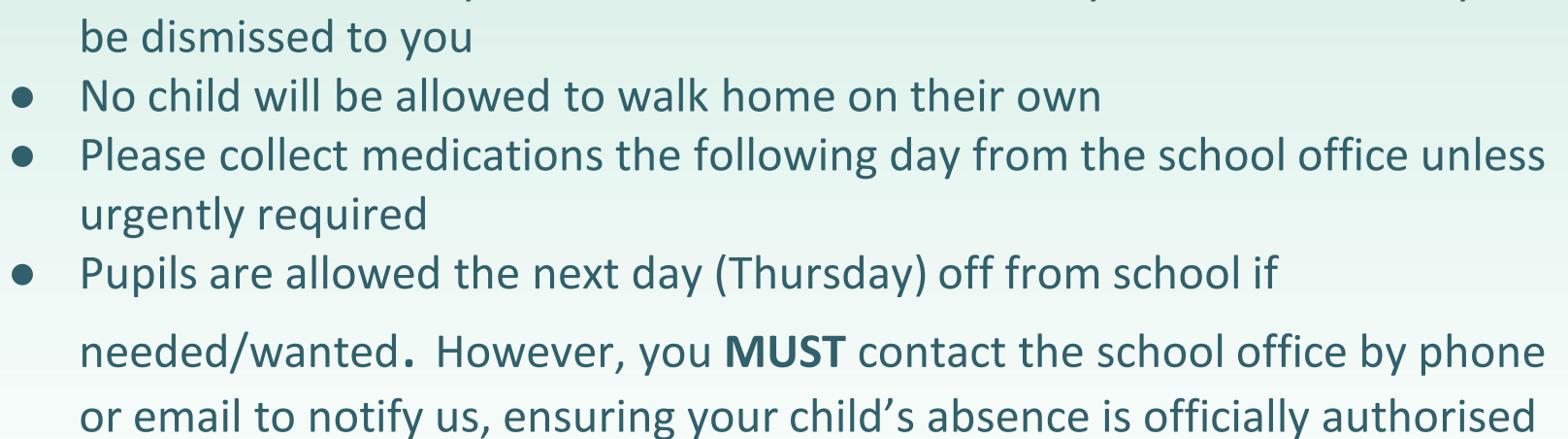
Keeping in Touch

- We have set up a google classroom account called 'Little Canada 2026'. Your children already have google accounts, and will be invited to join the classroom.
- We will post photos and news so that you are able to keep up with our adventures (**we have a list of who can and cannot have their photo taken / published**)
- Please don't use this platform to ask specific questions about your children. If there are any issues, we will contact you directly. **Remember, you child should not bring a mobile phone.**





Arrival Home

- As discussed, we arrive home on Wednesday 30th September at approximately 5:30 pm. We will parentmail you to keep you updated of arrival times and any delays
 - Please ensure that you are here on time to collect your children - they will be dismissed to you
 - No child will be allowed to walk home on their own
 - Please collect medications the following day from the school office unless urgently required
 - Pupils are allowed the next day (Thursday) off from school if needed/wanted. However, you **MUST** contact the school office by phone or email to notify us, ensuring your child's absence is officially authorised
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FAQs




Can I call and speak to my child / can my child call and speak to me whilst they are away?

Unfortunately, this will not happen. Staff will comfort any children who are feeling a little homesick. This does not happen very much as children are so busy all day long.


What happens if my child gets sick / wets the bed / gets hurt?

School staff will be in rooms near the children's cabins. Staff names are pinned on the cabins. Staff are discrete when sorting these issues out.



Will school staff call me?

School staff will only call you if they need to give you information, such as; if your child has been unwell, has been hurt and has needed medical attention by the first aid staff onsite, if we need to take your child to the local minor injury clinic, etc (this will not happen for minor scrapes and cuts). This is why it is crucial that you put more than one up-to-date telephone number that you can be contacted on.





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