

Year 6 Residential 2026

Balksbury Federation

Fairthorne Manor



Safety on Residential

- Fairthorne meeting with the children prior to departure – behaviour, routines, questions, any worries
- Fairthorne Staff are highly skilled and trained in the activities they run and working with groups of children
- Individual children
- First aid
- School has responsibility for the children – just as any other offsite visit
- Fairthorne sessions are supervised by Balksbury staff **at all times**

Staff

- Miss Romain (Year 6 Lead and Willow Class Teacher)
- Miss Cruz (Spruce Class Teacher)
- Mr Townend (Poplar Class Teacher)
- Mrs Hudson (LSA)
- Miss Beatson (First Aider)
- Miss Harvey and Miss Leeksma

Groups

- Each of the children's groups have an allocated member of Balksbury staff supervising at all times
- Mixture of friends and wider peers
- Carefully organised by class teachers

Accommodation

- Rooms sleep four or six
- Bunk beds
- Children will be grouped carefully, taking into consideration friendship groups



Night Time

- Your child will need a sleeping bag and pillow
- Adults stay up until all children asleep
- Adult on duty and children will be able to find an adult at anytime if needed



Catering

Fairthorne Manor Menu Winter 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast				
Croissant	Bacon bap Or	Vegan waffles and syrup Fruit juice	Pain au Chocolate Fruit juice	Pork sausage Or
Fruit juice	Vegan sausage bap Fruit juice	Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Yoghurt Fresh fruit	Vegetarian sausage Hash browns
Yoghurt	Fruit juice	Cereal	Cereal	Baked beans
Fresh fruit	Yoghurt			Fruit juice
Cereal	Fruit juice			Yoghurt
Tea and coffee	Cereal	Tea and coffee	Tea and coffee	Fresh fruit
	Tea and coffee			Cereal
				Tea and coffee
Lunch				
Pork sausage roll Or	Ham and cheese panini Or	Cornish pasty Or	Turkey and cucumber bap Or	BBQ chicken wraps Or
Vegan sausage roll	Cheese and tomato panini	Cheese and onion slice	Cheese and cucumber bap	Cheese and Tomato wraps
Served warm	Served warm with soup of the day	Served warm	Served with soup of the day	Served with soup of that day
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Snacks and fresh fruit	Snacks and fresh fruit	Snacks and fresh fruit	Snacks and fresh fruit	Snack and fresh fruit
Dinner				
Beef bolognais Or	Breaded cod Or	Roast chicken Or	Beef lasagna Or	Breaded cod Or
Vegetarian bolognais	Fishless fingers	Roast buttermilk vegan chicken	Plant based vegan lasagne	Fishless fingers
In tomato and vegetable sauce, penne pasta, cheese and salad	chips, peas and sweetcorn	Roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy	cheese, garlic bread and salad	Chips, peas and sweetcorn
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Jam Doughnut	Chocolate cookie	Apple crumble and custard	Homemade muffins	Jam Doughnuts



Example Timetable

	9:00-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-12:15	12:15-13:15	13:15-14:45	14:45-15:00	15:00-16:30	Evening
Monday			<i>Arrive at Fairthorne</i>	Lunch	Climbing Tower	Break	Bouncy pillow and ball games	Film and hot chocolate
Tuesday	Archery	Break	Low Ropes	Lunch	Obstacle Course	Break	Bouncy pillow and visit shop	Balksbury's Big Quiz!
Wednesday	Abseiling	Break	Fire Lighting	Lunch	Pioneering	Break	Bouncy pillow and board/card games	Disco
Thursday	Den Building	Break	Ariel Runway	Lunch	Camo & Tracking	Break	Bouncy pillow and field games	Campfire
Friday	Crate Challenge	Break	Team Challenge	Lunch	<i>Leave Fairthorne</i>			



Activities







The Shop

Please send no more than £10 in a **named** envelope/purse/wallet and hand this on the day to a member of staff, who will record and store it safely until your child needs it.



Treats!



- One pack of **nut free** biscuits (hand to a member of staff at drop off)
- We will share these when the children need a pick-me-up!
- Please no food/sweets in bags
- Pudding is served with lunch and dinner



Regular Medication

- Please hand any regular medication that your child takes to a member of staff on the Monday morning to be safely stored
- The Medication Form must be completed to accompany it – please see a member of staff to collect one of these if you need one
- We will administer them following your instructions

Drop Off and Pick Up

- Drop off Monday 9:00 am – 9:30 am at their classroom door: children will find out rooms and make a poster for their door as a group
- Hand in any medication and the accompanying form (if not already handed in)
- We anticipate that we will return at 2:30pm on the Friday, you can collect your child at this time if you are able to. They can remain at school until the 3:10pm if needed. A message will be sent to parents to advise of return time on the Friday.
- Collection from hall side door

Communication

- Photos on website each evening so you can see what the children have done that day
- Injuries/concerns – we contact you
- Homesickness – we contact you
- No mobile phones
- No cameras

Other Information

- Packing checklist including sleeping bag and pillow – please see a member of staff if we can help with this.
- No valuables/electrical items/aerosols/photos and cameras to be brought on the trip.