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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y3 Outdoor Overnight Camping Adventure – St Martin & St Mary's School Thursday 30th April 2026

An Outdoor Overnight Camping Adventure has been arranged for your child's year group. The children will need to arrive at school at 5.30pm on the evening of Thursday 30th April 2026 having had their dinner, ready to then embark on a camping adventure in the school grounds. They will need to be collected the next day as normal at 3.15. We would love to have some parent volunteers who will help put tents up with the children (5.30-6.30) and we have been able to borrow a few tents from the Scouting Association but do need a few more, **if you have a tent we could borrow or can help to put tents up, then please let your child's class teacher know,** thank you.

Thursday 5.30pm - Parents drop children at school using the rear entrance off Oldfield Road - gather by the Y5/6 door for registration.

Together we eat a sausage in a bun for supper (vegetarian alternative available).

Later we have camp songs/Forrest School activities and eat s'mores. Star gazing; weather permitting.

8.00 Pre-arranged children get picked up from the front entrance. Talk to your child's class teacher to arrange this.

Settle down for our night under canvas.

In the morning, children will wake and have breakfast we will then take the tents down.

Children will then have their lessons and learning in school until the normal pick-up time of 3.15.

Please prepare your child thoroughly by checking the below equipment list in good time. Some essential equipment is available from school. If your child needs to borrow any items, please complete the online form attached in this letter. The form should be completed at least three school days before the activity. We will be unable to issue kit on the actual day.

Equipment List - All children need suitable equipment – including:

- Boots or trainers, WATERPROOF TOP AND TROUSERS, warm clothing with a hat and gloves.
- Warm pyjamas, extra socks, a torch, book (no kindles in case they get damaged) and don't forget your teddy!
- Sleeping bag, pillow, blanket and sleeping mat (not a blow up one if possible please).
- Toiletry items to include: tooth brush, toothpaste, face soap & flannel and a small hand towel.

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Could they also have an extra warm layer, a fleece or jumper as well as a change of clothes just in case they get wet at any point. **NO JEANS OR SHORTS** thank you.

If it is a hot and sunny evening a sun hat and sun cream would be advised. Children need a large non-fizzy drink in a plastic bottle. Please do not pack sweets or chocolate.

Please note, no electric devices of any sort will be allowed.

Should your child use an asthma inhaler or require any medications to be administered, please ensure that they have these with them and that all the appropriate forms have been completed with the office before you drop off your child.

All activities are overseen by teachers in school. We will be using the school facilities throughout our camp. We hope you will appreciate that we will incur specific food costs in arranging this experience. We are very pleased to let you know that **the cost of this year's overnight stay has been kindly donated by the PTA.** We are very grateful to them for their support.

Please complete the online form below, to provide school with your permission and to ask for a loan of any equipment before Friday 24th April 2026.

[Year 3 overnight camping adventure - Thursday 30th April 2026 – Fill out form](#)

We are sure your child will enjoy and benefit greatly from this overnight experience and we thank you in anticipation of your support.



Louise Swindlehurst
Headteacher

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10