

13 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

### KS3 Activities Week: Monday 7 July – Friday 10 July 2026

We are pleased to confirm KS3 Activities Week for 2026. We have planned a programme that offers a varied and engaging week for all students.

The purpose of Activities Week is to support students' personal, social and moral development, strengthen friendships, and broaden experiences beyond the usual timetable.

It also supports our careers education programme by giving students opportunities to build employability skills such as teamwork, communication, resilience and problem-solving, and to engage with a range of activities and providers that connect learning to real-world pathways.

#### This year's programme

To ensure Activities Week remains affordable and accessible for all students, we have reduced the number of off-site trips this year. We are offering one off-site trip per year group, alongside a range of high-quality on-site activities delivered by school staff and external providers. We believe this approach provides excellent value and a range of opportunities for developing beyond the classroom, while enabling as many students as possible to take part in the full week.

#### Programme overview

More information — including daily timings and what each day will involve — will be shared closer to the date. Please note that on the in-school days, the school day will be slightly shorter: 8:30am to 2:30pm.

The week's outline is below:

Year	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
7	INSET DAY	West Midland Safari Park (off- site)	Sports Day	VIP/Curriculum	VIP/Curriculum
8		Sports Day	VIP/Curriculum	Adventure Bristol (off-site)	VIP/Curriculum
9		VIP/Curriculum	VIP/Curriculum	Crealy (off-site)	Sports Day

Off-site day lunches: Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the off-site trip. Students eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with lunch as usual.

### **Learning Support Activities for Students with SEND**

We are encouraging all students to take part in activities week alongside their peers, with the aid of LSAs. This supports our inclusive approach to learning and enrichment at SMRT.

If you feel additional support, other than an LSA, in whole school activities will be needed for your child please contact the team on the [Learningsupport@smrt.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:Learningsupport@smrt.bristol.sch.uk) email address so we can discuss this further.

### **Payments and deadlines**

- We are requesting a voluntary contribution of **£70** per student for Activities Week. This includes the cost of the off-site trip.
- If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium/sanctuary seeker, the cost will be **£50**.
- The deposit for the week for all students is **£20 (non-refundable)**.
- Please pay the deposit via the "ACTIVITIES WEEK 2026" option on SCOPAY by Monday 2 March 2026.
- The remainder payment is due by Monday 1 June 2026.
- If you need to pay by cash or cheque, this can be arranged (details are provided at the end of this letter).

### **Attendance and allocations**

We expect full attendance for students throughout Activities Week.

Friendship groups: We will ensure your child is placed with at least one friend; however, we cannot guarantee larger friendship groups.

Safety and behaviour: The school reserves the right to make final decisions on student groupings where necessary to ensure safety and positive participation.

The school also reserves the right to prevent students from attending the day trips to West Midlands Safari Park (Y7), Adventure Bristol (Y8) and Crealy (Y9). Heads of Year will record 'Trip Lives' and if students frequently and/or seriously breach our Behaviour Policy between now and Activities Week, they will be barred from attending and stay on school site. A decision to bar students from trips may also arise should a student have poor conduct during Activities Week events.

### **Refunds**

As trips are hosted by external providers, we must follow their terms and conditions regarding payments and refunds. Therefore, the **£20 deposit is non-refundable**. If your child is unable to attend, we will consult the centre's refund policy and advise what proportion (if any) can be claimed back.

If you have any questions about Activities Week, including costs or payment support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Hale  
Activities Week Co-ordinator

**Paying by cheque or cash (if required)**

If paying by cheque, please:

- Make cheques payable to **St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School**
- Place in a sealed envelope with your child's **name and tutor group** on the front
- Write your child's **name and tutor group** on the back of the cheque

If paying by cash, please:

- Place cash in a sealed envelope with your child's **name and tutor group** clearly written on the front