

March 2026 Parent Forum Minutes

Welcome and introductions:

Staff: Martin West (Principal)

Parents: 1, 2, 3, 4

Actions from Previous Meeting:

- Bikeability - We further discussed options with bikeability but they couldn't offer any suitable times
- Morning drop off - reminders went out and staff reinforced this in the car park - it is flowing much better now.
- External clubs - were offered the full term weeks, but none of them wanted to extend their bookings as the 10 week cycle was working well for them.

Agenda: Enrichment

The session will include a short presentation reviewing our current enrichment activities, along with some new ideas.

There will also be time for questions and discussion.

Topics:

- **Swimming programme**

We discussed the issue with transport - usual plan not working with booking other academies buses and our own bus due an inspection and repair.

It was a chance to review when swimming happens in our curriculum. It now suits our Y5 curriculum as they have had changes to visits and trips.

It allows us time to pause, review and replan the swimming plan. No child will miss out as current Y5s went in Y4 and current Y4s will go in Y5. We will also review the need for requisition donations from parents - we hope to reduce the cost overall.

Parent 1 - Agreed this sounds a good solution, especially in spacing out trips and visits. Y4 was a very busy year with a residential and swimming close together.

Parent 2 - It may suit older children.

MW added - we closely track pupils' achievement in swimming - especially the 25m mark and we would have Y6 to target further lessons for any pupils still requiring support.

- **Trips plan**

MW shared the current list and opened it to review/feedback.

Parent 4 - with the cost of living growing there is pressure to be able to pay for a trip. We do not want our child missing the experience but it is sometimes hard to find the money.

MW appreciated this situation. We have reviewed our plans with cost in mind. We will further review the Hooke Court trip with parental feedback asking if it could be a 1 night experience that then builds to 2 nights in Y6 on theirs.

Parent 2 - the offer is great and the trips link nicely to the work being studied by pupils. It is great to see photos on social media.

- **Careers afternoon**

MW shared the review of last year's experience and the plan for this year. It was great getting local professionals in to meet the children and we are hoping to get a similar number this year. Only the logistics will change to support the presenters (less repetition).

Parent 1 - the plans look good. My child remembers this from last year and we did talk about jobs around the harbour.

Parent 3 - recommended contacting their workplace (finance) if we needed a speaker.

- **Clubs**

MW shared the current list. Asked for feedback on variety, timings and any wishes.

Parent 2 - great to see more non sports clubs are on offer.

Parent 3 - will netball return?

MW explained netball will return next year. Access to the netball team this year has still been provided through assessments in PE, but we will have a squad back on for Sep 26.

- **PTA event updates**

MW shared how events had been reviewed to enable more staff participation. MW explained staffing plans.

Parent 4 - this will be well received and it is great to hear more events will be running in the Summer.

Actions taken forward:

- School to communicate swimming plan with Y4 parents now and to update swimming and trips offer to all parents before Sep 26.
- School to review Hooke Court trip - remain as 2 nights or trial 1 night.