



# **Backwell School**

## **Explore Week**

**24th July—28th July 2017**



## **EXPLORE WEEK PROGRAMME**

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## Five Days of Learning through Fun

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Backwell School has been running an Explore Week since 1994, offering a wide and exciting range of activities for children and young people. All the sessions are held in a safe environment and are run by experienced, qualified tutors. This year we are offering this unique opportunity to the Year 6 students that will be joining us here at Backwell School in September 2017.

The week is aimed at easing the transition to secondary school by familiarising students with our site and giving them the opportunity to meet and work with some of our staff. Students will be encouraged to try new activities, make new friends and most importantly have an action packed and fun week that will increase their confidence.

We must mention that Oati the school dog will be on site during the week! Oati is a friendly and calm Schnauzer cross Poodle, or a Schnoodle if you will, who works in school during term time.

### **When is Explore Week?**

- ◆ Explore Week is a five day event running from Monday 24th to Friday 28th July 2017.
- ◆ Monday to Thursday starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm.
- ◆ Friday starts at 9.00am but at 3.30pm parents are invited to attend a celebration of the week and the day will finish at 4.00pm.

### **What are the Lunch Arrangements?**

- ◆ Students need to bring a packed lunch with them each day and plenty to drink. Lunch will be half an hour each day and if the weather is good it will be outside in a supervised area.
- ◆ Please remember to bring a sun hat and sun cream.

## What will happen each day?

- ◆ At the start of the week everyone will be put in a team. They will stay with this team all week.
- ◆ Each day the teams will rotate through the activities.
- ◆ By the end of the week they will have taken part in every activity.
- ◆ Students can name one friend on the booking form to be in the same team.

## How Can I Book a Place on Explore Week?

- ◆ The cost for the five days Explore Week is £128.
- ◆ In order to book a place on Explore Week, payment needs to be made on *Your Box Office* and a booking form (found at the end of the booklet) needs to be completed and returned to Backwell School by Friday 2nd June. This can be returned with Year 7 Admissions paperwork.
- ◆ To make payment, follow the instructions online at [www.backwellschool.net/holidayactivities](http://www.backwellschool.net/holidayactivities)
- ◆ **Please note that places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and your child's place cannot be secured until the booking form and payment have been received.**
- ◆ Attendance is expected each day and there are no reductions for any days missed.

## Students Eligible for Pupil Premium Funding

- ◆ We have a limited amount of funding for families with Pupil Premium funding.
- ◆ Pupil Premium places will be allocated on a first come first served basis on receipt of the booking form by the Student Services Team at Backwell School. Please confirm on the booking form if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding at Primary School.
- ◆ If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding there will be no charge for Explore Week if the booking form is received before all the funded places have been allocated.
- ◆ This is a five day booking and attendance is expected every day.

### **Cool Cookery**

Our cupcake class is creative and fun for all. You will not only bake cupcakes but be shown how to decorate them whilst adding your own style and imagination. This is a sugar craft sensation not to be missed.

### **Happy Puzzle Company**

Be amazed by what you can achieve when facing team challenges and 3D puzzle solving. Your task will be to turn the impossible into the possible and to solve the unsolvable!

### **Swimming**

Visit the local leisure centre for a fun float session at the swimming pool!

### **Sports and Invasion Games**

This part of the week is about teamwork, trying your best, giving something new a go and wondering how the staff came up with such crazy ideas for games. You will definitely need to wear trainers and loose, comfortable clothing, but that's all we are saying.

### **Outside the Box**

This is a very special activity that thrills our students every year. You will be using team work, imagination, creativity and hands on problem solving skills. Oh, and did we mention the LEGO?

### **Archery**

Gordano Valley Archers are a friendly and highly motivated professional team of coaches that come into school throughout the school year to teach archery to our students. Paul and his team have agreed to join us for Explore Week to teach you the skills and techniques of archery in a safe and fun environment.

### **Science Boffins**

An amazing presentation of the magic of science, including jaw dropping experiments, mind blowing demonstrations and entertaining games.

### **Crime Scene Investigation**

Project CSI will require you to use all of your detective skills in order to investigate and solve a crime. Follow the clues, examine the evidence, and crack the case. Magnifying glass and skeleton provided!

### **Comic Art**

The Beano, Dennis the Menace and the Doctor Who Magazine: Kev Sutherland is the cartoonist who has drawn for them all. Kev is our favourite comic genius and he will be showing you how to draw and colour comic art. Kev makes creativity great fun and after your lesson with him you will be able to take home your own cosmic comic masterpiece.

### **Let's get "Quizzical"!**

Test your general knowledge and impress your team mates when you compete in the ultimate quiz!

### **Performing Arts**

Get inspired and grow in confidence while you work in small groups to devise short scenes. Nick Young, a professional theatre director and actor, will help you to develop your skills in ensemble work and character work before sharing with your team.





# Explore Week 2017 Booking Form

Name of Student:	
Date of birth:	
Address:	
Name of Parent/Carer:	<i>Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss</i>
Email address of Parent/Carer:	
1st Emergency Contact	Name:
	Home:
	Mobile:
2nd Emergency Contact	Name:
	Home:
	Mobile:
Current School:	
Please give details of any additional support your child currently receives at school:	
Are you in receipt of Pupil Premium funding?	
Name of Doctor:	
Address of Doctor's Surgery:	
Telephone number of Doctor's Surgery:	
Please give details of any allergies your child has:	<i>i.e. penicillin, antibiotics, peanuts</i>
Please give details of any medical conditions your child is currently being treated for and medication:	<i>Including hayfever or asthma</i>

Does your child have any special dietary requirements? Please give details:	<i>(Needed for cookery class)</i>
Swimming ability (please tick):	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> ABLE TO SWIM 50 METRES PLUS</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> WATER CONFIDENT</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> NON SWIMMER</div> </div>
Name of the student your child would like to be in a team with:	
I am happy for my child to be photographed for publicity purposes. (please tick)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> NO</div> </div>

**DECLARATION**

- I agree that my child may participate in all of the Explore Week activities.
- I agree that my child is fit to participate in all of the explore week activities.
- I give permission for any medical/dental treatment necessary to be carried out in my absence.
- I agree for Explore Week staff to act in loco parentis in an emergency.
- I understand that attendance is expected every day.
- I agree to inform Backwell School immediately if the above information changes before the start of Explore Week.

Signed:..... Date:.....  
Parent/carer

All booking forms must be returned by Friday 2nd June. Please note that your child will not be able to take part in Explore Week unless we have received your booking form and payment.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Enrichment Team at [studentservices@backwellschool.net](mailto:studentservices@backwellschool.net) or telephone us on 01275 465942.