

Staying Away from Home

Residential Visits and Personal Development at Bridstow

Everyone here at Bridstow believes that having opportunities to stay away from home in a safe, well supported but exciting environment is a vital part of our development, especially in terms of becoming an independent, confident individual.

So, we have a programme of opportunities, from Class 2 upwards, that enables the children to get away from home, do exciting things, and look after themselves on at least three occasions whilst here at our school.

Class 2 have begun to have a sleepover here at school in the early summer term. This is an opportunity to stay overnight, supervised by staff, in a familiar environment, not too far from home. We hope that this will become a real tradition!

Class 3 have two opportunities to come away – in year one of the cycle, they visit Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel, and spend a night and two days away, gaining lots of experience in team building activities.

In year two of their cycle, they visit St Briavel's Castle for a night, and enjoy lots of history based activities. It is a real thrill to spend the night in a proper castle!

In class 4, we give children the opportunity to spend three nights away from home at the Red Ridge Outdoor Activities Centre in Mid Wales. This is a real challenge – we go climbing, caving, abseiling, kayaking, canoeing, walking and orienteering – it is an exciting and often thrilling four days, where the children really learn to overcome their fears and push themselves further than they themselves believe they can go.