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Tuesday 20th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to announce the **Year 6 End of Year Activity Week!** Owing to the success of our previous activity weeks, we have decided to stick with the very popular week full of fun over a residential trip. We are so proud of all that the children have achieved so far this year and throughout their time at Quarry Hill Academy; we look forward to spending a full week celebrating with them.

To ensure that all pupils can take part in each of the celebratory activities, we have tried our best to organise the time around the various transition days of each secondary school the children are likely to have places for next year. Please see the timetable below.

| Date | Where? | What? |
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| Monday 13 th July 2026 | Kelvedon High Ropes and Nuclear Races | Starting off with the wildest adventure first, we are going to be completing the high ropes and then after a picnic together we will head off to the Nuclear Mud Races! Spare clothes and a towel are necessary (including underwear and shoes!) Prepare to get super muddy! But don't worry – it will all wash off on the death slide! We will return at approximately 4pm on this day. |
| Tuesday 14 th July 2026 | Cinema and Bowling | We start our morning by meeting at Lakeside where we will gather to watch a movie (which will be confirmed nearer the time) in a screening exclusively for us! We will then lunch outside in the courtyard seating area before heading into a competitive game of bowling! |
| Wednesday 15 th July 2026 | Catalyst Academy's Inflatable Extravaganza | A festival of bounce being hosted by another of our Catalyst schools – Benyon Primary School. It'll be a bounce house dream, children will just need to bring their picnic and a blanket (if they have one) to enjoy a day of fun with friends. We also welcome small games such as Uno, Top Trumps etc. |
| Thursday 16 th July 2026 | King George's Playing Field with Tag Active, Splash Pad and Adventure | At King George's Playing Field, each group of children will take turns to enjoy the Tag Active, Splash Pad and Adventure play, regrouping to enjoy a picnic lunch. Once the children are home and have had some dinner, we are inviting them back for a Year 6 only movie night in the hall followed by a sleepover! |



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| | play followed by Sleepover at QHA | (Popcorn provided) Bring your comfiest bedding and something to sleep on because once the movie is over, we will be getting a lovely long night's rest! (We wished!) |
| Friday 17 th July 2026 | Grays Beach Ice Cream Factory | For our final day (after spending the night at school) we will have breakfast together before getting ready for the day. We'll head down to Grays Beach for the morning before heading back for lunch (provided by us) together on the playground where the children will get to add toppings to their own ice creams in our incredibly popular Ice Cream Factory. Once finished we will play some games to end our whole week of fun! |

Most start and finish times for school attendance will be as normal for the week above but please do note a late return on Monday.

For the sleepover day, the children will leave school on time to get ready for their stay before returning at **7pm**. The children are required to bath and eat dinner before they return for the sleepover, they are then to remain in school until 3.15pm on Friday 17th July.

Owing to our use of exciting external facilities and picnic/party food, we ask that you contribute just £75 to your child's participation in this year's events. Owing to the generosity of our staff and wider community connections, this will cover every detail of the fun-packed timetable above! Being able to secure a donation from the William Palmer College Educational Trust (for schools which are based in the parish of Grays) has also allowed us to heavily discount the costings.

The payment of **£75** can be made on Arbor as a one-off payment or in four instalments of £25, £20, £20, £10 and should be **paid in full by Friday 12th June 2026**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Year 6 Teachers

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Wonderling

