

# Ghyllside Primary School

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Y3 Residential Visit to Vindolanda, Birdoswald and Hexham – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

As part of our topic on Romans, the Year 3 team have organised a visit to Vindolanda and Hexham in the Summer Term. We will stay for one night in YHA The Sill Youth Hostel. Whilst there, we will visit Vindolanda and the Roman ruins, the Roman fort at Birdoswald as well as paying a visit to the Roman Army museum at Hexham. The trip will also be a great opportunity for children to improve their social and independence skills and to help them understand how life was different in Roman times.

We will leave Kendal on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, leaving Ghyllside at approximately 9.30am. After a visit to the Roman Army Museum at Hexham followed by a visit to Vindolanda, we will check into the The Sill Hostel, which is run by the Youth Hostel Association. The hostel will provide an evening meal on the Monday along with breakfast and a packed lunch for the Tuesday. We have exclusive use of the hostel so there will be no members of the public there when we are there. On Tuesday morning, we will visit Birdoswald then we aim to arrive back at Ghyllside School for around 3.00pm on Tuesday afternoon. The children will be accompanied at all times by Ghyllside teachers and adults who have significant experience of looking after children on residential visits.

Thanks to a very generous contribution from the school PTA, the cost of the trip will be £100 per child, which includes travel, accommodation, meals, insurance and entry into all exhibits. If insufficient funds come forward we will not be able to cover the cost of the trip. Parents who wish to reserve a place on the trip for their child need to complete and return the attached slip to the School Office by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025, together with a non-refundable deposit of £10.

**Please note, once the deadline has passed, we will not be able to add any extra children to the trip. After paying the initial deposit you can choose to pay the remaining balance in as many instalments as you wish.** Payments can be made online at Eduspot/School Money, alternatively, we accept debit card, cheque and cash at the School Office. Any cash/cheque payments must be in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and 'Roman Trip', cheques should be made payable to 'Ghyllside School'.

Please note the following dates:

- Deposit of **£10** to be paid by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Remaining **£90** to be paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Andrews

Georgia Learie

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**Please return to the School Office by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025:**  
**Y3 Residential Trip to Vindolanda in May 2026**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class **LA/GL**

I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £10 online ( )

I enclose the non-refundable deposit of £10 cash/cheque ( )

I confirm that I shall pay the balance of £90 by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. I understand that the deposit cannot be refunded.

Signed:(parent/carer) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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