



News from Whitchurch C of E Primary School

As I write this, it is December. However, you will be reading it in January – so a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2025 brings you much health, happiness and lovely experiences.

Recently, our Year 6 went off for a residential trip to Calshot Activity Centre. In school, we have our 'taught' curriculum, made up of the subjects we can all list – English, maths, science, art, French, geography, PE and so on and so forth. Then, we have our enrichment curriculum – in some ways, the 'untaught' stuff; the stuff where we give children the opportunities to experience the world around them through sports, visiting places they have never been, going on a coach, going to the theatre, a zoo, museums, and many others including, the big one, the residential. This encompasses all of those really important elements such as staying away from home, staying up late to chatter to friends (despite the adults getting grumpy and telling you to, "Go to sleep now!"), eating new foods, organising your things (losing your things!) and a whole range of other bits and pieces – possibly your first experience away from home and trying out that bit more independence.

On their return, our Year 6s wrote some lovely letters to the staff at Calshot to say thank you for the experience they had had. I thought I would share one with you, which shows the importance of our enrichment curriculum and of allowing children to have as many opportunities as possible – and especially those which are challenging and bit scary!

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Dear Luke and Anton,

I am writing to you to say thank you for my amazing week at Calshot. You helped me face my fears and experience new things. I enjoyed everything but some activities were more than others. My favourites are still Aero Trek, Team Swing and Crate stacking, so thank you for giving me the opportunity to do it.

You both kept me safe every day, therefore I went home smiling. My brilliant week boosted my confidence and my independence. I was a bit worried when I left home, but that changed when I arrived. You helped me go at everything with a good attitude and made sure that I tried new things. I am very proud of myself!

Thank you, Luke and Anton! I couldn't have done it without you.

Yours sincerely
Grace