



BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL & BABY UNIT

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Dear Year 5 Parents,

We are excited to let you know that our annual Year 6 residential trip to France has been booked for **7th – 11th September 2026**.

After such a fantastic trip this year, we have chosen to return to **Chateau d'Ebblinghem**, located on the beautiful Opal Coast. This centre gives our children a unique dual experience: exciting outdoor activities, cultural excursions, and opportunities to put their French language skills into practice.

During their stay, the children will enjoy a **full itinerary of activities and visits**, including trips to Étapes market and Étapes military cemetery, Le Touquet town, and the Menin Gate with the Last Post Ceremony. This promises to be an exciting, educational, and memorable week.

Cost and Payment Plan

The **total cost of the trip is £575 per child**, payable in instalments. This includes all food, accommodation, activities, excursions, spending money, and insurance cover.

We recognise that some families are experiencing financial challenges, and we do not wish to add to that pressure. To make things easier, the cost has been split into **11 monthly payments**. For comparison, a similar PGL holiday in the UK would cost approximately £400, so we feel this trip offers excellent value as well as an enriching cultural experience.

If your child is in receipt of **free school meals**, is a **looked-after child**, or is a **service child**, school will cover the full cost of the trip (excluding the hoodie) using the Pupil Premium budget. If you are able and willing to contribute towards the cost, please indicate the amount on the form below and we will adjust your payment plan accordingly. More details on how Pupil Premium funding is spent can be found in our **PP Strategy** on the school website: [PP Strategy \(bowerham.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://www.bowerham.lancs.sch.uk).

Hoodies

Each child will also need a **France hoodie**, costing between **£18–£22**. Payment for this will be due at **Easter 2026**. The hoodie is essential for security and identification purposes during the trip and can then be worn as part of the Year 6 uniform for the remainder of the school year.

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The Bowerham School community is proud to nurture aspiration,
inspire love for life-long learning and prepare children for a changing



Passports

If your child does not already have a passport, they may be able to travel using the school's **collective passport** (if this service remains available from the passport office). This option is only available for children without their own passport. We need a minimum of 5 applicants for a collective passport in order to be able to offer this option.

If your child does have their own passport, please check the expiry date now. Passports must be valid for at least **three months after the return date** of the trip. Please let us know if you would like your child to be included on the collective passport.

Payment Schedule

A **deposit of £75** is required no later than **Friday 1st November 2025** via ParentPay.

The remaining balance must be paid in instalments of at least **£50 per month**, with the final payment due by **1st September 2026**.

To help with budgeting, the suggested instalment plan is as follows:

Instalment	Due Date	Amount
Deposit	Saturday 1st November 2025	£75
2nd	Monday 1st December 2025	£50
3rd	Thursday 1st January 2026	£50
4th	Sunday 1st February 2026	£50
5th	Sunday 1st March 2026	£50
6th	Wednesday 1st April 2026	£50
7th	Friday 1st May 2026	£50
8th	Monday 1st June 2026	£50
9th	Wednesday 1st July 2026	£50
10th	Saturday 1st August 2026	£50
11th	Tuesday 1st September 2026	£50

We kindly ask that payments are made on time to allow smooth administration of the trip. If you experience any difficulties with payment deadlines, please contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting this exciting opportunity. We know the children will have an unforgettable experience in France.

Yours sincerely,
Jo Banks

France 2026 – Reply Slip

Name: _____

☐ I do / ☐ do not* wish my child to go on the Year 6 residential trip to France (September 2026).

☐ I have paid the £75 deposit via ParentPay.

☐ My child is eligible for Pupil Premium and I am ☐ unable / ☐ able* to contribute £_____ towards the cost of the trip.

My child has their own passport:

- Passport number: _____
- Expiry date: _____

☐ My child needs to be included on the collective passport.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

*Please delete as appropriate