

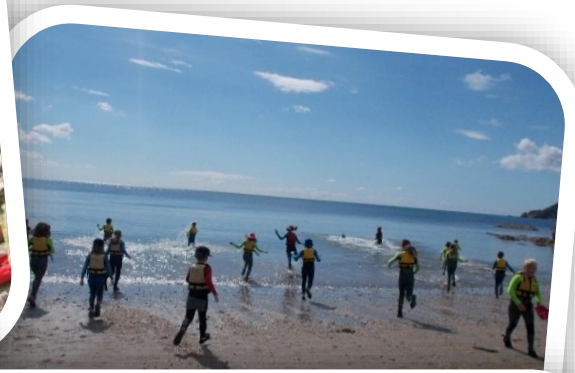


# Puffins Camp

## Information Pack

### Porthpean Outdoor Centre

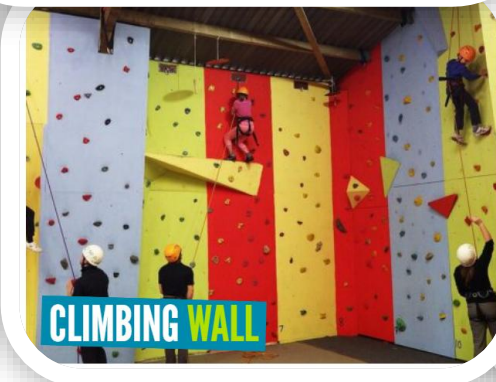
Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th June 2026



**STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING**



**HIGH ROPES**



**CLIMBING WALL**



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## Information about Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre

We are thrilled to soon be embarking on our exciting trip to Porthpean!

Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre is situated just outside St Austell and enjoys spectacular views over St Austell Bay with easy access to the sea and surrounding countryside.

Porthpean is recognised as a centre of excellence for outdoor and adventurous activities. It has a range of on-site activity facilities, including an impressive high ropes course and is fully equipped to deliver both water-based and land-based activities throughout the year for all ages and abilities.

## **Activities**

Activities may vary depending on the weather and could include:

- Kayaking
- Giant SUP
- Coasteering
- High ropes course
- Climbing wall
- Caving experience
- Axe throwing
- Silent disco
- Awards ceremony

## **During Our Stay**

The pastoral welfare and care of the children will remain the responsibility of school staff at all times. When a member of the Porthpean staff is leading a session, responsibility is shared between centre staff and teachers. At all other times, including lunch periods and overnight, teachers remain responsible for the welfare of the children.

Children will not be permitted to make or receive personal telephone calls and **must not bring mobile phones with them**. This policy helps children settle into the experience more comfortably and reduces homesickness. Staff will remain in contact with the school throughout the trip. In the event of an emergency, parents and carers should contact either the school or the centre directly.

## **Sleeping Arrangements**

Accommodation consists of tents equipped with beds and mattresses. The camping facilities are supported by permanent buildings, including:

- A centrally heated dining hall
- Children's toilet and shower facilities
- A drying room
- Staff toilet and shower facilities

Each visiting group has its own designated area within the site, and staff tents are positioned directly beside pupil tents.

## **Overnight Routines and Procedures**

Clear routines and expectations will be established with the children each evening. Staff are available throughout the night should any child require support. Paths to the toilet facilities are lit overnight and the centre also provides dedicated overnight staff.

## **Catering Arrangements**

Children will eat breakfast and evening meals in the centre dining hall. Packed lunches will usually be eaten outdoors, weather permitting.

### Meal Times

Around 8:00am – Breakfast (served on a rota system)

Around 12:00pm – Packed lunch (Children bring their own packed lunch on the first day, Porthpean provides lunches on subsequent days)

Around 5:30pm – Evening meal (freshly cooked on site and served on a rota system)

## **You will be noticed!!!**

As well as having fun, camp is also about growing as people. Keeping tents and bed areas tidy, being supportive, overcoming things you find challenging will all be noticed.

Awards given throughout the trip!

## **Itinerary**

### Wednesday 17th June

- Arrive at school for 8:30am
- Leave luggage (clearly labelled with your name) in the playground
- Hand any medication and medical forms to Miss Finch (if required)
- Say goodbyes before departure
- Depart school at 8:45am by minibus for Porthpean
- 10:30am – Arrive at the centre, drop off bags, then walk into Charlestown to explore and eat lunch
- Return to the centre by 1:00pm for a site tour and familiarisation session
- 2:00pm – Afternoon activity
- Around 5:30pm – Evening meal
- Evening activity led by centre staff

### Thursday 18th June

- Breakfast in the main dining hall
- Morning activity
- Lunch provided
- Afternoon activity
- Evening meal
- Evening activity led by the centre

### Friday 19th June

- Bags packed by 8:30am
- Morning activity
- Lunch provided
- Depart Porthpean after lunch
- Arrive back at school at approximately 2:30pm

## What to pack - Kit List

### To pack in your daypack

- Packed lunch in a refillable container (we will use these for the rest of the trip)
- A filled 500ml refillable water bottle (we will use these for the rest of the trip)
- Waterproof coat (please check it is waterproof)
- Waterproof trousers
- Sunscreen
- Sun hat and woolly hat/beanie
- Jumper / fleece
- Spending money (optional)

### To pack in one other rucksack / holdall

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Wash bag to include toothpaste, toothbrush, body wash / soap, shampoo (optional) - no aerosols
- Towel (some people bring one for the shower and one for water activities)
- Large carrier bag / bin bag for wet /dirty items
- 1 pair of old trainers for land-based activities (good grip required)
- 1 pair of old trainers or wetsuit shoes for water activities (these need to offer good grip – flip-flops, Crocs and Reefs are not suitable for water activities)
- 1 pair of trainers or comfortable evening shoes
- Flip-flops or sandals for shower use if desired
- Warm fleeces / jumpers / layers for evenings (in addition to same in daypack)
- Swimwear (plus rash vest if available)
- 3-4 sets of comfortable clothes
- At least one long-sleeved top
- Shorts if desired
- Plenty of socks and underwear
- Warm nightwear
- Notebook and pencil
- Book (optional)
- Small torch
- Hairbrush or comb (as needed) and hair bands (if hair past shoulder length)
- Optional snacks for the journey home on Friday (no nuts please, Porthpean is a nut free site)

### What Not To Bring

Please do not bring mobile phones, electronic games or consoles, iPads or tablets, aerosols, perfume, pen knives, wetsuits, expensive belongings or valuable clothing or jewellery - only watches and stud earrings are permitted.

### Top Tips

Children should be able to carry all of their own luggage confidently, so bags should be kept small and manageable. As the trip lasts only three days, there is no need to overpack.

Please do not feel the need to purchase new clothes or footwear specifically for the trip. Older, comfortable clothing is often more suitable. Jeans should not be brought as they become cold and heavy when wet.

Please encourage children to pack their own belongings where possible, as this helps them stay organised during the trip and repack independently before returning home.

The centre provides specialised equipment including wetsuits and buoyancy aids. We ask that children use the centre equipment as drying own wetsuits can be challenging and they take up a large amount of room in bags. The centre cannot accept responsibility for the loss of personal belongings.

**Please ensure everything is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

## Important notes & actions for parents

### By 4<sup>th</sup> June

Please complete & return forms:

- **School Parental Information and Consent Form** (attached)
- Porthpean pre-arrival form (consent, medical, allergy, dietary etc) – already completed online

### On the morning of departure (17<sup>th</sup> June)

1. Please **arrive for 8.30am**
2. Please give to Miss Finch:
  - **Any medicines** (if required) - clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions
  - **Medication form** – completed on the day (if required)
  - **Letter from Home for your child** (see note below)
3. Please can your child bring their daypack (containing their **packed lunch and water bottle**) and their other rucksack/holdall bag into the playground
4. Wave the minibus off at 8.45am (if desired)
5. **Be brave – the children will have an amazing experience!**

### On our return (19<sup>th</sup> June)

We are due to return before the end of the school day.

**Collection time will be 3.15pm.**

We will contact school if this arrival time changes.

## Notes

### **Medical Information**

We hope that all children remain well throughout the residential visit. In the event of illness, there is access to a nearby doctor as well as emergency hospital facilities.

Up-to-date emergency contact numbers are essential, and all medical forms must be completed before departure.

### **Letter From Home**

Receiving a letter from home can have a very positive impact on the children, especially once the group arrives on Wednesday. Parents and carers should hand letters to Miss Finch on Wednesday morning before departure. The letters do not need to be long - even a few encouraging words can mean a great deal.

### **Spending money**

There is an on-site tuck / gift shop. Children can bring **£10 maximum** to spend as they wish.

### **Emergency Contact Numbers**

School: 01736 810486

Porthpean Outdoor Centre: 01726 72901