



Year 5 Aylmerton Residential 2026 Parents' Information Evening 6pm

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE ON MUTE
– THANK YOU!**

Aylmerton
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE





Where are we going?

Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre
Cromer in North Norfolk



Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre, is set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the heart of rural North Norfolk. Adjacent to the magnificent National Trust estate at Felbrigg, but just 15 minutes from the beach with Blakeney Point and The Broads both within easy reach.



What is Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre?



A small, family run business established by Alan and Veronica Marett in 1989. Alan and Veronica are experienced teachers (Alan was an SEN specialist and Veronica was a headteacher) who have worked hard to provide exactly the centre that they would have liked to visit. Both had extensive experience of taking their own schools on residential visits and therefore knew exactly what worked and what didn't.

The centre is set in an old Victorian school building, although they have built several new elements as well, and they also have a large playing field.

The Aylmerton Team

- Aylmerton ensure that their staff provide the very highest standards of health and safety.
- Instructors are regularly assessed and monitored to ensure that they continue to operate under the highest health and safety conditions.
- The result of these policies is that they have an unusually well qualified and experienced workforce which is somewhat more mature than at other Centres.



Accommodation

Around the old playground are The School and The Lodge. The School is the larger building with 48 beds in four dormitories, as well as two dining rooms and a multi-purpose classroom. The smaller building is The Lodge which has 33 beds in six rooms.

Accommodation is bunk beds, and these are made up with sheets prior to your arrival, so children need only bring a duvet cover and pillowcase. All bedding is provided for adults. All dormitories are ensuite, so once children are in bed there is no reason to leave the room.



What will we be doing?

- Cromer Village Investigation
- Seal Watching at Horsey
- Beach time
- Teambuilding Games
- Twilight Safari
- Disco



Eating at Aylmerton

- There are two dining areas for the children to eat in groups.
- Hot and cold breakfast options will be provided on both days
- Packed lunches with the option of cheese or ham rolls with crisps, fruit and biscuit
- Evening meals will include a main course and dessert (which we have been informed is always yummy!)



What do you need to bring?

Small holdall/case that you can carry! (Airline onboard allowance.)

- Single duvet cover and pillowcase
- **WATERPROOF** coat with **HOOD** (and ideally waterproof trousers too)
- **99% of padded/puffer jackets are NOT waterproof so are warm when dry but freezing in drizzle/rain and that may restrict the activities your group can do. If you have a padded/puffer jacket you MUST have an additional waterproof outer layer.**
- You can usually get plastic ponchos from the pound shops and these cover everything.
- Walking boots or **STURDY** trainers (no Converse, slip on shoes or open toed sandals)
- Wellington boots (in case it is muddy in the woods)
- Slippers or other indoor footwear (compulsory inside)
- Warm hat, gloves, scarf
- Lightweight tops for layering – 2 or 3
- Warm jumpers/tops – at least 2
- Trousers/tracksuit bottoms – 2 or 3 pairs – **NOT JEANS** (loose enough to roll above the knee)
- Long Socks – several pairs that trousers can tuck into – **NOT TRAINER/SECRET SOCKS** (sand causes blisters!)
- Underwear/Nightwear/Towel/Toiletries (don't forget your toothbrush!)



What do you need to bring?

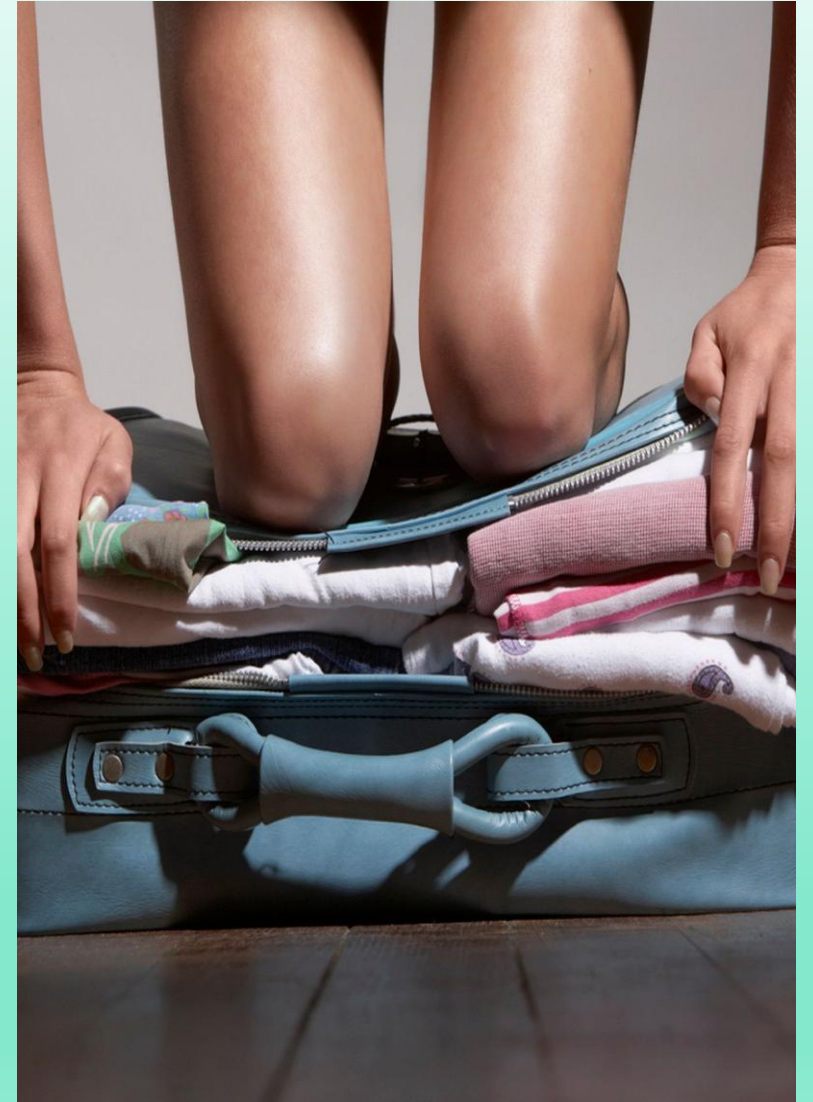
- Day Bag - Small BACKPACK (no other style of bag) with TWO THICK STRAPS
- Water bottle
- Pocket money – up to £15 in small change
- Bin bag for wet/dirty clothes
- PACKED LUNCH (for first day only)
- Small teddy only
- Pack of cards
- Reading book
- Small pad and pencil
- NO electronics (including no cameras or torches)
- Medicines in original containers/packaging (named with written instructions please) in your day bag not your holdall/case

NAME ON EVERYTHING!

Children:

Do your own packing so you know what you have with you.

Make sure that you can carry your bag a long way – including up stairs.



Dos and Don'ts!

DO

- bring up to **£15** in small change, in a named wallet.
- make sure any medicine is **clearly marked with instructions** and given in the original packaging to an adult on the morning of departure (Monday 30th November 2026).
- bring a holdall or a small suitcase.

DON'T

- bring sweets for the journey or any extra food at all.
- bring aerosol deodorant (it may set off the fire alarm)
- bring mobile phones, cameras...electronic games/toys etc.
- bring jewellery or make-up – same rules as in school.



DOs



DON'Ts

What you need for the first day!

Children need to be at school for 7:30am on Monday 30th November 2026. (in non-school uniform).

Bags can be left in the designated area on the playground.

The coach will be leaving school at approximately 8:00am.

Bring a packed lunch, healthy snack and drink on the Monday we leave. Pack these in your hand luggage.

**We expect to return to school between 4:30 – 5:00pm approx. on Wednesday 2nd December. You will receive a Parent Hub message from school should this time be earlier/later than expected.*



Keeping in touch...

You will receive some updates about what the children have been doing throughout our time in Norfolk via **Parent Hub**.

Remember -“No news is good news”

We will also be posting a few updates on our social media platforms, so sign up and follow us if you aren't already doing so!



Photos

The children cannot bring cameras, however, we want them to be able to share their experiences with you and to keep the memories! Therefore, we will take photos whilst we are away and upload them onto Google Classroom, upon our return to school, so that your child can share them with you.

If your child does not have photo permission they will not be able to be in **any** photos whilst we are away.



Thursday & Friday follow-up activities

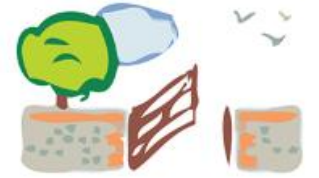
After we return from having a fantastic time in Norfolk the fun will not be stopping!

We have a further exciting few days, which will include:

- Trip inspired Christmas art activities
- A visit to Brentwood School to see their Winter Musical, 'Anything Goes'
- Time to share our favourite trip memories and prepare a worship to deliver to the rest of the school from the Elite Force!

You are the ELITE!

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- The **first** children to ever experience this trip from our school!
- The **first** to ever tell anyone else about it!
- The **first** to help us make it the best trip EVER!

THE
ELITE

Children - It will be...

- The BEST trip you have ever been on!
- The MOST fun you have ever had with your friends!
- The BIGGEST step you have taken into your own independence!
- A BRILLIANT way to explore God's Creation!
- Your chance to make AMAZING life-long memories!



Parents - It will be...

- The BEST opportunity you have given your child to grow in independence!
- The MOST quiet your house has been in a long time!
- The BIGGEST chance you have of a calm cup of tea!
- A BRILLIANT way to create conversations about everything they will be up to!
- Your chance to make AMAZING life-long memories for your child!

So... send them off with a smile and enjoy the rest!



If you have any questions related to any aspect of the presentations please feel free to:

- Put a note to your child's classteacher in their Home School Diary
 - Telephone the School Office (01277 223651)
- Email (admin@stthomaspri.essex.sch.uk)

