

22nd January 2026

Dear Year 5 children and families,

Overnight visit to the Catalyst Museum

Exciting news!

Year 5 have an opportunity to attend a two day residential at the Catalyst Museum in Widnes. We will travel to the museum from school on **Tuesday 16th June, sleep overnight in the museum and return to school on Wednesday 17th June**. The children will attend a science workshop each day.

The cost is **£40 per person**. All food and Science shows and workshops are included. Transport will be provided free of charge on Four Oaks minibuses.

A deposit of £10 is required by Friday 6th February. The additional balance of £30 must be paid 14 weeks later by Friday 8th May. (Payments can be made in a lump sums or in several smaller amounts to the office team.)

Children will need to bring pyjamas or sleepwear and a sleeping bag or blankets / duvet for overnight. They will also need their wash bag including toothbrush and toothpaste and a small towel. The children will be accompanied by their teaching team plus a member of Catalyst staff will be on site at all times.

Itinerary:

Tuesday 16th June

- ⊕ Travel to the Catalyst Museum by school minibuses. We leave school at approximately 11.30am. If it is raining we will eat in school before travelling to the museum. If this is the case, we will text parents with the new departure time.
- ⊕ Children **bring a packed lunch** to picnic in the museum grounds and use the outdoor play area.
 - If your child has free school meals a packed lunch will be provided.
 - If your child usually pays for a school lunch a packed lunch will be provided unless you let the Office know at least 2 weeks in advance that you would like to provide a packed lunch with no charge for a school lunch.
- ⊕ Hands-on Science workshop in the Education studios led by museum staff
- ⊕ Time to explore and have exclusive use of the three interactive galleries and use the outdoor play area
- ⊕ Hot supper served in the café. Sausages and chips or vegetarian/halal option, giant cookie and a drink.
- ⊕ Access to a 65 inch TV to watch a film with snacks before bed
- ⊕ Sleepover in the gallery of the museum. Staff will sleep in the museum with the children.

Wednesday 17th June

- ⊕ Breakfast served in the cafe (cereals, toast and jam and a drink)
- ⊕ Science show delivered in the theatre
- ⊕ Time to explore and have exclusive use of the three interactive galleries and the outdoor play area.
- ⊕ Return to school on the school minibuses in time for lunch in school. Lunch will be provided for all children.

Please note, if your child prefers not to stay overnight at the museum, please let a member of the Year 5 teaching staff know. We will arrange for your child to go as a day delegate on Tuesday 16th June. The cost of the single day is **£20**. They will return after the science activities and play. They will engage in science activities in school on Wednesday 17th June.

This has always been a very successful residential with children saying how much they enjoyed it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the Office team or Year 5 teaching team.

Kind regards, Year 5 team.