Year 4 Camp Magdalen Farm

Wednesday 30th June– Friday 2nd July 2027





Timings

- On **Wednesday 1st July**, please arrive in the Big Hall between **9:45 and 10:15** as the coach leaves at 10:45am and it takes a while to load the bags.

If you do need to drop off at normal time, this is not a problem. We will be here.

- We leave from outside Acapella at 10:45am – please accompany your child to the coach and wave them off **IF** you can.
- We leave Magdalen at approx. 12:45pm on **Friday 3rd July**, **returning for drop off opposite Acapella at around 2:30pm.** We are happy for children to be picked up from this point. If they are not collected from here, we will walk them back to school.

Magdalen is 132 acres of organic farm and nature reserve on the banks of the River Axe where Dorset, Somerset and Devon meet.

Magdalen welcomes 3,000 children on school trips and camps each year, coming from far and wide for bespoke programmes of activity and learning.

<u>A school trip to Magdalen farm is about:</u>

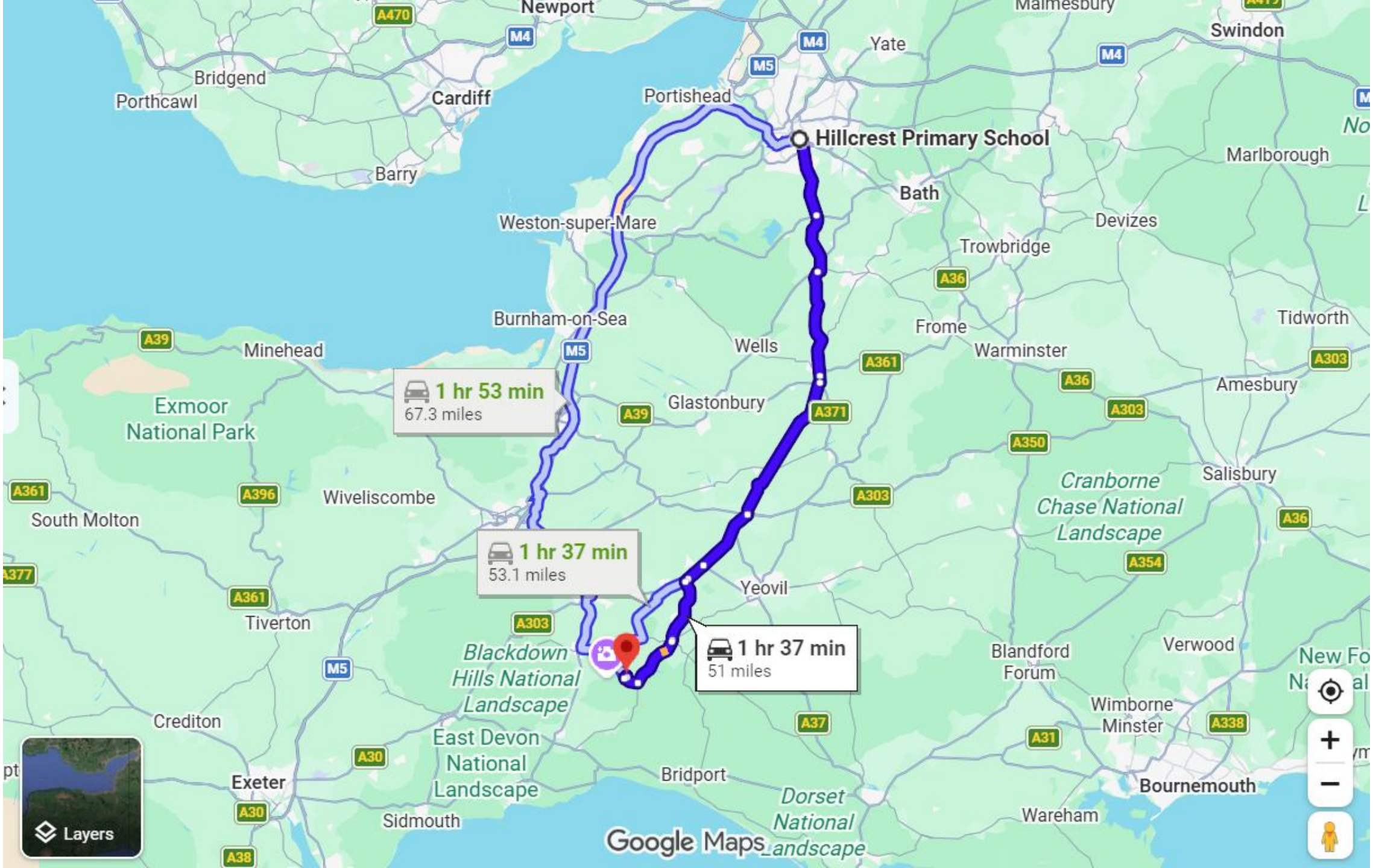
learning

nature

Confidence and personal development

Social skills and team building




Hillcrest Primary School
1 hr 53 min
67.3 miles
1 hr 37 min
53.1 miles
1 hr 37 min
51 miles
Newport
Cardiff
Bridgend
Porthcawl
Barry
Portishead
Yate
Swindon
Marlborough
Bath
Weston-super-Mare
Devizes
Trowbridge
Burnham-on-Sea
Minehead
Wells
Frome
Warminster
Tidworth
Amesbury
Glastonbury
Exmoor National Park
Wiveliscombe
South Molton
Tiverton
Cranborne Chase National Landscape
Salisbury
Yeovil
Blackdown Hills National Landscape
Blandford Forum
Verwood
Wimborne Minster
Crediton
East Devon National Landscape
Exeter
Sidmouth
Bridport
Dorset National Landscape
Wareham
Bournemouth
Layers
Google Maps

Example Activities



Survival in the Wild

- *Building shelters*
- *Lighting fires (without matches)*
- *Wearing tribal face paints*
- *Having a drink around the camp fire*



Eco-cooking: Pizzas

- *Picking ingredients from the garden*
- *Sustainable cooking techniques*
- *Learning about seasonality & food miles*
- *Cooking in the outdoor cob oven*



Habitat Hunters

- *Wildlife detectives*
- *Looking for minibeasts, birds, water-voles*
- *Tracking down evidence of local wildlife*
- *Pond dipping*
- *Life-cycles*



Hands on Farming

- *Visiting the animals*
- *Learning about organic farming*
- *Taking the goats for a walk*
- *A taste tour in the kitchen garden*
- *Sowing/planting*
- *Harvesting vegetables/salads for the kitchen*

Timetable:

Wednesday

Time	
13:00	**Arrive, Introduction & Safety Talk** On your arrival, we will discuss health and safety at the farm.
13:15	**Lunch**
13:45	**Unpack Bags Into Bedrooms** Time to take your bags to your bedroom, and find the items you will need for your first activities.
14:30	**Survival in the Wild** Create a magnificent den for your team, and explore everything the woods has to offer.
17:00	**Settling In Time** Time to settle into your new surroundings and complete any preparation for the remainder of your visit.
18:00	**Dinner**
19:00	**Campfire** Around the campfire, we'll sing songs and toast treats.
20:00	**Magdalen Staff Depart**

Thursday

Time	
08:00	**Breakfast**
09:00	**Farm Jobs - Chickens** Meet our chickens and help with valuable day-to-day jobs.
10:00	**Hands on Farming** Group 1 out of 2 Take part in essential animal care and horticultural jobs, and learn about organic farming practices.
	Habitat Hunters Group 2 out of 2 This activity can include exploring habitats and playing games to help us understand topics such as food webs, predator-prey relationships, lifecycles and hibernation, as well as human impact on wildlife.
11:30	**Hands on Farming** Group 1 out of 2 Take part in essential animal care and horticultural jobs, and learn about organic farming practices.
	Pond Dipping Group 2 out of 2 Use nets to catch and identify the weird and wonderful creatures that live in our ponds.
13:00	**Lunch**
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	Hands on Farming Group 2 out of 2 Take part in essential animal care and horticultural jobs, and learn about organic farming practices.
17:00	**Free Time (and optional Souvenir Shop)** Magdalen staff will explain the available options. If you want to bring your own activities, please do so. If your group would like the Souvenir Shop (selling a range of keyrings, magnets, pencils etc) then please let your Magdalen leader know.
17:30	**Magdalen Staff Depart**
18:00	**Dinner**
19:00	**Night Walk / Bat Walk** Experience our rural farm setting by night, and if the season is correct listen out for bats using our bat detectors!

Friday

Time	
08:00	**Breakfast**
08:45	**Packing Bags** All bedrooms must be empty before you begin your first activity.
09:15	**Nature's Art** Use natural materials from the land to create unique mementos.
10:30	**Eco cooking (snack) Pizza and blender bikes**
12:00	**Lunch**
12:30	**Prepare for Departure** Visit the toilet and wash hands before you say goodbye.
12:45	**Departure**

Kit List – PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Must Bring

Underwear, thick socks
Pyjamas
Toiletries & Large towel
3-4 T-shirts (long & short-sleeved for layering)
2 x sweatshirts/hoodies
2 x trousers (NOT jeans)
Warm waterproof coat
Wellies
Trainers/walking boots
Indoor shoes/slippers
Hairbrush/hair bobbles for long hair
2-3 carrier bags for wet clothes
Sunscreen and sunhat
Water bottle

Could Bring

- *Reading book*
- *Small card game*
- *Small torch*
- *One SMALL soft toy*
- *Up to £5 for small souvenir (pencil, rubber etc) in a labelled envelope/wallet*

Please ensure EVERYTHING is named.
This kit list will be given to families.

Amazing Food!

Wednesday 30th June– Children to bring packed lunch in disposable bag/container.

Magdalen provide the rest of the meals.

Breakfast: Toast & Cereal, scrambled egg, beans.

Lunch: Hot dog, veggie burger, sandwich packed lunch.

Dinner: Lasagne, Jacket potato, salad, Bolognese, tomato pasta.

Snacks: Pizza, energy balls, fruit, biscuits.







Rooms

Spread across 2 buildings.

Various size rooms; 2 all the way through to 10.

Bunkbed style dorms.

2-3 toilets and showers in each building.

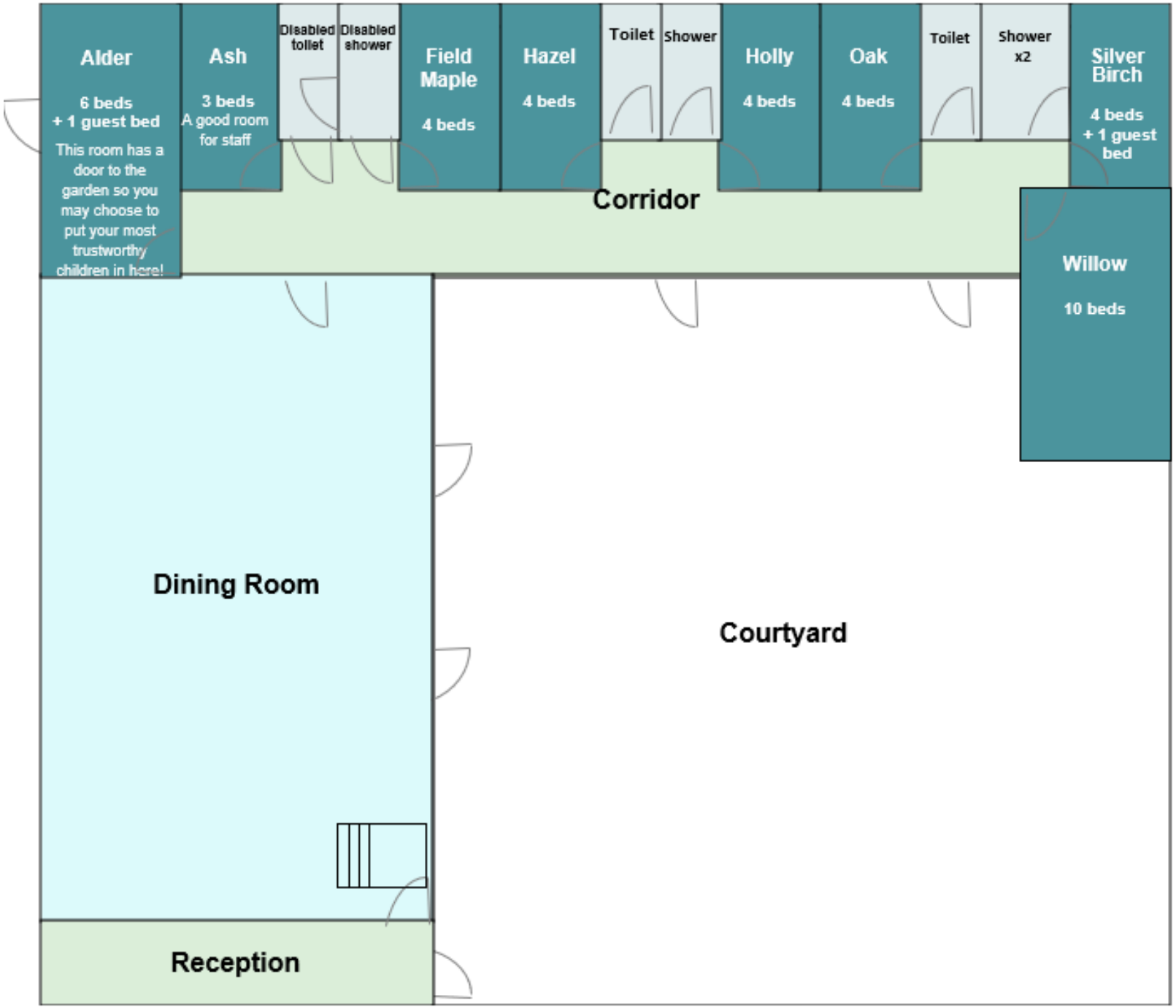
Adults spread across both buildings.

Single sex rooms.

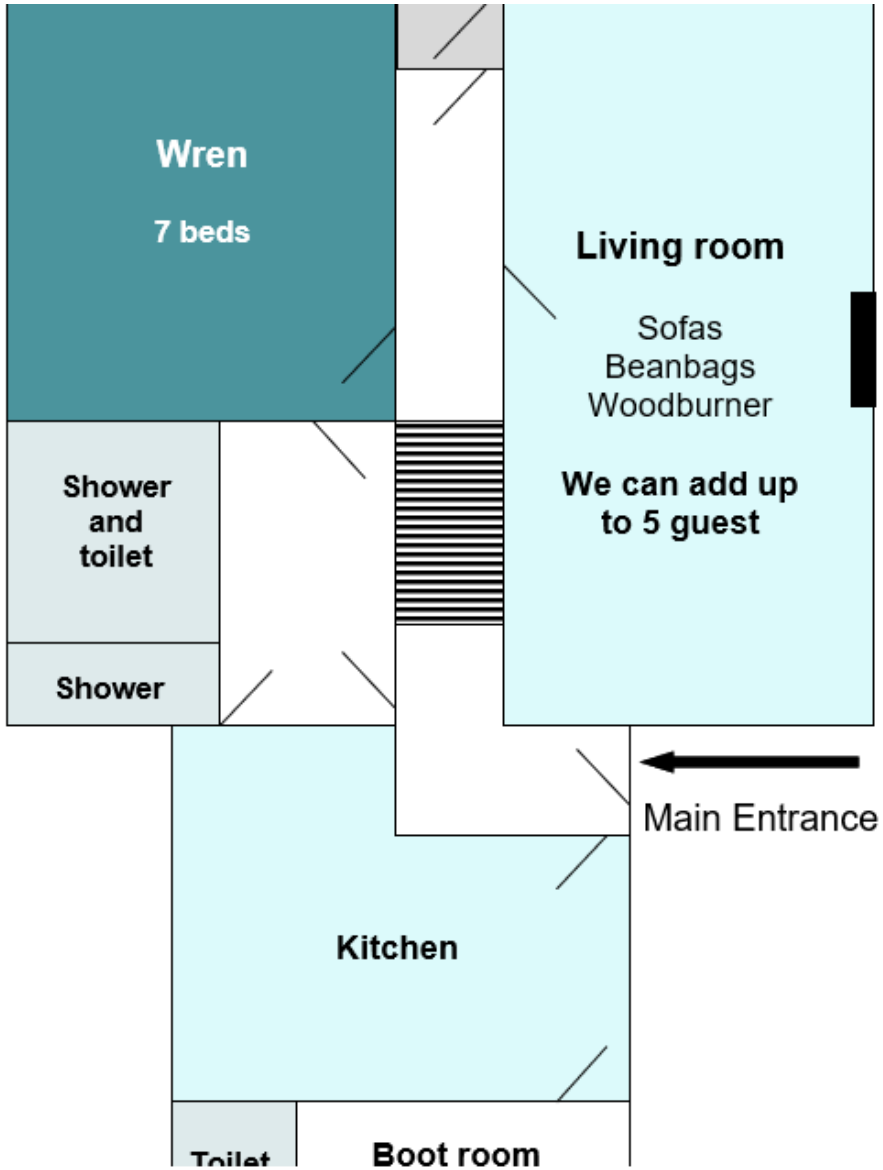


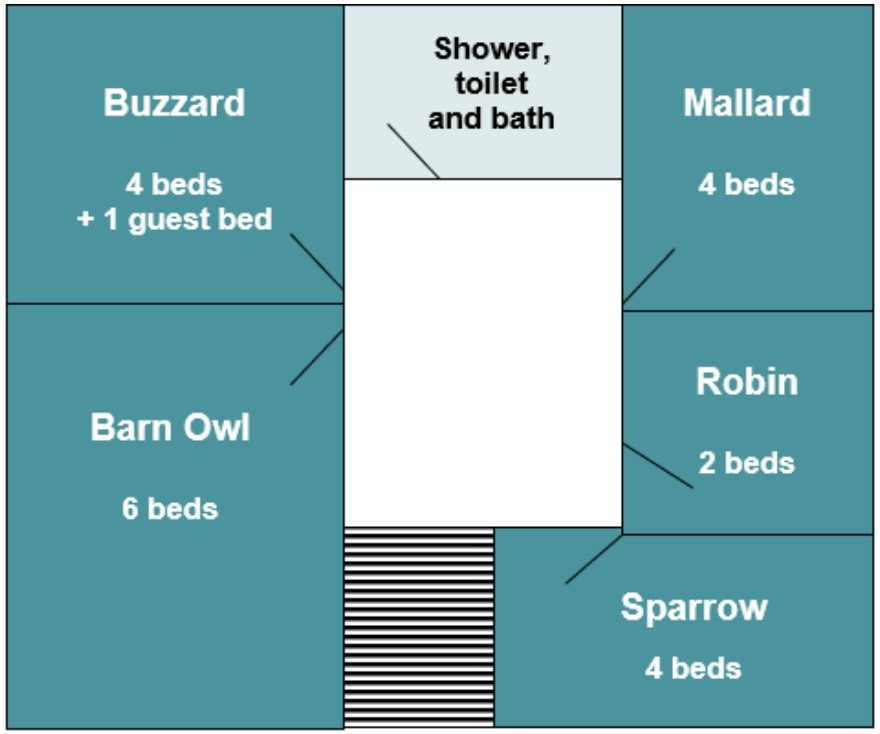


The Old Dairy



Farmhouse





Upstairs

Example of room set up



All bedding is supplied by Magdalen but children will be expected to put initial bedding on the beds. There will also be room inspections and children will be expected to make their beds.





Medicines

- Bring any medication your child needs (or may need) on the morning of departure.
- Please note that we aren't allowed to administer pain relief (eg: Calpol) unless you have signed the form to say we can. We will be taking a bottle of Calpol, Neurofen and Piriteze with us as it saves carrying 60 bottles.

- Make sure your child has had any travel sickness medication before you come to school on the day we leave as well as providing us with medication for the return trip.
- Medicines will be kept in a locked box and administered by one of our first aiders.

Healthcare form

- Complete nearer the time. But must show all medication.

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Y4 Magdalen Farm INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE FORM

Education Visit to: Magdalen Farm Date: 30th June – 2nd July 2027

Child's Name:_____

Date of Birth:_____

Class:_____

I wish my son/daughter to be allowed to take part in the above mentioned activity or visit and, having read the information sheet, agree to his/her taking part in any or all of the activities described.

I understand that, while the establishment staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the young people, they cannot necessarily be held for any loss or damage suffered by my son/daughter during the visit.

All visits are covered by public liability insurance and trips outside the County are usually covered by comprehensive travel insurance. Details of cover are available from the establishment on request.

Medical diagnosis or condition	
Date of birth	
Date of plan	
Review date	

Emergency Family Contact Information	
1. Name	
Relationship to child	
Phone no. (work)	
(home)	
(mobile)	
2. Name	
Relationship to child	
Phone no. (work)	
(home)	
(mobile)	

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Contact Information

In case of emergency please contact the centre directly

During office hours, from 9am - 5pm please call: 01460 30144

Outside these hours please call: 01460 30799

The Hillcrest office staff at school will also have the contact information on hand.

Hillcrest staff at Magdalen with your children will have your emergency contact information in case we need to get hold of you.

Money - payments

Deposit of £45 is due by 30th October

Balance of £164 *(or £123.00 if you are eligible for PP)* - due Wednesday 5th May 2027.

Please speak confidentially to a member of the Office, or the year 4 team, if you feel you need support with this.

Questions?

Nearer the time (term 5):

- FAQs
- Final timetable
- Room selection forms
- Kit List reminder
- Confirmation of adults

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