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Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together.

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

Dear Families,

Our Pioneer centre residential trip continues to be a success year on year. Children have the time of their lives taking part in challenges such as orienteering, climbing and water sports. Year 6 (and staff!) always return home muddy, tired, but extremely happy!

As we are always so impressed with the centre, we have secured a booking for next academic year for our current Year 5 pupils when they reach Year 6 from **Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th November 2026.**

A little about the centre



Our aim at NAYC & ACUK is to release potential in every person who walks through our doors. We own two purpose built activity centres, situated in the Midlands of England, not far from Birmingham. The Pioneer Centre offers a real taste of the outdoors and is often described as a home away from home because of our fantastic staff team and peaceful surroundings.

As well as our adrenaline fuelled outdoor activities, there are also plenty of opportunities to experience the natural environment by learning about local wildlife and plant life.

Situated in stunning countryside on the edge of the Wyre Forest, we are within easy reach of Birmingham and the national motorway network. Pioneer's unique location offers an opportunity for young people to experience the outdoors like never before.

Pioneer offers unrivalled en-suite accommodation under one roof for groups of 12 to 300 seeking 'best value' for their residential event. The six en-suite accommodation wings also allow a number of smaller groups to remain separate, secure and individually cared for whilst enjoying Pioneers rural location and facilities.

With 20 different activities there's plenty of opportunity to learn new skills, conquer fears and have plenty of fun! Our most popular activities include indoor caving, zip wire and an inflatable obstacle course we like to call Big Bounce! Our activity sessions are built to achieve learning outside the classroom and successfully develop new life skills.

This residential will challenge and inspire the children at Saint Thomas More School.

We are offering this amazing opportunity to Year 6 (current Year 5) children from **Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 6th November 2026.**

The cost of the entire trip, (accommodation, meals and 20 different activities) plus the coach there and back, will cost £230 per child. **There are a limited number of places available on this trip. To secure your child's place, a non-refundable deposit is required**. The payment plan is set out below.

	Amount	Due date
Deposit	**£40.00**	**28/02/2026**
Instalment 1	£38.00	31/03/2026
Instalment 2	£38.00	30/04/2026
Instalment 3	**£38.00**	**31/05/2026**
Instalment 4	£38.00	30/06/2026
Instalment 5	**£38.00**	**31/07/2026**

Parents are able to pay as little or as much as they like towards the cost of the trip at any time on ParentPay by simply overwriting the amount shown or selecting multiple instalments at once. Staff will be in touch around these dates to ensure payments are up to date. Dates shown in **red** above are the 'points of no return'. Payments must be clear by these dates and, should your child change their mind, no refunds can be made. This is due to the centre requiring staged payments in advance which are also non-refundable.

Parents are also able to make payments for part of the cost using Tax Free Childcare. For more information or to make a payment using Tax Free Childcare, please contact Mrs Gardner in the School Office.

We are overjoyed to be able to offer children this opportunity for a fantastic experience and believe that this will help prepare children for their final year with us and transition to secondary school.
If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office on 0121 743 3289 or enquiry@stm-lumenchristi.org.uk

Sincerely,

J. Poole

Mr J Poole
Assistant Principal