



HARDELOT



Year Six Trip to France 2026

Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June



HARDELOT - AN EDWARDIAN SEASIDE RESORT IN FRANCE



Hardelet's wide sandy beaches are fringed with sand dunes and pine forests. The resort was started in 1900 by Sir John Whitney, an Englishman who owned the local château. Edwardian families spent their summer holidays in spacious villas in the forests.



French families also bought property at the new resort. One was Louis Blériot, who pioneered sand-yachting on the wide flat beaches, as well as practising flying. Blériot was first to fly an airplane across the Channel in 1909.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE

The children will...

- experience French culture
- visit interesting places
- strengthen friendships
- practise their French language
- experience French dining
- become more independent
- have fun
- gain a memory for life!



THE HARDELOT CENTRE

The Centre is owned and run by Kent County Council. It is mainly used by schools and is in wooded surroundings. The Centre comprises a single storey accommodation block (where pupils and teachers sleep) and a restaurant block, where on-site centre staff live.

It is ideally situated for groups to gain a first-hand insight into the French culture, language and way of life. The area is steeped in history, and there are many towns and places of interest to visit within easy travelling distance.



THE HARDELOT CENTRE



In the evenings, children can play in the wooded grounds; there is also a sandy court for volleyball or football, and a games room if it is raining.

ACCOMMODATION



As the children are in year six now, they are encouraged to be responsible and organised!

They will be expected to keep their rooms tidy so that they can organise the clothes and equipment they need for each day.

We will be doing chambre inspections!

The single storey accommodation block is divided into two corridors (boys' and girls'), each with shower and toilet rooms.

Most of the bedrooms are twins (with bunk beds) although a couple of the rooms accommodate small groups. Every room has a wardrobe, wash basin and table. All rooms are heated.

Bed linen is provided; however, you will need to bring your own towels.

The children will make their beds on arrival. It is important that they practice this at home!

<http://thehardelotcentre.co.uk/about-us/our-history>

KEEPING SAFE

While we are away, children are expected to follow certain rules so that they are safe and enjoy their trip, whilst developing their independence.

- At certain times we allow children to explore small areas in groups, such as the small market square, where they can independently order something for our picnic, most of the time the children are all together with us such as at the beach, the chocolaterie and snail farm. At the aquarium we split into 2 groups each with 2 members of staff.
- Hats are to be worn at all times outside the centre so that the children are easily identifiable.
- The accompanying adults have been on this trip before, are first aid trained and are familiar with the children.
- There is always a member of the centre staff on site.



WHAT TO TAKE



Nearer the time, children will be given an information booklet with important and relevant details.

- Camera.
- Euros to buy souvenirs, and a small amount of English money for the ferry.
- Comfortable clothes, toiletries, a towel.
- Water bottle.
- School cap.
- Rucksack with a packed lunch for Monday.
- Information booklet and pencils / pen.
- Waterproof coat.
- Teddy and reading book

WHAT NOT TO TAKE

- Too much money
- Anything valuable
- Mobile phones/devices/
smart watches/trackers
- Fancy clothes



JOURNEY TO FRANCE



We leave EARLY on Monday morning. Children will eat part of their lunch on the ferry, and finish it in Boulogne.



After visiting the aquarium we head to the Hardelot Centre.



We arrive there in time for exploring, dinner and an evening of activities.

PLACES WE VISIT



Snail Farm and Chocolaterie.



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The beach and the war cemetery.



PLACES WE VISIT



Bagatelle (theme park) and Nausicaa aquarium).



JOURNEY HOME



We will return
afternoon /
evening on
Friday.



PAPERWORK

- Passports – each child will need their own passport
- GHIC card: (free from: <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>)
- Payments: Approx. cost of the trip will be £550. We do as much fundraising as we can to reduce costs. Last year we reduced the cost to £450 for parents (ppg 225). **The more children that go the lower the cost to all. Viability of the trip relies on most going.** The £100 deposit is non-refundable, and further payments can be made weekly, monthly or in one go – whatever suits your budget.



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