

11 February 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians

Subject: Carnival Week trips 2026

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. To celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students, we are excited to announce that we are again organising Carnival Week which includes end of year reward trips. These trips are designed to provide our students with a fun and enriching experience as they wrap up the academic year.

Carnival Week 2025 was a great success and over 900 students went out on external trips. Students in the academy experienced a variety of enrichment activities including team building, creative activities, inflatables, petting zoo, vintage vehicles, inter form competitions, showcases and performances by students within the academy.

Our 2026 Carnival Week is promising to be bigger and better and will be spread across 5 days starting with Culture & Diversity Day followed by a week of enrichment activities to conclude the end of the year. Below is an outline of the week.

Thursday 16th July - Culture & Diversity Day (All years in the academy)

Friday 17th July – Sports Day (All years in the academy)

Monday 20th July – External Trips – All years

Tuesday 21st July – Carnival Day (All years in the academy)

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of term (All years in the academy)

Trip Dates

A change for this year is that all year groups will be out on trips on one day, Monday 20th July 2026.

You should only pay one deposit for the trip your child would like to go on.

Trip name	Projected Total Cost	Deposit to be paid by 8th March
Alton Towers	£58 - £63	£30
Paintball Y9, Y10, Y12	£58 - £63	£30
Paintball Y7 & Y8	£58 - £63	£30
Rumble Live & Rutland Aqua Park	£45 - £50	£30
Go Ape & Archery Tag	£58 - £63	£30
London Eye	£40 - £45	£30
London Dungeon	£40 - £45	£30
London Open Top Bus Tour	£40 - £45	£30
London Madam Tussauds	£40 - £45	£30
London Zoo	£30 - £35	£15

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London Natural History Museum	£20 - £25	£15
London Science Museum	£20 - £25	£15
London Day trip to Oxford Street	£20 - £25	£15
Tenpin Bowling & Lunch	£20 - £25	£15
Glo Golf & Creams Desserts	£15 - £20	£15
Hunstanton Day trip	£15 - £20	£15

For more details on all the trips being offered including approximate timings please go to this link <https://www.stangroundacademy.org/carnival-week>

The details are on our website in Rewards section. Most trips have a price range, and we will endeavour to keep the trip at the lowest price possible, once final numbers are confirmed.

Payment

To secure your child's space on their preferred trip we are asking you to pay a non-refundable deposit. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis. If a trip does not get sufficient interest, your child will be offered an alternative trip.

All payments through Vericool are time and date stamped, and this is the information we will use should a trip be over subscribed.

Deposits should be paid by **Friday 13th March 2026**. Remaining trip fees will be due by **Friday 15th May 2026**. A further letter will follow outlining the finalised costings, this will be minus the deposit paid.

Deposits for the trips are either **£15** or **£30**; this is based on the projected overall costs of the trips. Please access Vericool using the link below to pay your child's deposit for their chosen trip.

[VeriCool SwiftPay Payment Portal](#)

All trip deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

We understand that not all students may be able to participate in the end-of-year reward trips for a variety of reasons. Rest assured that alternative arrangements and activities will be in place for those who are not attending trips.

We believe that these reward trips will serve as a fitting conclusion to an outstanding academic year. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We look forward to creating lasting memories with our students as we celebrate their achievements.

As with all academy reward trips there is a requirement that any student wishing to attend would uphold the academy values whilst on the trip and whilst they are in the academy. Should a student have a current behaviour record that is of significant concern or does not uphold the academy values leading up to the trip they will not be allowed to attend, this could result in losing the money paid towards the trip.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the academy enquiries@stangroundacademy.org

Should you have any issues with Vericool please email vericool@stangroundacademy.org

Yours sincerely



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