



# WILDERNESS

Outdoor Education

## Outdoor Programs For Schools

Onsite - Offsite - Residential



# WHAT WILDERNESS HAS TO OFFER

**In School  
Curriculum  
Linked Outdoor  
workshops**

**In School  
Under Canvas  
Wilderness  
Camps**

**Wilderness  
Under canvas  
residential  
activity  
camps**

Wilderness Outdoor Education offers an exciting and progressive approach to outdoor education. From camping under canvas on your school grounds, through to in school rainforest survival workshops. What is important to us is positively effecting as many young lives as possible, and to do that we believe outdoor education should be as accessible as possible. Our programmes aim to provide children with truly engaging and memorable outdoor experiences. This brochure highlights the programmes we offer to schools.

## **IN SCHOOL (ONSITE)**

Residential camping experiences  
Curriculum linked workshops  
Team challenge programmes  
Outdoor Education training

## **OUT OF SCHOOL (OFFSITE)**

Residential adventure programmes  
Watersports activity day programmes  
Multi day activity programmes



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# IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM LINKED WORKSHOPS

Great  
Value

Up to  
3 classes

All Year  
Round

Our In - school Workshops are an engaging and practical way of hooking your children into their topics. We make the most of your school grounds to provide an outdoor experience without the cost and hassle of organising transport. Our workshops are all designed to be hands on, from fire lighting to cooing, we involve the children from the first minute to the last. We can be flexible with our timings, which allows us to work with up to three classes in a day making the experience accessible for more. However a full day with one class guarantees the best possible experience. Below is a list of the workshops we offer.

Arctic/ Antarctic Survival	Stone Age Survival	Rainforest Survival	Christmas Nature Crafts	Desert Island Survival
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# STONE AGE SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

- Primitive Fire lighting
- Ancient Bread Making/Cooking on Fire
- Hunter-Gatherer Shelter Building
- Stone Age Demonstrations
- Animal Furs
- Question & Answer Sessions

Our Stone Age workshops was our first in school workshop and combined our passion for both history and bushcraft. Now we deliver yhid workshop every year in schools across the North of England and for many schools it has formed the base for their topic.

We are so proud of our Stone Age Workshop, and we love the look on the children's face when they light their own fire or try their own primitive bread cooked over an open fire. The workshop provides plenty of opportunities to plan multiple lessons around the workshops to follow up, from creating instructions to recipes.





# DESERT ISLAND SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

Our Desert Island Survival workshop works in a similar way than that of our other workshops, yet this time we take the children on an island odyssey as we look at what it takes to survive on a desert island. From lighting fire to building water filters, this workshop is hands on from start to finish and promises to give the children the skills essential to survive.

- Island fire lighting
- Making tinder from bamboo
- Bush tucker trial
- Island shelters
- Water filter making
- Signal Fires

# RAINFOREST SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

- Rainforest Survival Intro
- Firelighting Techniques
- Water filters, construction & test
- Shelters and Hammocks
- Emergency Bushcraft

This is another really fun and engaging workshop, children will learn what it takes to survive in such a hot and humid environment. From building their own fires, edible bug tasting and shelter building this workshop is crammed from start to finish with the crucial skills needed to survive and thrive in the rainforest.



# ARCTIC SURVIVAL WORKSHOP

Your children will be transported to one of the most hostile and unforgiving environments in the world, with temperatures reaching below 40 degrees, this workshop equips your children with the essential equipment and skills essential to survive in the Arctic. From specialised clothing to methods of moving on snow and ice, your children will finish the workshop Arctic survival experts.

- Clothing used to survive in Arctic environment
- Equipment used to travel across snow and ice
- Equipment needed to sleep in the Arctic
- Cooking and tasting Arctic ration pack food on Exped stove
- Q & A with Arctic Explorer



# CHRISTMAS NATURE CRAFT WORKSHOP

- Stick Christmas trees
- Pine cone Rudolph
- Elf house building
- Make, cook and taste cinnamon campfire bread
- Christmas carols around the fire
- Hot chocolate and marshmallows

This wonderfully festive and seasonal workshop is the perfect way of getting your children into the Christmas spirit. Your children will head outdoors where they will forage for nature's very own winter offerings in order to create some truly magical Christmas crafts. This is followed by Christmas carols and a warming hot chocolate around the campfire.



# SCHOOL FIELD WILDERNESS OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Make the most of your green space with an onsite residential experience!

Our onsite, In School under canvas camps deliver an incredibly beneficial residential experience without the barriers of traditional offsite residential trips. Our in School camps combine cozy, safe and memorable under canvas accommodation with a huge range of outdoor activity options, and let's not forget camp BBQ followed by marshmallows over the campfire.

Even though the school field may be close to home, once the sun sets, the fairy lights go on, the fire is lit, the children are transported to a magical camping experience they will never forget.



# IN SCHOOL CAMP PACKAGES

## Basic Camp Package

Our basic camp package is all about the overnight experience, we provide the tents, camp beds and all other equipment you will need to spend a night under the stars. We pitch the tents and show the children the sleeping arrangements and then leave activities and meals for the school to organise.

£45pp

## Meals Add-On

This add on leaves all the catering to us, our staff have over a decades of experience in providing catering for school trips, allergies, intolerances and fussy eaters are perfectly managed by the Wilderness team. This add on includes an evening camp BBQ, hot chocolate, campfire with marshmallows followed by breakfast the following morning.

+ £15pp

## Activities Add-On

Choose a maximum of 2 out of 3 of our exciting and engaging Outdoor activities to make your evening that little bit more special. Choose from Bushcraft with survival skills, Team challenges, onsite Archery. All workshops are approx 1hr.

+ £15pp per an activity

# EXAMPLE ITINERARY FOR IN SCHOOL CAMP

10-11am - Arrive, begin camp set up

3.15pm - Begin 1hr Bushcraft Workshop

5.30pm - Settle into Tents

6.00pm - Evening Camp BBQ

7.00pm - Archery 1hr Workshop

9.00pm - Campfire with Hot chocolate and Marshmallows

9.30pm - Children head to bed

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7.30am - Camp Breakfast

8.30am - Children Vacate tents

9.00am - Full day Outdoor Workshop

3.00pm - Return to class and collected from School



# IN SCHOOL CAMPS - FAQs

## What does the evening meal package include?

The evening meal package includes a delicious camp BBQ, including tasty hot dogs and burgers with all of the sides and trimmings. The BBQ is followed by banana splits over a campfire and a hot chocolate before bedtime.

## What is included within the camp breakfast?

After a night under the stars and with a full day ahead of them, we ensure your children start the day right with a tasty, filling breakfast, this includes a choice of different cereals, pastries, croissants, fruit and yogurts.

## What about special dietary requirements, food allergies and intolerances?

Wilderness is able to cater for all special dietary requirements as long as we have advance notice. Our consent forms include a section on dietary requirements, this information will be relayed to us prior to our arrival, ensuring your child will have a lovely full tummy whilst catering for their specific dietary needs.

## Will my child be safe in their tents?

Yes, absolutely, not only are the canvas bell tents set within the security and safety of your school grounds, but each tent is equipped with their own emergency call button, this is linked to the onsite teacher's tent, providing children with the ability to contact their teachers in the night without needing to leave their tents, should they need to.

## What about toilet facilities?

The children will have access to the toilet facilities within school for the duration of the camp, however, should your child need the toilet in the night we have individual toilet tents equipped with mobile cassette toilets, these are located within the camp area ensuring children don't need to go far to use the facilities.

# WILDERNESS OUTDOOR ACTIVITY RESIDENTIAL CAMPS

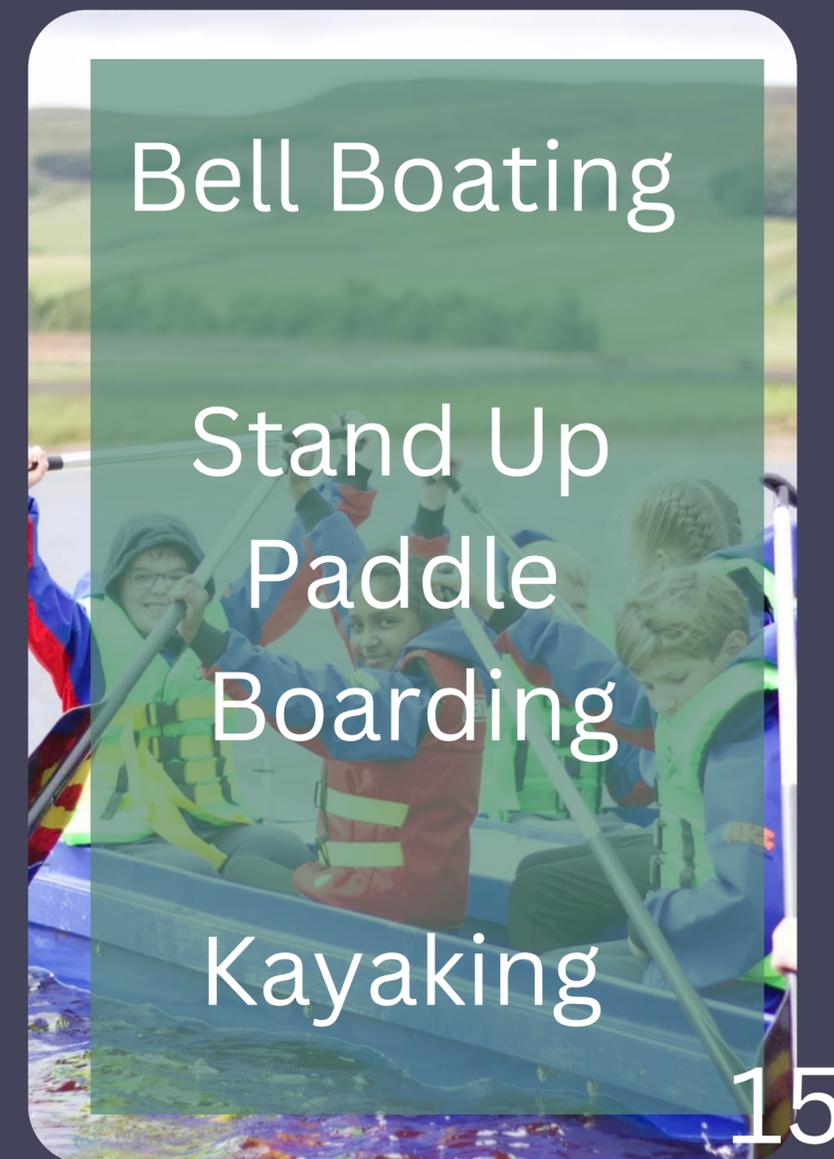
Our under canvas Wilderness camp is based amongst the rolling hills of Teesdale, set within the Durham Dales. We have over a decade's experience of providing authentic, adventurous residential programmes for both primary and secondary schools. We pride ourselves on delivering exhilarating, immersive outdoor activities in stunning, wild locations which ensure lifelong memories.

These activities are combined with our unique approach towards providing children with a 'back to basics' Wilderness experience; our under canvas camp provides young people with the opportunity to experience a hands on residential stay.



# ACTIVITIES AT THE WILDERNESS CAMP

We offer a range of authentic adventurous activities from leaping from waterfalls of the canyon walk to crossing a wild lake on a raft built from scratch. We run a very busy, jam packed program, with evenings taken up by campfires, stargazing, slip N slides and more.



# ACCOMMODATION AT THE WILDERNESS CAMP

We offer a truly unique sleeping under the stars camping experience. Children sleep in heavy duty canvas bell tents which each accommodate up to 6 children, with teachers enjoying a more luxury glamping experience in our 2 person canvas tents. Onsite we also have our very own 'hot tent', a large group tent heated by a cracking open fire which provides a welcome escape from the elements and a cosy retreat for teacher on an evening. We also seek warmth next to the open fire to enjoy our home-cooked, hearty meals.

When nature calls we have port-a loos onsite hidden out of site behind log screening. A hot shower can be enjoyed in our individual tipi style shower cubicles.



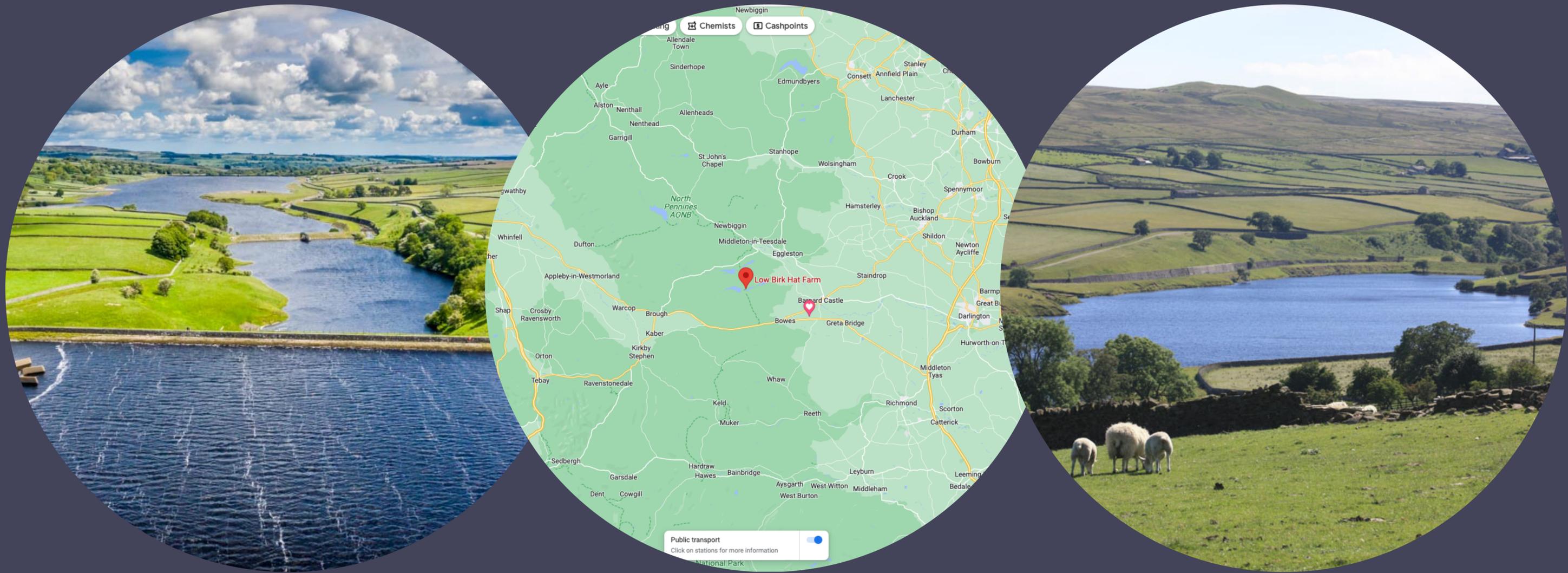
# MENU AT THE WILDERNESS CAMP

Please don't worry, we won't be foraging for our dinner! We have a very tasty, filling and delicious menu full of home cooked meals, from camp a BBQ, spaghetti bolagnese with garlic bread, homemade curry with popadoms, buffet style lunches to warm chocolate brownies cooked over the campfire we will ceretainly make sure no-one goes hungry

Day 1	Lunch	Packed Lunch
	Evening Meal	Camp BBQ with burgers topped with cooked onions and cheese, hot dogs and salad
Day 2	Breakfast	Cereal, croissants, pastries, yogurts, fruit
	Lunch	Large buffet lunch
	Evening Meal	Spaghetti Bolagnese with garlic bread and warm chocolate brownie for pudding
Day 3	Breakfast	Cereal, croissants, pastries, yogurts, fruit
	Lunch	Large buffet lunch

# LOCATION OF THE WILDERNESS CAMP

We are located in a beautiful, sheltered woodland in the heart of Baldersdale, a small valley set in Teesdale, we are surrounded by rolling hills, stunning reservoirs and spectacular green open space for as far as the eye can see. It is fair to say we offer a truly wild escape. We are located a short 30 minute drive from the nearest town of Barnard Castle.



Wilderness Outdoor Education @ Low Birk Hatt, Baldersdale, Barnard Castle,  
DL12 9UX

# FAQS ABOUT THE WILDERNESS CAMP

## What about showers?

We have lovely hot showers to enjoy onsite based in our individual tipi style cubicles.

## Is it safe onsite?

Yes, the site is incredibly private, secluded and is fenced off with no public access. Wilderness staff are onsite 24hrs. During the night children will operate a buddy system for toilet trips.

## What if the weather is horrible?

We are no strangers to bad weather and are fully prepared. The programme might change but will remain just as fun. In terms of the accomodation we have lots of cover and warm group areas. All of our canvas is fully waterproof.

## Is there signal/wifi?

Yes, signal is good in the valley and we also have free wifi accessible for teachers.

## Do we have power in the tents?

The children's tents are supplied with LED lanterns for nighttime this is the same for teachers, however we provide large power banks for teachers to use which have the capacity to charge phones and other small devices. There is no 240v in the tents.

## Are the tents cold?

Although the tents have no heating, they will certainly be a comfortable temperature, we provide comfy camp beds and additional 4 season sleeping bags to act as duvets over the top of your own sleeping bags if needed.

# PRICING AND PACKAGE OPTIONS

## 1 Night/2 Day Package

1 night/ 2 days fully catered under canvas accommodation

2 x outdoor adventurous activities

1 x evening activity

24hr onsite Wilderness staff

Mini bus transfers to and from activity venues during stay

**£99per person +vat**

## 2 Night/3 Day Package

2 night/ 3 days fully catered under canvas accommodation

4 x outdoor adventurous activities

2 x evening activity

24hr onsite Wilderness staff

Mini bus transfers to and from activity venues during stay

**£195per person +vat**

## 4 Night/5 Day Package

4 night/ 5 days fully catered under canvas accommodation

8 x outdoor adventurous activities

4 x evening activity

24hr onsite Wilderness staff

Mini bus transfers to and from activity venues during stay

**£270per person +vat**



# TESTIMONIALS

Don't just take it from us.....

“Having enjoyed both residential and in-school experiences with Rob and the team for over a decade, booking our summer residential has been a top priority on our return to school. The unique setting offered adds to the wealth of experiences I know the children will have, making memories for life. The team are professional, caring and great with our children. With wellbeing such a priority, having this in our diary, alongside days in school for outdoor learning adventures with Wilderness Outdoor Education, is something we can all look forward to”.

Elizabeth Lavelle

Assistant Head Teacher (Phase 4) Ayresome Primary School Worcester Street, Middlesbrough, TS1 4NT

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"I have always found Rob and Abi to be very professional and child centred, both in their approach to the activities and to the welfare of the children. Rob and Abi very quickly build a nice, friendly and trusting relationship with the children, which can be a huge benefit when asking them to take part in challenging and adventurous activities. Because of their friendly approach they can easily encourage and motivate all of the children to succeed. They create a ‘home from home’ atmosphere which adds to the confidence of the children— for some this is the first time away from their families.

I would highly, without reservation, recommend Wilderness Education Centre for any group residential.”

Helen Cook

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"Rob has always organised fantastic residential for me. We have spent time at the base in Middleton-in-Teesdale, but also at Grasmere and at Dumfries in Scotland. Rob takes all the anxiety out of organising residential, for teachers. He and his staff are highly qualified and highly experienced. Risk assessments are thorough. Rob knows how to relate to the children. He explains instructions in a way as to nurture their independence and give them all a real sense of achievement.

We have always had the most amazing time with Rob on residential - lots of fun and lots of new experiences. The food is always excellent and very child-friendly too!

It is the highlight of the children's year - they all remember it at the end of the year as the best experience they had at school and I can't recommend him highly enough!"

Jane MacInnes

Class teacher - Bowes Hutchinsons Primary School Bowes, Barnard Castle, DL12 9LG

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"As a school we have worked alongside Rob and Abi for over 15 years.

During our residential visits the children's experience is always at the heart of the week. Rob and Abi ensure that all children have the best possible experience, encouraging the children to push their own boundaries by trying new things and making sure all children leave each activity with a smile on their face and feeling a sense of pride and accomplishment. Their commitment to the children for the week is fantastic, their enthusiasm and passion shines through for each activity, ensuring that the children and staff have the most amazing time, whilst ensuring that the safety of all is at the core. Rob and Abi have a real passion for outdoor learning, which always shines through, they love their local environment and have found exciting and interesting ways in which to show this to the people who visit, from gorge walking in the local gorge to kayaking down the River Tees.

It is a real pleasure to work alongside Rob and Abi and we know that after a visit the children will talk about their experiences for many months, but also make memories for a lifetime."

Megan Sellar

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