



Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Y4 Parents,

Year 5 SPEC (Spiritual & Personal Encounter with Christ) Residential Trip 2026

I am delighted to inform you that a provisional booking has been made for your child to spend a night at the SPEC Retreat Centre, from the 5th to 6th May 2026. The SPEC Retreat Centre is located on a beautiful plot of land in the village of Pinner, in north London. The area was historically called Waxwell Farm, and consists of excellent retreat facilities, including: seven acres of garden; Waxwell House; and the St. Joan of Arc Residential Complex. Further information can be found <https://www.specretreatcentre.org/facilities>

A retreat is an opportunity to step back from our routines and evaluate our relationship with God. Going on retreat means entering an environment where everyone is challenged to reflect on the bigger questions in our hearts, to bring those questions to God and to each other, and to be invited to meet the Lord halfway. The Year 5s theme will be 'Life to the Full'.

The total cost per child will be £120.00 payable via Arbor. We need to finalise with the SPEC how many children will definitely be attending before we break up for the summer holidays. Please email Mrs Randall **by 10:00am on Monday 14th July** via admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk (with 'SPEC 2026' as your subject) if your child is not attending. If we do not hear from you by this time, it will be presumed that you would like your child to attend and that you agree to make the monthly payments listed below: -

£20 Non-refundable deposit by 31st July 2025

£25 by 30th September 2025

£25 by 29th November 2025

£25 by 31st January 2026

£25 by 31st March 2026

The above amount includes transport, accommodation and food. Payment is now open under Arbor to make your first monthly deposit and I ask that all monthly instalments are paid by the date requested, as we too have to pay the trip providers in instalments. Please note, by consenting to your child attending and paying your deposit, you are committed to paying the full trip cost by the 31st March 2026.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern.

If you need to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

Mrs Joanne Walsh
Executive Headteacher