

6th March 2025

**Year 5 Turing Speak Out Mobility to Barcelona 21st-25th April 2025**

Dear Shoscombe and Welton families,

We are very much looking forward to our visit to Barcelona in March. This letter is to provide you with the latest information about the visit. There will be further information shared and documents to sign at a **Barcelona Parents Meeting on Wednesday 2nd April at 3.45pm at Welton Primary School**. It is essential that you attend this meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to your own school contacts: Mrs Rorison at Shoscombe or Mr Snell at Welton.

Many thanks,

Tania Rorison  
Shoscombe Head Teacher and Visit Leader

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**About our visit**

We are taking 14 children from two local schools: Welton Primary School and Shoscombe Church School. 4 members of staff will be on the visit.

Mrs Rorison is the group leader.

**Travel arrangements**

You will need to arrange for your child to be at **Bristol Airport on Monday 21st April 2025 at 8am**. We are flying with Easyjet. The flight time is around 2 hours. Barcelona is 1 hour ahead of the UK. Your child will need a packed lunch for the journey and a refillable water bottle.

Outbound flight details:  
Flight Number: 2703 Monday 21st April  
Bristol Airport depart 10:40  
Arrive:13:45 local time

Return flight details:  
Flight number: 1055 Friday 25th April  
Depart Barcelona: 10:55  
Arrive Bristol: 12:20

On our return you will collect your child from Bristol airport. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

When in Barcelona we will be using a recommended coach for travel to our accommodation from the airport. During the visit we will also be using the local train network and bus services. We will also be using the coach provider to take us back to Barcelona Airport for the flight home.

**Travel Documents**

Your child must have a valid passport and it is also recommended that they have an EHIC or GHIC card - health insurance. You can apply for these online free of charge - beware of unofficial websites that may charge. If you have an existing EHIC it remains valid until the expiry date on the card. As MNSP

schools we have travel insurance already in place so there is no need for you to purchase this separately.

### Accommodation

We will all be staying together at Eurostage Holiday Camp (<https://es.eurostage.cat/>). The camp has been visited and has been risk assessed to be suitable for our visit. We will be staying in lodge chalets in an area specifically for our group. Bedrooms/bunk beds will be allocated and shared with you. All bedding will be provided however your child will need to bring a towel. We hope to make use of the swimming pool which will have a lifeguard in attendance.

### Luggage

All luggage will be taken in the cabin of the aeroplane. Your child should pack a small suitcase (large cabin bag) and one travel rucksack (small cabin bag). The rucksack must be suitable for your child to use as their day bag during the visit. No large suitcases or bags will be allowed. Your child must be able to carry and manage their own luggage at all times.

EasyJet bag sizes are as follows:

(further details: <https://www.easyjet.com/en/help/baggage/cabin-bags>)

#### Cabin bag allowances:

All customers can bring on board:

One small cabin bag



- Maximum size 45 x 36 x 20cm (including any handles or wheels)
- Includes items like a small trolley case, handbag, rucksack and laptop bag, but please check dimensions
- Needs to fit under the seat in front of you
- Maximum weight 15kg. You need to be able to lift and carry the bag yourself



Customers who have paid to add a large cabin bag to their booking or have easyJet Plus membership and have booked a large cabin bag can also bring on board:

One large cabin bag

- Maximum size 56 x 45 x 25 cm (including any handles or wheels)
- Includes items like a trolley case and larger rucksack, but please check dimensions
- Needs to fit in an overhead locker
- Maximum weight 15kg. You need to be able to lift and carry the bag yourself
- Includes Speedy Boarding (be one of the first to board)

Please ensure that you do not pack any banned items. You are advised to let your child help with the packing so that they know exactly what they have packed and where to find it! Your child must be able to manage their own luggage independently at all times, including through security checks.

Your child's hand luggage must comply with airline safety rules so please be mindful of this when packing, especially when selecting snacks, items for a packed lunch and drinks. Easyjet has some useful information on their website on what you can/cannot take onto a plane:

<https://www.easyjet.com/en/help/baggage/restricted-and-unusual-items>

### What to pack

We are away for 4 nights. Your child will need clothes suitable for a day out at the school, a visit to Barcelona city, including a tour of the city sites and visit to local parks. They will need overnight clothes, a waterproof/coat and at least one jumper. They should bring a swimsuit and towel. We recommend your child packs a familiar, small, soft toy, a book and anything else that will help them feel at ease whilst away from home. A small card game or similar would be acceptable. See packing list suggestions below.

Whilst electronic items are allowed, these are taken at your own risk. We appreciate how devices might be a good entertainment whilst travelling, but please consider if you want your child to have this whilst abroad. Your child may want a camera - please brief them on how to use and charge this and how to keep it safe. No mobile phones will be allowed.

### Contact whilst we are away

We discourage too much contact between you and your child whilst away as in our experience this can cause homesickness more than solve it. This trip is an opportunity for your child to develop independence and staff will be contactable 24 hours a day to help resolve any concerns or difficulties children may have. We will let you know that we have arrived safely and provide you with updates throughout the week. Each school will agree on a single form of communication with parents while they are away that will be shared with you at our parent meeting on the 2nd April. We will also be sharing photographs with you during the trip.

### About the Barcelona school

Maristes Valldemia School is a school situated in Mataró, a small town 30 km east of Barcelona. For further information see <https://www.valldemia.maristes.cat/>

### Programme of activities

The children will be communicating with each other before the visit. Our programme of activities has been created in support of the theme 'Speak Out!' which will involve learning about language and communication. Our programme outline:

- Monday 21st April  
Travel day (bring packed lunch) and settling in at the accommodation. Evening meal provided.
- Tuesday 22nd April  
Visit to Barcelona including a tour of the sites using a tour guide bus. We plan to visit the famous Sagrada Familia (<https://sagradafamilia.org/en/>) and Parc Guell (<https://parkguell.barcelona/>)
- Wednesday 23rd April (St George's Day)  
Visit to Maristes Valldemia School for a day of activities based on St George's Day which is a very popular festival in Spain.
- Thursday 24th April  
A day of activities including use of the facilities at Eurostage and visiting local sites.
- Friday 25th April  
Travel day.

### Allergies and medication

Before we travel, you will be asked to complete a pupil profile that includes allergies, intolerances and contact details. If your child needs medication then we will ask you to complete a medical form. If the medicine is prescribed, we will also need a copy of the prescription to allow us to take it through customs. All medication will need to be clearly labelled when packed. If your child is carrying

self-administered medication such as an inhaler, please ensure they are confident in their use, storage and care.

### Spending money

A small amount of spending money is recommended. We won't have many shopping opportunities however there will be a chance for your child to buy some souvenirs. Please ensure that your child has a purse/wallet for their money and that they understand it is their responsibility to keep this safe. This will need to be in Euros. Children do not need money for food, transport or any excursions as these are included in the cost of the trip.

### Behaviour and Expectations

As with all school visits, we expect the highest standards of behaviour whilst on this visit. Poor behaviour whilst travelling can lead to children becoming unsafe or lost. To ensure we all have a positive experience we must all agree to follow our school behaviour policies - to be respectful and considerate at all times. Please ensure you have spoken to your child about the behaviour we expect of them whilst on this trip.

### Cultural differences

Travelling is an exciting experience. It is an opportunity to recognise things which are similar but also it gives us a chance to learn about new things, try new foods and become part of a different culture. Being different doesn't mean being strange or odd and that something is better or worse than what we are used to at home.

This is a very exciting opportunity for your child, but we understand that for most of our pupils this will be their first visit overseas without you so it is very normal for them to feel worried. We are all aware of this and will be working together over the coming weeks to reduce any anxieties and explain what to expect when we are away.

If you have any further questions please contact your own school teachers in the first instance. We will be sharing important risk assessments and other documents for your information at the parent meeting on the 2nd April at Welton Primary School so please make sure you are able to attend.

With best wishes,

The Turing Barcelona Team

1,600 x 800



## Barcelona 2025 - Packing List

Children will be responsible for carrying their own luggage so please make sure that your child is able to carry the items they have packed. There is a 15kg weight limit for EasyJet flights. Your child should pack a small suitcase (large cabin bag) and one travel rucksack (small cabin bag). Further information about cabin bag sizes:

<https://www.easyjet.com/en/help/baggage/cabin-bags>

<b>Necessary Items</b>	
Underwear	Jumper
Socks	Comfortable trousers
Pyjamas	T-shirts/shorts
Swimming Costume	Waterproof Coat/Jacket
Towel	*Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Shower gel and Shampoo (less than 100 ml in a ziplock bag) Please put this in your backpack. (We will provide sun cream)
Sensible/comfortable footwear	
£20 spending money in Euros	PE hoodie or sweatshirt
Water bottle	Packed lunch for the first day
<b>Desirable Items</b>	
Soft toy	Card game
Reading Book or Magazines	Snacks
Camera	Pencil case, including colour pens or pencil, notepad, wordsearch, colouring pad, sudoku ...

\*Current government guidelines for packing of liquids (including toothpaste): Containers must hold no more than 100ml and must all be placed in a single, transparent, resealable plastic bag, which holds no more than a litre and measures approximately 20cm x 20cm. The contents must fit comfortably inside the bag so it can be sealed.