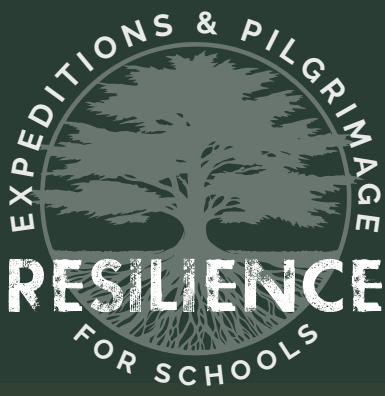




PILGRIMS WAY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

CHILHAM - CANTEBURY CATHEDRAL

Step beyond the classroom and into centuries of history as your Year 8 students undertake an unforgettable 12km pilgrimage through the heart of Kent. Following ancient pathways through woodland glades and traditional apple orchards, this transformative day journey from Chilham to Canterbury Cathedral builds resilience, fosters team spirit, and connects young minds with England's rich cultural and spiritual heritage.



WHAT AWAITS YOUR STUDENTS:

- Physical challenge across diverse countryside terrain
- Living history lessons along medieval pilgrimage routes
- Cultural exploration of rural Kent traditions
- Spiritual reflection and personal growth opportunities
- Guided cathedral experience culminating in a blessing ceremony

This immersive adventure develops confidence, perseverance, and a deeper understanding of our shared past while creating lasting memories through authentic outdoor education.

FIVE SCHOOL SPACES AVAILABLE FOR JULY 2026





PRACTICAL DETAILS

Dates: Five slots in July 2026 (post-exam -30th June-4th July 2026)

Group size: 12–200 pupils (1 free adult place with every 12 Pupils)

Price: From £48 per participant (excludes travel)

Travel options: Coach travel can be arranged with convenient drop off and pick up points or pupils in smaller groups may wish to travel travel by rail.

THE ROUTE

Students will experience England's historic pilgrimage route with a 7.2-mile (11.5km) journey from the medieval village of Chilham to Canterbury Cathedral. Starting in Chilham, nestled in the Kent Downs on the ancient Pilgrims' Way, participants follow centuries-old pathways through stunning countryside, woodland tracks, and traditional apple orchards. This single-day adventure passes through significant historical sites including an Iron Age hillfort once attacked by Julius Caesar's Roman army and culminates at the iconic Canterbury Cathedral—a World Heritage Site and pilgrimage destination since Thomas Becket's martyrdom in 1170. Both start and end points are easily accessible by coach or rail, making this authentic English pilgrimage experience perfectly suited for school groups.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Professional supervision and safety management on route
- Branded T-shirt for every participant
- Supporting learning materials for teachers
- Guided cathedral tour, pilgrim blessing in the Eastern Crypt, optional medieval Chapter House lunch space

EDUCATIONAL VALUE

- Historical insights on medieval pilgrimage to Canterbury, Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, and Kent's sacred landscape
- Spiritual reflection through the blessing and cathedral experience
- Physical challenge and outdoor learning in a beautiful rural setting

