

ST.MARK'S TIMES

Y6 HEAD FOR ADVENTURES!

On Monday the 20th September Year 6 from St. Mark's School gathered in the main hall with suitcases and bags. Children and parents said their last goodbyes to each other before the children set off to Barton Hall near Torquay.

On the way St. Mark's stopped off at Powderham Castle. They took a guided tour round the castle which was good. Near the castle there was a place called The Secret Garden. Inside there were all different kinds of birds, donkey, horses, chickens, lambs and guinea-pigs. Most of the

children stroked most of the animals there. They then continued their journey to Barton Hall.

When they arrived their first task was to haul their luggage up to the chalets. Once they had found their chalet they were taken on a tour of the campus. That evening they went on a scavenger hunt—great fun in the dark!



The next morning all the children were put into groups 7, 8, 9 and 10. Group 9 and 10 did Aeroball together because you needed 2 groups at a time to play. In the afternoon the whole school went rock pooling at Torquay beach. Loads of sea creatures were caught and lots of wellies were full with water by the time they had to go!

The next day, Wednesday, they were in for some more water splashing. They were going to visit three places on the River Lemon. The places were the source (the beginning) the main (the middle) and the mouth (the end). The source was really shallow with little rocks. Each group measured the width, depth and the flow. The main was deeper but it still had some rocks. Again each group measured the width, depth and flow. Lisa held one end of the stick while Kate went over with the other end in to the deeper bit of the water. Water was about to flood Kate's boots when Claire, one of the leaders, saved the day by saying 'Don't worry, I'll do it!' When they finished the River Lemon, they went back on to the coach back to Barton Hall.

Each night of residential they had either an activity or ICT linked to the field studies. On the last night, everybody got to show off some disco moves at the Barton Hall disco. Matt, St. Marks leader of residential, showed off his moves more than anybody else that night. Most of the staff danced to songs while the other schools watched. When the disco finished everyone ran back to the chalets and went to sleep.

The next morning they were all ready to go home, their suitcases packed and the chalets were clear. They were ready for a long journey home. The music pumping and people singing!

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