



school travel AWARDS 2026

‘My Best School Trip’ Entry Pack

Open for trips covering Key Stages 1-4, the winning school will receive a **£2,500 prize** to put towards a future school trip.

It’s part of the annual School Travel Awards, run by School Travel Organiser magazine, and aims to recognise best practice when it comes to learning outside the classroom experiences for children.



• Rhian Milton and colleagues from St Woolos Primary School are presented with the winning trophy by Rachel Samuels from Go Ape (right) and awards host, Rory Bremner.

Who won last time? The 2025 winner was St Woolos Primary School, Newport, Wales, for their Year 5 residential to Lower Treginnis Farm. Head teacher Rhian Milton entered the trip, describing it as a “deep and immersive learning experience that has created a long-lasting legacy”. The children spent a week at the Farms for City site in Wales, taking on responsibilities including milking the goats, tending to the animals, fixing buildings, harvesting produce and preparing and cooking meals.

[Details of how to enter](#) ▶

How to enter the award

Once you have decided which trip you'd like to enter, there are **two options**. Either use the following as a template for your entry to send to us (ideally as a Word document) or complete a form at schooltravelorganiser.com/mbst which will ask the same information.

Checklist...

- Your details:** name, role, school and address, your contact number and email address (please provide your mobile number and out of school email address for our own direct contact use only).
- Information about the trip:** which visit you're entering, when it took place, where you went and what you did, how many pupils went, what year group and key stage it was.
- Tell us **why you decided to take the trip and how it was planned including the impact you hoped it would have and what your learning objectives were** (200/300 words).
- Explain **how the trip linked to the relevant topic(s) and curriculum** (200/300 words).
- Tell us what **consideration you gave to inclusivity and affordability** (200/300 words).
- Describe **how the learning was embedded once back at school** (200/300 words).
- How do you know the trip had **the impact you had hoped** and how did you **measure whether the learning objectives were achieved?** (200/300 words).
- Ask your pupils to write a short review of the trip they went on (always a nice class activity) and pick three (no more than 150 words each) to submit as part of your entry.
- Email all of the above to bestschooltrip@schooltravelorganiser.com or use the link at the top to complete the entry using our step-by-step form. The extended deadline for entries is **Sunday 31st May 2026**.

What happens next?

The entries will be reviewed by a panel of experts. We will contact everyone who enters to advise those shortlisted. Finalists will be invited to attend the School Travel Awards lunch and ceremony as our guests (including travel) which will take place on **Friday 20th November, 2026** at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London - so save the date!



For more information about this award, as well as details of the School Travel Awards initiative, go to schooltravelorganiser.com/awards. If you need help call the editorial team on 01908 613323 or email editorial@schooltravelorganiser.com

The impact of the award...



“Winning the ‘My Best School Trip’ Award was a proud moment for our school community. To have our whole staff team attending the awards ceremony and celebrating and sharing the success together was incredibly important to me as a headteacher.”



Rachel Underwood, Langdale CE Primary School in Cumbria – 2023 winners

“The prize money funded the entire cost of a school trip to Wicksteed Park, right the way from nursery to Year 6. The award created a real buzz of excitement and has encouraged staff to continue providing exciting and rewarding enrichment experiences for our pupils and find new ways to innovate.”



John Wayland, Grendon CE Primary School in Wellingborough – 2022 winners



“Being crowned ‘My Best School Trip’ Award winners for our Outward Bound Trust residential (KS4) was the icing on the cake for us and our commitment to learning outside the classroom. I’d recommend others to enter - it’s a brilliant accolade to be involved with!”



Jon Clarke, Walsall Academy in Bloxwich – 2021 winners

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