

NATURESBASE RESIDENTIALS 2025



Campfires, Star gazing, Natural soap making, Bottle feeding lambs, Wilderness mountains, Bushcraft, Team challenges, Hedgerow jewellery, Organic art, Egg collecting, Story making, Fieldwork enquiries, Bat detecting, Crab fishing, Celtic journeys, Sustainable development, Orienteering team trails, Farming, Care and wellbeing

Small Perfect Unique

'A year's worth of 'awe and wonder' of experiences beyond their known world

— ex Ofsted inspector



If a child is to keep alive their inborn sense of awe and wonder, they need guidance and an inspiring environment allowing them to discover the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in – at Naturesbase we aim to help awaken this.

Welcome to Naturesbase a pioneering environmental education and field studies centre

Where we offer outstanding outdoor experiences taught through challenge, enquiry and creativity. Primary groups enjoy high quality activities & fieldwork, learning through doing, exploring through adventure and gaining confidence and self esteem.

Surrounded by 9 acres of flower rich meadows, farmland and woodland, with buzzards and kites overhead, a meandering stream and hedgerows ablaze with wildlife, this is a truly natural Welsh haven for children to explore and experience.



Your class could

- Collect eggs each morning before breakfast or bottle feed lambs
- Live history by handling artifacts & building shelters as the ancient Celts did
- Make and bake pizza in an earth pizza oven or light a fire from a spark
- Experience dark skies, bat detecting and night time orienteering

Our practical, hands on enquiry approach allows children to make sense of, and engage with the world making all that we do meaningful and relevant .

This is so much more than a residential, schools are not just visitors to Naturesbase they become part of Naturesbase. By only hosting one school at a time and being with you from breakfast until bedtime, you get our full attention and have exclusive use of the site, the facilities and the staff.

We exceed in nurturing through nature and wilderness well being. Enabling children to grow and develop with the freedom that our natural setting offers.

Thank you so much for the amazing time that our children enjoyed yet again at your wonderful Naturesbase. We are so thrilled with the levels of enjoyment, independence, team work, adventure and community spirit that you instil in them and the amazing things that the children achieve whilst with you. Wonderful memories in a wonderful magical place - thank you so much. R. Scutt Headteacher Stow Primary School



Some of the adventurous activities, enquiries and experiences we offer:



- **Morning help** - each morning your class will help around the farm for half an hour, collecting eggs, emptying the compost, filling the bird feeders, bottle feeding the lambs, and setting the table for breakfast and then becoming waiters delivering the food to the tables.
- **Land Art** - *How to capture the beauty of nature through art.* Working as artists we have a wealth on our palette to create a wide range of art. We explore making paint, felt, craft hedgerow jewellery, dye with leaves, design rangolis, construct organic sculptures, press leaf prints, sculpt faces with mud.
- **Learning and building together** - Our eight 20 minute team building challenges enable children to develop communication, leadership & listening skills. Whether tackling 'The Mago Egg', 'Tyred Out' or 'Flat pack frenzee', your class will experience & hopefully develop the skills needed to work together
- **Farmers in training** - *Where does our food come from and why is farming so important?* 'Become a farmer for a day'. We will make hurdle fences, feed animals, create scarecrows, muck out, grind corn and make flour then bread for supper, churn butter and finally sow seeds before completing a taste tour of the veg patch!
- **Darwin Day** - *How many mini beast are there at Naturesbase?* Working as scientists we explore the woodland, hedgerows, meadows and stream habitats and introduce the idea of sampling, averaging and extrapolation to work out the number of creatures that share the farm with us.
- **Celtic adventure to the sea** * - map in hand we head down the valley to the secret garden. We picnic by the river before exploring a historic mansion house illustrating how the household lived in the 1840's. Our journey ends in Aberaeron where we crab fish, build theme parks for crabs on the beach and eat honey ice cream.
- **Ancient Britons & Celts** - *How did the lives on ancient Briton change during Stone Age?* In tribes, we will hand round & discuss artefacts to help us learn about life in the Stone Age. Then we will build shelters next to the stream, light fires with a spark, boil dragon vomit, make nettle pancakes, & make pots with river bank clay.
- **Celtic ponderings** - *How do artifacts & art help us understand the lives of the Celtic Iron Age?* Through a series of carousel activities children will have the opportunity to create hedgerow jewellery, learn to felt with wool from our sheep, weave hurdles and daub mud, make runes and make soap with herbs & flowers.
- **The ultimate nomadic mountain challenge - suitable for yr 5 & 6*** The wilderness of Cambrian mountains offer a great days adventure We will navigate our way by a stream leading to the lakes, immerse ourselves in this wild landscape, write a poem & have lunch in a mountain bothy.
- **Village Detective** - There is an unsolved mystery in the village. Children are challenged to use a map, answer the clues & solve the mystery. This engaging activity provides opportunities to explore a welsh speaking village, compare & contrast with the home environment and develop a sense of place.
- **Weather detectives** - *How & why does the micro climate change ?* - Using a variety of simple weather instruments we will work as meteorologist learning about how and why climate change in different places & over time.
- **Sustainability** - *How can we live more sustainably?* - with solar panels, biofuel boilers, straw bale buildings, earth structures, extensive composting & food growing areas, Naturesbase offers a unique opportunity for children to learn about sustainability & make & bake in a solar oven.
- **Rivers & Stream** - *Why does my river flood each year?* We 'll make the rivers flow on our huge river model before following the our stream from its source to where it joins the river Aeron recording changes & measurements as we go.
- **Evening activities** - Outdoor Pizza Making - Orienteering, campfires & singing, bat detectives, wildlife challenge, story telling, quiz and eco drama.

You, as the school's party leader, can choose from over 40 outdoor pursuits, adventurous activities, tasks, games and projects. We will work with you to create an individual programme to suit your group.

* An additional coach cost is required for this activity

Example programme of Real World Pioneer Enrichment Experiences

Our experienced Naturesbase lead is with you all day, from breakfast until bedtime forming a strong bond with children and teachers, who have a constant point of reference.

	Date	M	T	W	T	F
Time	Day	1	2	3	4	5
0700						
0700	Breakfast	1 group helps prepare breakfast in the dining room				
0800	Breakfast	1	2	3	4	5
0900	Help	Chicken, sheep feeding, composting, making lunch, cleaning rooms and communal areas				
1000	AM		Team building A series of 20 min environmental challenges requiring a variety of team work & leadership skills to solve problems	Wilderness adventure to the sea. Using a map follow trails through woodlands and down valleys to the secret garden,	Celtic ponderings. Explore through artefacts, how the Celtic stone age may have lived in west Wales. Learn to light fires without matches, boiling dragon vomit.	Pack up The ultimate game of Puttocks Depart
1300	Lunch	Arrive site tour & Orientation		Picnic lunch by the river		
	PM		Celtic craft Create hedgerow jewellery, carve willow use our sheep's wool to felt, use herbs and flowers to make soap,	Visit a mansion to discover how people lived in the C19 self sufficiently. Continue to the beautiful town of Aberaeron before crab fishing & building theme parks for crabs on the beach	Build tribal shelters to survive the impending storm, create mud effigies, learn the skill of foraging, perform a ritual dance	
1700	Free time					
1800	Supper	One group helps set tables and serve	One group helps set tables and serve	One group helps set tables and serve	Pizza night. Cooking in an earth oven	
		Wildlife orienteering challenge	Own activity	Own activity:	Campfire	



Food

We take great pride in offering delicious tasting, homemade, high energy and plentiful meals. One night of the week we bake pizzas in the earth oven whilst the home made chocolate brownies have become legendary with visiting teachers who come back year after year!

We also source as much of the produce from the local area such as:-

- Much of our meat comes from local farm animals and milk from the local Welsh dairy
- Naturesbase & local free range eggs, bread from Aberystwyth
- All our delicious cakes are freshly made every day

If you have specific dietary requirements it is not a problem! Our team has wide experience cooking for different diets such as food allergies, health conditions or religious requirements. None of the food cooked in the kitchen contains nuts.

Breakfasts	Cereal, toast, juice, eggs & sausage / beans bacon
Morning snack	Biscuit & juice
Lunch	Range of sandwich options, crisps flap jacket, fruit
Afternoon snack	Biscuit & juice
Suppers	Pasta bake / sausage, mash , peas, / shepherds pie, broccoli, / pizza, salad
Desert	Chocolate brownies, choc crisp cake, jam sponge custard, ice cream



Facilities - Exclusive to your school as we only host one school at a time.

- Fully qualified, experienced and enthusiastic staff with you 12 hrs a day
- Classrooms for group meetings, de brief lessons and evening stories
- A staff room for your team to relax in with wood burner
- Recreation barn with table football, giant genga, skittles & more, plus the hillfort and activity trails
- A member of Naturesbase staff on-site 24 hours a day
- A choice of accommodation in our wonderful lodges
- Chickens, and sheep to feed every morning and Lilly (golden retriever) to cuddle
- Large boot room for all the wet weather gear.

We have the capacity for 42 students in 7 beautifully crafted bunk bedrooms, with 3 or 4 twin / double staff rooms adjacent with adjoining bathrooms. There is central heating in all rooms with bottom sheets and pillow cases provided for students & thick cotton pillows, duvets & crispy cotton sheets for staff. If your group is larger than 42 there is also a camping option, – large glamping tents with futon, duvets and hot water for teachers and large 6 person tents for the children with toilets and showers close by.

I really cannot speak highly enough for what you offer at Naturesbase; the children loved it, the staff loved it and it was by a long way, the best residential trip and experience I have been involved with in my teaching career. Thank you Deputy Head Warwick Prep School

Value for money – the price quoted is inclusive; there are no hidden or extra costs.

Free teachers places for every 8 pupils. Prices below are based on minimum of 25 pupils

	3 days / 2 nights	4 days / 3 nights	5 days / 4 nights	6 days / 5 nights	7 days / 6 nights
KS2	£160+VAT	240+VAT	£310+VAT	£380+VAT	£445+VAT

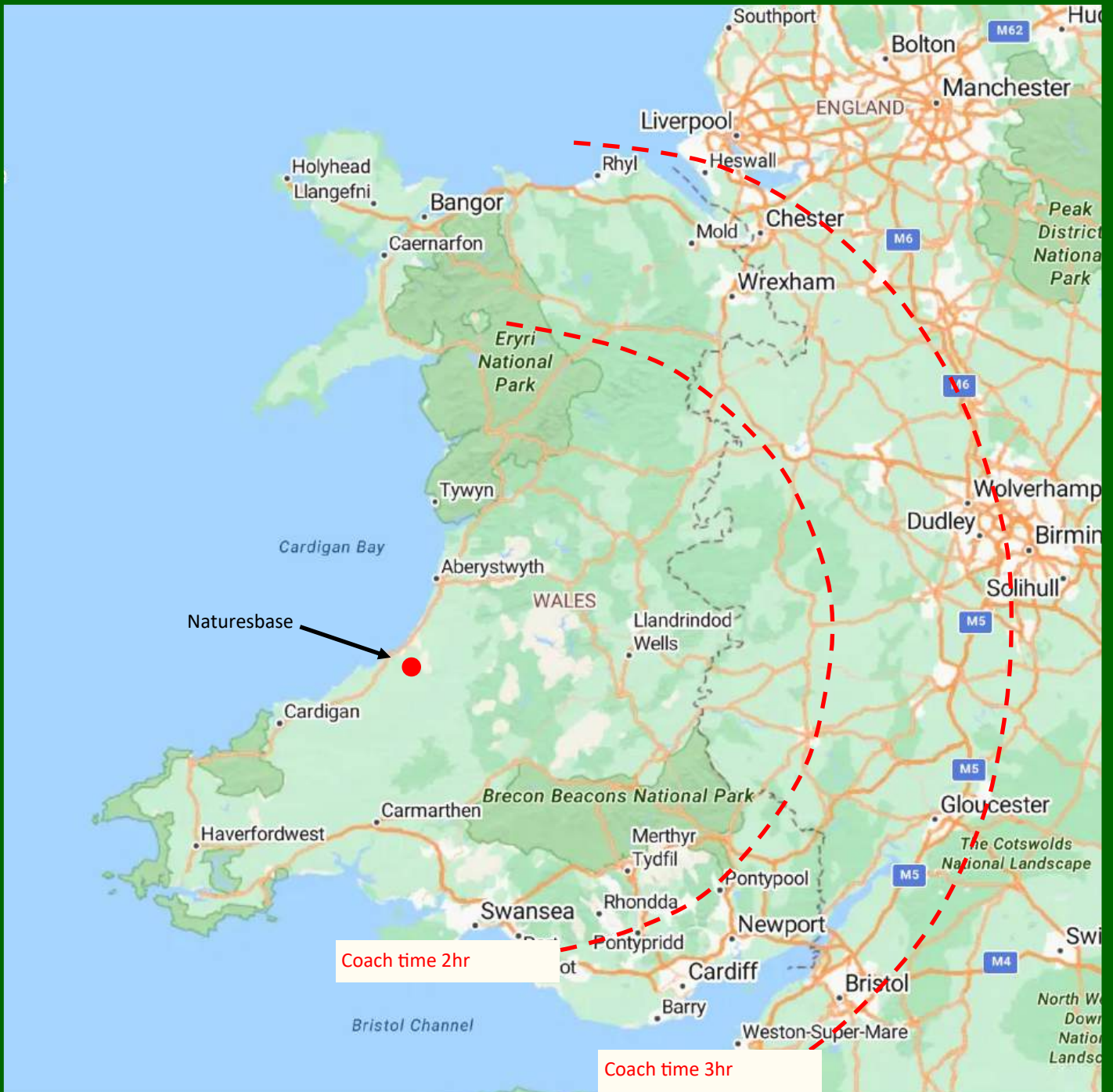
We can also provide local coach company details who are often more competitive

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Here are some of the schools we work with visiting as far afield as east London and Blackburn



Warwick Prep School

Dalmain Primary School



Stow Primary School



Monmouth Prep School

