

## **BARBADOS TOUR 2026**

Following another very successful tour of Barbados this summer we are hoping to repeat the experience again in 2026.

This July we took a group of Year 7 and Year 8 children to Barbados to play cricket and netball against some of the most energetic, competitive and friendly people one will ever meet. To play these games on one of the most beautiful islands in the world is an experience second to none and one the children will cherish all of their lives.

Alongside playing sport the children have the opportunity to swim with soft shell turtles on a wonderful catamaran day trip around the island. They go on a thrilling Jeep safari around the island where they get to see the more 'Wild side' of Barbados in more ways than one! The children experience a most fantastic time at "Harbour Lights" where they encounter limbo dancers and men on stilts as part of a stage show of wonderful traditional entertainment. The package includes accommodation for ten days, all travel, all food and an assortment of day trips. It is a tour packed with variety and excitement and one that we feel is very good value for money.

Over the past two trips we have encouraged our children to fund raise for a local Barbadian charity, The Precious touch foundation. The children raised money through both, their own ventures and, by using money raised at our summer fete. This was a very rewarding element of the tour and we intend to explore this area of the trip more next time.

We have received the quote for the tour and the total package, based on 30 players, is £3000. If we have more children signing up, the cost will be lower. In these unpredictable financial times, we understand that this will be a cost that many will not feel able to take on. We do however, offer the ability to pay in instalments or even monthly. Just something to bear in mind if you are thinking about this opportunity.

The tour will be open to all children in Years 7 and 8, regardless of their sporting ability, this is not a selective tour. We are looking at adding another layer to the tour by playing some more, low key, fun sports for those children who may not be in our top teams and would rather experience playing recreational games. These may include mixed netball and mixed cricket or something completely different. We will be staying at the Butterfly Beach hotel in Maxwell and our tour company have used this hotel on many occasions with other schools from the UK.

Planning for the tour is well underway, so if you would like your son/daughter to take part in this amazing tour or have any questions, please reply to Mrs Michelle Murray (<a href="mmu@biltongrange.co.uk">mmu@biltongrange.co.uk</a>). We kindly ask that for any new pupils wishing to join the tour, a deposit payment of £450 is made at your earliest convenience to ensure that we can secure them a place.

Yours f	aithfully	/
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Michelle Murray

I would like my child to take part in the Bilton Grange Barbados Tour 2026	
Name of Child:	
I have paid a deposit of £450 (reference Barbados and your child's name)	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	