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## **Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk 2026**

Dear Parent/Carer

One of my friends lost his father to bowel cancer over ten years ago. He was 55 years old. In his memory we organise a sponsored walk each year. This year will be the 18th Anniversary the charity has held the 'Dorset Sponsored Walk' and the fourteenth time that Prince William School has been involved.

When we attended the event last year it was extremely successful and the event managed to raise over £130,000. This year we are hoping for more schools (of which we are one) and 500+ walkers. The event will again be raising money for the *Malcolm Whales Foundation* (registered charity of which I am a trustee) who this year have opened their respite lodge which families dealing with cancer can visit for free.

The walk lasts for three days and will cover approximately 40 miles of the Dorset coastline. The event is organised to achieve two main objectives. Firstly, to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research. Secondly, to provide students with an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

**The walk is very challenging and a good level of fitness is needed to be able to complete the walk, so fully taking part in PE lessons and exercising outside of school will be essential to be able to cover the 13/14miles a day and the climbing over nearly 6000ft over the three days burning nearly 2000 calories.**

Should your child wish to participate in this trip they will need to raise as much money as possible through sponsorship (students last year raised on average **£100 each**). They will also need to be physically fit as the walk is very **physically demanding**.

- We will be travelling down to Dorset on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026** and returning **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026**.
- Each day we will walk approximately 13/14 miles.
- We will be camping for four nights at the same campsite.
- Food and drink will be provided. A small amount of spending money may be required and snacks to keep them going. (One of the evenings, students purchase their own dinner in the local town).
- Students will be sleeping in tents which they share with their friends. **They will need to bring their own tent.**

There are a limited number of places for this year's trip. Priority will be given to those students who are completing their Gold/Silver Duke of Edinburgh and people that have been before.

Should your child wish to take part the cost is **£200** which will help cover the cost of the trip. The rest of the money we will then raise through sponsorship. Please complete the Microsoft office



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form to express your interest in attending the trip. [Malcolm Whales Sponsored Walk 2026 – Fill in form](#)

The £200 goes towards the cost of transport (coach hire), food (milk for breakfast, lunch and dinner are all provided) and the cost of the campsite. It does not cover all our costs; sponsorship of the event is key to its success!

If you are willing to assist in anyway with sponsorship, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email. The last few years have been incredible in terms of the support we have received; any amount of support would be greatly appreciated. (We are looking for any type of donations/sponsorship of specific aspects e.g. the cost of transport/accommodation etc.). I can give you a breakdown of individual costs if this is of any assistance.

As we get nearer to the date in July, I will be able to provide you with more information. My contact details are: [neil.welsh@pws.emat.uk](mailto:neil.welsh@pws.emat.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Welsh'.

**Mr N Welsh**  
Head of PE



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