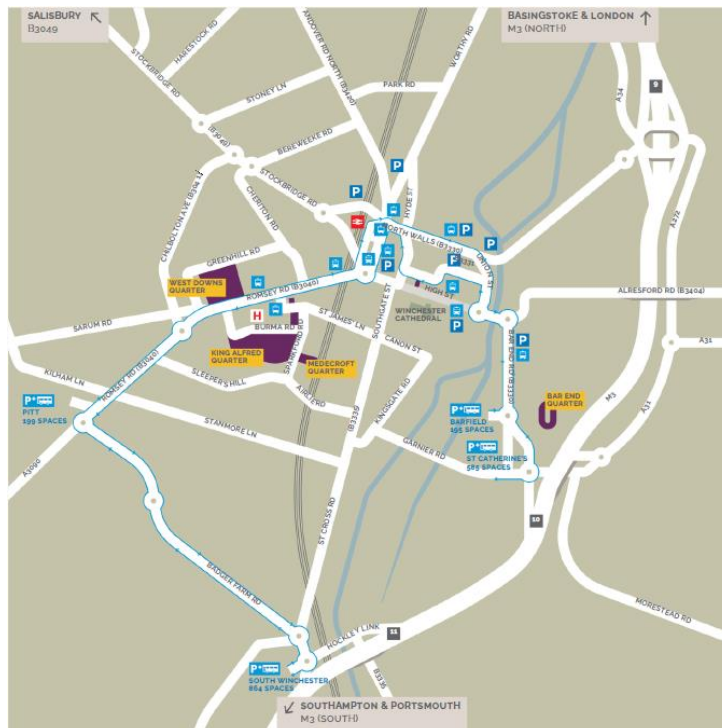


School Library Association - Annual Conference 2026

Travel and Accommodation

The SLA flagship conference for 2026, is taking place on 5 and 6 June in 2026 at the state-of-the-art facility in the heart of the University of Winchester - the West Downs Centre.

Address: Romsey Road, Winchester SO22 5FT



TRAVELLING BY CAR OR PARK AND RIDE

If travelling by car visitors are encouraged to park at the South Winchester Park and Ride, alternatively there are city centre public car parks, which are a short walk away from the campus. South Winchester Park and Ride is accessible from Junction 11 of the M3. There are Park and Ride bus stops along Romsey Road close to the West Downs Centre. The map shows the location of Park and Ride sites and stops and city centre public car parks. Visitors travelling by car to park on campus should approach via Romsey Road. The West Downs Quarter is located on Romsey Road.

Arriving in Winchester by Train

The train station is an approximately 20-minute walk from the conference venue. If you exit the station from Platform 1 and walk through the car park, a direct route to reach the West Downs centre, is along Clifton Terrace before turning right and walking up Romsey Road, alternatively if you use Google or Apple Maps it will direct you through the housing estate and a walk through a small park.

There is a taxi rank at the station for visitors with luggage.

Accommodation

There is an ample choice of accommodation in and around Winchester city centre here is a sample of some options:

[Winchester Royal Hotel](#) - St Peter St, Winchester SO23 8BS, Tel: 0330 102 7242. An 8-minute walk from the train station and a 18-minute walk to the West Downs Centre. There are two on site car parks, (Chargeable at £15 per night) one located in St Peter Street and the other located in Parchment Street, both accessible via St Georges Street. Please note that parking is limited at the hotel and cannot be reserved.

[Travelodge Winchester](#) - Market Lane, Winchester, SO23 9AL, Tel: 08719 846552. A 10-minute walk from the train station and a 20-minute walk to the West Downs Centre. This hotel does not have parking onsite, to park your car overnight there is long stay parking available 5 minutes' walk from the hotel at Chesil Street Multi Storey (Sat Nav: SO23 0HU).

[Winchester Wessex Hotel by Sunday](#) - Paternoster Row, Winchester SO23 9LQ, Tel: 020 3027 6614. This hotel is a 13-minute walk from the train station and a 20-minute walk to the West Downs Centre.

[Winchester Hotel & Spa](#) - Worthy Lane, Winchester SO23 7AB, Tel: 01962 709988. This hotel is a 5-minute walk from the train station and a 20-minute walk to the West Downs Centre.

[The Westgate Hotel](#) - 2 Romsey Rd, Winchester SO23 8TP, Tel: 01962 820222. This 10 bedroom hotel above a pub is a 5-minute walk from the train station and a 15-minute walk to the West Downs Centre. This hotel does not have parking onsite, to park your car overnight there are plenty of long-stay public car parks nearby.

If you would prefer to search for your own accommodation or maybe an alternative to a hotel you can find more options using:

[Booking.com](#)

[Airbnb](#)