



Kestrels Parent Guide

2026 - 27

PHASE STAFF

Class Teacher of (class name)	Bonnie Thompson Wednesday AM Alternate Wednesday PM Thursday and Friday
Class Teacher of (class name)	Yvonne Roberts Monday and Tuesday Alternate Wednesday PM
Support Staff	Mrs Perry, Mrs Hayter, Mrs Tilling and Mrs Holland

Welcome to Kestrels,

This leaflet is designed to give you an overview of what you and your child can expect during their time in (base name), as well as provide you with all the important information that you will need to ensure your child has an enjoyable and successful time at school. We aim to ensure your child makes good progress academically and continues to develop their personal, social and emotional qualities. As a school, we hope to foster a passion for learning as well as celebrating "the whole child".

Daily Routines

- Gates open 8.35 - 8.55. (Children arriving after 8.55am will need to enter school through the office.)

Kestrels enter via the classroom door.

Please stay with and supervise your children before they enter their classroom. There will be members of staff on both gates in the morning to welcome families and take enquiries.

- Your child should walk quietly into the school and classroom. There will be a 'Do Now' or tabletop activity task set for them by their class teacher.
- The register is open at 08:55 – 9am. (Children arriving after 9am will result in a 'L' late register mark and this will impact their attendance %).
Morning play takes place between 10:45 and 11.00.
Lunchtime takes place Y2 12:00-13.00 and Y3 12.15-13:15.
- The school day ends at 15:15.

Attendance

We think it is very important that all our pupils benefit from 190 days of learning to ensure they make progress and achieve the results they should. We ask you to support the school by ensuring your child achieves excellent attendance. Further information about the school's approach to attendance can be found here:

<https://www.stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/Attendance/>

What your child needs to bring to school

- All classroom equipment is provided by the school. If children would like to bring pencil crayons/felt tips in with them they can do so for art and design lessons.
- Children are asked **not** to bring toys or anything of value to school.
- All children require lunchboxes, drinks bottles, a book bag/folder and items of uniform and these must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Snacks

Year 2 Children are provided with free fruit snack for playtime. Y3 children may bring in a fruit or healthy snack for playtime as this is no longer provided through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme once children move to KS2.

P.E. kit

Children have two sessions of PE per week. PE kit consists of daps/trainers, black shorts and a gold or white tee-shirt on the days they have PE. Jogging bottoms can also be worn for colder weather. Long hair should be tied back.

Class	PE Days
Kestrels	Tuesday and Thursday

PPA Days for Autumn Term

Class	Day	Staff covering
Kestrels	Wednesday PM	Bonnie Thompson and Yvonne Roberts

The Curriculum:

We aim to provide an exciting, creative curriculum for the children at St John's. We therefore try to make learning linked and teach much of it through a thematic approach. The themes for this coming term are:

AUTUMN PERIOD
Topic title: From seed to plate

Please check the school website for parent topic guides. [St John the Evangelist Church School - Base \(stjohnevangelistbwmat.org\)](https://www.stjohnevangelistbwmat.org)

As part of our approach to learning and teaching, we use Knowledge Organisers to help children retain key knowledge and facts about the subjects and themes they study. These are published on our website for you to access and share with your children, as well as on display in classrooms.

Events/Trips for (Insert base/phase) in Autumn.

(Dates are sent out every two weeks on the Newsletter. They can also all be found here:

<https://www.stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/News/Newsletters/>)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Trip</u>	<u>Classes or Year Group Involved</u>
28 th September	Whole school photos	All classes
2 nd October	Whole school vaccination	Those who have consent
2 nd October	Harvest Festival	Whole school
23 rd October	End of term	Whole school
2 nd November	Term 2 begins	Whole school
3 rd and 4 th November	Parents evening	Whole school
13 th November	Children in Need	Whole school
10 th December	Christmas jumper day and lunch	Whole school
11 th December	KS2 Christmas service (Y3 only)	KS2 families
15 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (Y2 only)	KS1 families
18 th December	End of term	Whole school

Inset Days

Thursday 3 rd September 2026
Friday 4 th September 2026
Thursday 25 th March 2027
Monday 7 th June 2027
Thursday 8 th July 2027

Class Worship

Fridays 2.30 - 3pm in the School Hall

Kestrels	Friday 12 th March
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Homework Expectations

Book bags need to be in school every day with reading record book and school reading book. Books will be changed every week on a Friday.

Kestrels Phase Homework Expectations	
	<u>Reading</u> We expect all children to read at least four times each week for 10 minutes with an adult. Please record, date and sign each time they read in their Home /School book. Try to find a quiet place, at an

	agreed time, with the aim of making it an enjoyable experience. We know that life can get busy but please sign in the book every time your child reads.
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Spelling/Phonics

Year 2 will continue to follow the ULS phonics scheme and will have weekly spellings to practise. Year 3 will start Grammarsaurus and will receive paper copies of homework on a Friday once we are up and running.

Maths

Please practise the number bonds or multiplication tables by using TT Rockstars or Numbots. We would like each child to practise these facts for 15 minutes each week.

If you need any further guidance or clarity, then please contact your pupils class teacher.

We very much look forward to working with you to ensure the best possible education and care for your child during 2026/27. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher/s in the first instance by emailing the office - office@kje.bwmat.org - or ringing to leave a message.

The KestrelsTeam.