



Kites Parent Guide

2026 - 27

PHASE STAFF

Class Teacher of Kites 1	Miss Ball
Class Teacher of Kites 2	Miss Ferrier
Support Staff	Mrs Hayter, Miss Ackril, Mrs Perry

Welcome to Kites Base,

This leaflet is designed to give you an overview of what you and your child can expect during their time in Kites 1, 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.)
 - Kites 1 – enter via classroom door.
 - Kites 2 – 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 between 12:00 and 13:00.
- 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

Children are provided with free fruit snack for playtime and 4-year-olds are provided with free milk (only cow's milk) if they want it.

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
Kites 1	Wednesday and Friday
Kites 2	Wednesday and Friday

PPA Days for Autumn Term

Class	Day	Staff covering
Kites 1 and 2	Wednesday PM	Mrs Holland, Mrs Perry, Mr Cox
Kites 1 (Phonics lead time)	Tuesday AM	Mrs Williams
Kites 2 (ECT time)	Thursday AM	Mrs Holland

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: Food, Glorious Food

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 Kites in Autumn.

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

<https://www.stjohnnevanglistbwmat.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 November	Parents' Evening	Whole School
4 th November	Parents' Evening	Whole School
13 th November	Children In Need Day	Whole school
15 th December	KS1 Christmas Service	All of KS1
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 Worships

Fridays 2.30 - 3pm in the School Hall

Kites 2	30 th April
Kites 1	21 st May

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.

Kites Base 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.

Spelling/Phonics

Weekly spellings will be sent home for Year 1 and 2, linked to phonics and common exception words. Please practise these with your child and return them to school to share with their class teacher.

Maths – 15 minutes a week (we recommend breaking up into 5 minutes per session)

Please practise the number bonds on 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@lje.bwmat.org - or ringing to leave a message.

The Kites Team.