



# Mark First C of E Academy

Creating a Love of Learning

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Kestrel Workshops & Trips 2025 – 2026 Academic Year

We are pleased to inform you that all educational trips for the current academic year have now been planned. These trips have been designed to enhance our curriculum, offer valuable real-world experiences, and create lasting memories for our pupils.

Below is a list of the planned workshops and trips.

6 <sup>th</sup> October	Cheddar Caves	A fantastic opportunity to visit this local venue to learn about prehistory and build upon the learning taking place in class. Children will leave school after morning registration and return before the end of the school day travelling by coach to the museum.
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Museum of Somerset	Children will have the opportunity to visit the extensive collection at the Museum of Somerset and attend an Iron Age workshop including handling objects. This will take place in school during the school day. Children will leave school after morning registration and return before the end of the school day travelling by coach to the museum.
Jan to Mar 2026 Date TBC	Westonzyland Heritage	Following a successful visit last year we have invited these informative and engaging presenters to share their knowledge of local history and bring in weaponry and articles related to these events. This will take place in school during the school day.
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Bristol Museum	A great opportunity to visit this wide-ranging museum with a focus on our Egyptians topic including a workshop. Children will leave school after morning registration and return before the end of the school day travelling by coach to the museum.
June 2026	Climate Change Workshop	Children will participate in an information and engaging workshop on the topic of climate change to build on learning taking place in class over the summer term.

For all off site trips, please can children wear school uniform, comfortable shoes suitable for walking and an appropriate coat / sun protection for the weather. Children will need to take a packed lunch, which will be provided

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by school for free school meals children, a small snack and water bottle. These will need to be brought in a small rucksack that the children can carry as there is nowhere for the children to store their belongings during museum visits.

Thanks to our wonderful PTFA, we have provided a grant to all classes towards trips and workshops to subsidise these enrichment opportunities.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

We understand that managing trip costs can be challenging and hope that by planning the full year we can ease the pressure of payment by offering instalments across the year. We kindly request voluntary contributions of £56 to cover all of the above activities.

Payment can be made through My Child At School where payment can either be made in full or an initial deposit of £7, due by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, 7 monthly payments of £7.

### **Support for Pupil Premium Families**

Families eligible for Pupil Premium funding will receive a reduced rate for all trips. Further details of this will be sent by email from the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Keating**  
**Kestrels Class Teacher**