



Mark First C of E Academy

Creating a Love of Learning

28th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kestrel Workshops & Trips 2026 – 2027 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.

8 th 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.
November 2026	Avalon Marshes	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.
February 2027	Westonzylnd Heritage	Following two years of in school workshops this year we plan to visit the battle field. In addition to the battle field we will learn from informative and engaging presenters to share their knowledge of local history. Children will leave school after morning registration and return before the end of the school day travelling by coach to the museum.
May 2027	Carrymoor	The children will discover the power of plants in all their amazing shapes and sizes. They will learn about the parts of a plant, what plants need to grow and explore the wide variety at Carymoor. Children will leave school after morning registration and return before the end of the school day travelling by coach to the museum.

In addition to the above trips we have made enquiries with Bath and West Society to attend their “Field to Fork” event which takes place in April, we will know about this in early December. We also hope to visit Wick Solar Farm which was a successful trip last year and was fully funded by Burnham and Weston Energy CIC who own and run the site.

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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, details of how to order packed lunches from school will be provided in advance of each trip. Children will also require 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 £50 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 £8, due by 15th October 2026, 7 monthly payments of £6.

Support for Pupil Premium Families

Families eligible for **Pupil Premium funding** will receive a **reduced rate** for all trips. This will be reflected on My Child At School with the same payment schedule as above.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Molyenux-Brand & Mrs Palmer
Kestrels Class Teachers