

KETTLESHULME ST JAMES CE



TRANSITION INFORMATION

OUR SCHOOL

Welcome to Kettleshulme! We are so excited to know that you will be joining our magical family! There are lots of new friends waiting to meet you and lots of adventures waiting to happen!

As many of you will already know we are a small school nestled in the hills and we pride ourselves on supporting each and every individual in our care to ensure that they grow to be the best version of themselves that they can possibly be. We value kindness above everything else and we are always so proud of the way which our children treat each other.

We care for each of our children as though they were our own and we work hard to ensure that they have as many 'experiences' as we can possibly fit in during the time they have with us, as we think that this helps them to find out about themselves and the things which they like to do, be it playing the guitar, drawing cartoons, embroidery, breeding chickens or writing plays (they are all real life examples!). We celebrate individuality, independent thinking and difference. The voices of our pupils are important to us so we take the time to listen to them carefully.

We are very proud of our wonderful school and we hope that you will love being a part of it as much as we do.

Team Kett



OUR AMAZING TEAM

- Head Teacher – Mrs Alicia Bellshaw
- Administration Officer - Mrs Rachel Blood
- Forest Class Teacher (Rec, Y1, Y2) – Miss Rachel Axon
- Meadow Class Teacher (Y3 & Y4) – Mr Kris Birtwistle (Mr B for short!)
- Hillside Class Teacher (Y5 & Y6) – Mr Matt Otto
- Teaching Assistant - Mrs Lucy Connick
- Learning Support Assistants – Mrs Eilish Derrig, Miss Libby Scarlett, Miss Becky Stevenson and Miss Ellie Tomkinson (Miss T)
- Cover Teacher – Mrs Vicki Sandres (currently on maternity leave) and Mrs Carolyn Price
- Nurture Support - Sarah
- Midday Assistants – Mrs Lucy Connick and Mrs Dawn Hodgson
- Cook – we are currently interviewing for a new cook (our previous one is retiring)
- Cleaner – Mrs Dawn Hodgson
- Breakfast Club Supervisor – Mrs Eilish Derrig
- After School Club Supervisors – Mrs Dawn Hodgson and Miss Ellie Tomkinson
- Forest School Provider – Sam
- Chair of Governors – Mrs Annette Scott
- Chair of PTFA – Mr Adam Turner



OUR SCHOOL DAY

7.45AM BREAKFAST CLUB

8.30AM EARLY DROP OFF FOR £1.00

8.45AM DOORS OPEN

8.50AM DOORS CLOSE

10.15AM - 10.30AM BREAK TIME

12.00PM - 1.00PM LUNCHTIME

3.25PM HOME TIME FOR FOREST CLASS

3.30PM HOME TIME FOR MEADOW AND HILLSIDE

3.30PM-5.30PM MON - THUR - KETT CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB

- Our Breakfast Club is run by Mrs Derrig and it offers a welcoming and fun hour for those early starters. A varied and healthy breakfast is provided, along with a wide variety of games and activities.
- We run Monday – Friday (term-time only) from 7:45am – 8:45am.
- Pre-book your child via our school app
- 1st Child £4.12 per day
- 2nd Child HALF PRICE £2.06 per day
- 3rd Child FREE
- We also offer an 8:30am DROP OFF, £1.03 per child.
- Children attending the ‘Drop Off’ will be offered toast and juice



WRAPAROUND CARE AFTER SCHOOL

- Kett Club is our After School Club provision and it is run by Miss Tomkinson (Mrs T for short) on Mon and Wed and Mrs Hodgson (Mrs H) on Tue and Thur
- It runs Monday – Thursday , 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Charges are:
 - £4.12 per hour 1st child / £2.06 2nd child
 - £6.18 for 2 hours 1st child / £4.12 2nd child
- We also offer 3:30pm – 4:00pm for £2.00
- A hot snack will be provided if staying for a 2-hour session.
- Sessions can be booked via School Spider
- More information is available [here](#)

LUNCHTIME MENU

- Our menu is chosen by the children and runs each term on a two weekly cycle. We hope there is something for everyone and we cater for all dietary requirements.
- Lunches are government funded for our Reception, Year 1 & 2 children.
- For those in Key Stage 2 the cost is currently £2.47 per day. All meals are cooked onsite and our current menu is on the next slide as a sample.
- We offer a break time snack for 25p a day – there is a choice of a brioche or a bagel.
- Fruit can also be brought in from home for break times.
- We ask that each child brings a water bottle each day, filled with water – no juice.
- We are a NUT FREE school - current members of our school family have severe reactions so it is really important that this is adhered to





WHAT'S ON THE MENU



Summer
2025

MEAT FREE Monday

PASTA Tuesday

ROAST Wednesday

TASTY Thursday

FISHY Friday

WK
1

Margherita Pizza
Salad

Chocolate
Brownie

Mac n Cheese
Crusty Bread
Salad

Ginger Cake

Roast Pork
Parmentier Potatoes
Broccoli, Carrots
Quorn Nuggets (v)
Ice Cream Sundae

Chicken Burgers
Wedges & Salad
Veg burgers (v)

Flapjack

Fish Fingers
Hash Browns
Beans

Choc Chip Cookie

WK
2

Veggie Chilli
Rice & Pitta

Pear Cake

Bolognese Tacos
Crusty Bread
Salad

Tomato Pasta (v)
Oatie Biscuit

Roast Beef & Yorkies
Roast Potatoes
Green Beans
Veg Sausage (v)
Muffins

Ramen Soup
Chicken/Noodles/
Veg

Toffee Pudding

Fish, Chips &
Curry Sauce
Peas

Ginger Biscuit

Fresh fruit, milk & water available daily.

We also offer a vegetarian, dairy and gluten free option if required.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Classworx, based in Macclesfield, supply our uniform. *If you buy in July there is 10% off all purchases - <https://classworx.co.uk/schools/>*
- Our uniform consists of:
 - a bottle green t-shirt with the school logo - this will be worn at all times, including for PE*
 - a bottle green crew neck jumper or cardigan with the school logo - this will again be worn at all times, including for PE*
 - Year 6 pupils are invited to purchase a bottle green hoodie with the school logo, again to be worn at all times (the hoodie is optional)*
 - plain black bottoms - smart for none PE days and joggers for PE days*
 - plain black PE shorts*
 - plain black socks*
 - black school shoes - velcro if possible*
 - green and white gingham summer dresses*
- Please note – parents have fed back to us that Classworx uniform items measure up as small, size wise, so it is suggested that you size up when ordering
- T-shirts and jumpers with logos are encouraged but they are not obligatory
- We do have a very well stocked preloved rail so do pop in and take a look

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Our key considerations when designing our uniform have been:
 - comfort and practicality
 - reduction in the number of items needed to be purchased (i.e. no separate PE kit)
 - high quality items so that things last longer - once pupils have grown out of their uniform then items can be added to our preloved rail
 - developing our school identity so that pupils feel a pride in their uniform
 - uniformity - so despite our uniform choices being more casual (for comfort) we will still aspire to have uniformity within that and we hope that our children will wear their uniform with pride



DAY UNIFORM



KETTLESHULME BOOK BAG
£7.99



KETTLESHULME DAY/PE T-SHIRT
From £7.00



KETTLESHULME HOODIE (YEAR 6 ONLY)
From £16.50



KETTLESHULME SWEATSHIRT
(RECEPTION - YR5)
From £14.50



KNEE HIGH SOCKS X 2 PAIRS
From £6.99



SLIM FIT JUNIOR TROUSER -
BLACK/GREY
From £10.99



COTTON SOFT TIGHTS X 1
From £5.75



STURDY JUNIOR TROUSER -
BLACK/GREY/NAVY
From £12.99



5X ANKLE SOCKS
From £6.99



KETTLESHULME SWEAT CARDI
From £16.50



FAN PLEAT SKIRT
From £13.99

PE KIT



PLAIN SLIM TRACK PANT
From £16.99



KETTLESHULME DAY/PE T-SHIRT
From £7.00



PRIMARY PLAIN SHORTS
From £5.75



WATER BOTTLE TRANSLUCENT
From £3.75

SCHOOL SPIDER APP

- The majority of our payments, bookings and permissions are made via the School Spider App – this includes payments for lunch, Breakfast Club, enrolment on internally run After School Clubs etc. We also use it to alert you if your child has bumped their head during the school day.
- You will be sent a login at the beginning of September so that you can begin to access the app. You will then be able to pay for Breakfast Club, Kett Club, lunches, snacks and trips.

FOREST SCHOOL FOR ALL

We are passionate about developing respect for, and knowledge of, our natural environment. We feel that the more our children know about nature the more they will care for it and appreciate it. Forest School sessions are a vital part of our curriculum and we offer sessions to all of our pupils right up to Year 6.

During these sessions our children learn:

- how to respect nature
- the names of different species of plants and animals
- how to light fires and use tools
- how to use nature effectively to make ropes, food, shelters and fires
- how to be safe when taking risks
- how to work as a part of a team
- how to lead and support others
- how to solve problems and think independently

These sessions allow time for creativity and outside of the box thinking and we also notice that when we take away the walls of the classroom we see an extraordinary rise in confidence, especially with some of our more reserved pupils.

Forest School is just essential, especially in our setting, as it brings so many unique values to the children and that is what we are all about!



WHITE HALL ADVENTURE DAYS

Each term we visit White Hall in Buxton for our 'Adventure Days' We do this as a whole school, with classes and year groups taking part in a wide variety of activities. We feel such experiences give our children enriched and varied opportunities which they may not otherwise take part in – and the best part is, they are fully funded by school!

We have worked with the team at White Hall to create a bespoke progressive skills based programme. Some of the activities which your child will engage with are: canoeing, mountain biking, stream scrambling, climbing, paddleboarding and orienteering.



PE CURRICULUM

- P.E. at Kettleshulme is more than just physical education, it is a mindset.
- We don't just teach and promote a wide range of sports, we also teach our children to understand that physical education has so many layers and that the key message is about strength of body as well as strength of mind.
- The children experience all sorts of exercise, including yoga, lacrosse, parkour, gymnastics, dance and athletics, as well as the more traditional football, netball and cricket.
- We talk to the children about the connection between having a healthy body and a healthy mind. We encourage them to believe in themselves and tell them all how special they are and how they can achieve anything they want to, they just have to believe.
- All of our children have a really positive attitude towards P.E. None of them feel that they 'can't do it' or say that they 'don't like it', and we love that we are sending them out into the world believing that they can!



TERM DATES



Children and Families
Holiday Pattern 2025/2026 academic year
Total days open = 195

September 2025							October 2025 (40 Days)							November 2025						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	5					1	2
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025 (35 Days)							January 2026							February 2026 (30 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	3	4						1
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026 (25 Days)							April 2026							May 2026 (29 Days)							
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
					1					1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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June 2026							July 2026 (36 Days)							August 2026						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4	5					1	2
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Denotes School Holiday Dates
Denotes Bank Holidays

Return to school: 01 September 2026

Cheshire East has a statutory duty to set term dates for Community and Controlled schools. They are also recommended for adoption by Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academies and Free schools. Clusters of schools may agree minor local variations with the Local Authority.

Our term dates calendar can be found [here](#)

PTFA

As a small school our Parent, Teachers and Friends Association is an integral part of our school as we rely on them heavily for support with funding.

We currently have an incredible team of parents who work tirelessly to help us and we are so very thankful to them.

If you are interested in joining the team, at whatever level you are able to commit, then they would absolutely love to hear from you.

Just email them on:

ptfa@kettleshulmestjames.cheshire.sch.uk

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

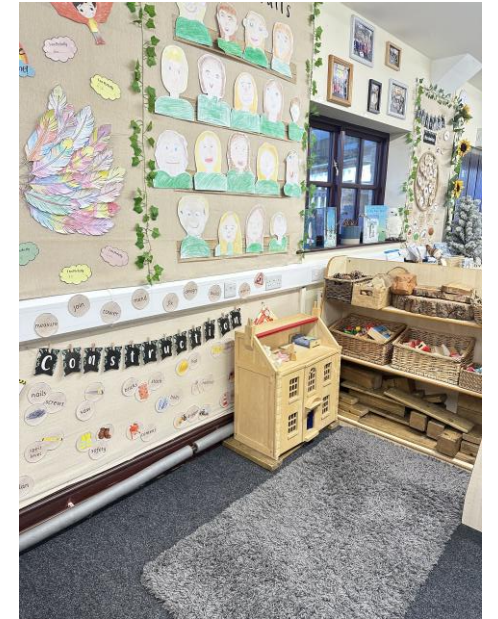
We have included some photographs of our school to help you to recognise areas and feel comfortable when you first arrive.







FOREST CLASS - MISS AXON



MEADOW CLASS - MR B



HILLSIDE CLASS - MR OTTO



CONTACT US

- We aim to make your transition to our school as easy and stress free as possible. Hopefully we have answered most of your questions here but please do contact us with anything else at all.
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I SOMETIMES WORRY THAT WE HAVE TOO MUCH FUN!!!

