

Organisation

Children begin their primary school life in Foundation Stage and then go on to Key Stage 1 and subsequently to KS 2.

Stages in School	Age of Children	Classes
Foundation Stage	Children aged 3-5	Nursery (FS 1) and Reception (FS 2)
Key Stage 1	Children aged 5-7	Classes 1 and 2
Key Stage 2	Children aged 7-11	Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6

Our children work in mixed ability classes according to their age and are taught by a class teacher who has overall responsibility for their learning and well being. There is always at least one teaching assistant working alongside the class teacher. However, in many classes there are extra support assistants working with targeted children. Work is differentiated and tailored to the specific needs of each child in order that each may reach their full potential whilst at Kirkstall Valley. At some stage, each child will be part of a small intervention group be it to catch up on learning missed through illness, receive preparation for new learning or to extended building on specific talents.

Teaching Assistants

At Kirkstall Valley, we have a significant number of support staff in order to maximise learning. The school employs ten well qualified teaching assistants, four special needs assistants and one EAL Assistant who works with our children who are new to English. Reception Class is staffed by a teacher and three teaching assistants.