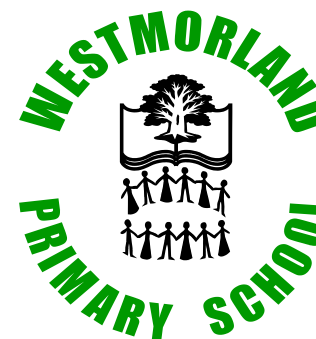


If you have any questions
or concerns,
please do not hesitate to
ask.

We look forward to you
and your child joining our
school.

Westmorland Primary School



Information booklet for new
Nursery parents 2024-2025



Nursery at Westmorland

Nursery is a very exciting, important time for children. Your child will learn lots through socialising with other children, learning to share and following rules and routines of school.

The Nursery setting is very play based—children will learn through playing different activities with both children and staff. They will also have focused sessions where they will sit in small groups to learn a skill, to then be able to apply it on their own.

Children will get very messy in Nursery—as they have lots of exploring to do in different materials such as sand, water, gloop, shaving foam and cornflour. As part of the nursery curriculum, children will always access outdoor learning so a waterproof coat with a hood is a must!!

- Your child needs to wear a school jumper/polo shirt. These do not need to be branded, but the correct colours of the school. School uniform is essential for your child to be part of the school. Your child DOES NOT need a PE kit.
- You must send your child with spare clothes in a bag **with their name on** (knickers/underpants/socks/trousers/top) in case they need to change.
- You will be allocated a morning session or an afternoon session.
- Children with a code who are eligible for 30 hours funded childcare will be allocated a full time place once the code has been verified.
- If you think your child may be entitled to the 30 hours childcare, please apply online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

- We need to work together to ensure your child has the best start to education that they possibly can. You will be asked to help your child consolidate the skills that they are taught in school, at home, with you

School Term Dates 2024-2025

Term	School opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 2024	Wednesday 4th September	Friday 18th October
	Tuesday 29th October	Thursday 19th December
Spring Term 2025	Thursday 2nd January	Friday 14th February
	Monday 24th February	Friday 11th April
Summer Term 2025	Monday 28th April	Thursday 22nd May
	Monday 9th June	Thursday 24th July

In-service days

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Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Monday 28th October 2024
Friday 23rd May 2025
Friday 25th July 2025

School Closed:

May Day - Monday 5th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 26th May 2025

Staff in Nursery

In the Nursery there will be 2 classes. There are 3 teachers, 1 HLTA and 3 Teaching Assistants.

Mrs Riley—Teacher (Mon-Thurs)
Miss Carnell—Teacher (Tues-Fri)
Miss Sherstone—Teacher (Friday)
Miss Bresnahan—HLTA
Mrs Gallimore—LSA
Miss Maddocks—LSA
Miss Beech—LSA

Uniform

Your child should wear school uniform as it encourages a sense of community within our school. Our uniform is a yellow polo shirt, green school jumper, dark trousers or a skirt and sensible black school shoes.

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled in all uniform, coats and spare clothes.

A copy of our uniform policy is available from the office. Uniforms are available from Stitch Design please see the office staff if you would like to know more.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Children from families in receipt of Income Support or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance are eligible for free school meals.

This has nothing to do with if your child stays for lunch—this is for extra funding for school.

We ask all parents to apply for this before they start Nursery.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Medical needs

If your child has a specific medical need i.e asthma, please take any medicines to the school office and fill in the necessary forms to enable us to administer these throughout the day where needed. They cannot start Nursery until we have the correct medication in school—so if your needs an inhaler, epipen etc, you must provide school with one.

Packed Lunches

As a school we encourage our young people to be healthy and families to think carefully about what is given to their child in a packed lunch.

We do not encourage sugary/energy drinks or sweets.

Please ensure all packed lunches are brought with the children in the morning and you have included a drink and any cutlery needed.

Speech and Language

All children will take part in activities to develop their speech and language. The Speech and Language title covers a huge variety of values such as attention, listening and vocabulary. Building up children's vocabulary is a priority for school, so please help us to do this by talking to your child, teaching them how to respond to questions and teaching them new words each day. You can do this through a bedtime story each night, then on your walk to the shops, and too and from Nursery.

Snack

Fruit and milk is provided to all Nursery children free of charge. We also provide a variety of different foods for children to try each day, and offer something more substantial for them to eat as a snack. This is available for all children for £1.00 a week, payable via Parent Pay every Monday. If you would like your child to have snack—you **must** contribute each week.



Reading Folder

Your child will be given a book bag, free of charge when they start at our Nursery. We will include a book for you to share with your child, and a reading record for you to write down when you have read the book.

You will also get a VIP book, to share any news your child might have, or anything they have done that they are proud of. Please make sure that your child brings their book bag in every **Monday** so that we are able to change your child's book on a weekly basis. It will be given back on a **Tuesday** with a new book, providing you have signed their reading record.

Although your child may not be able to read the words in the book, when you read a book to them, ask them questions about it, change your voice into the characters voice, and make the story fun...you are teaching your child lots of skills. Look at the pictures together, talk about what happened, and predict the ending to the story.

It is so important that you do this daily!

Important reminder:

Children are **NOT permitted** to bring toys, blankets, comforters or dummies into school.

If your child is attending school for afternoon sessions they must have their lunch before they come to school. Lunch is NOT provided.

Please try to book and attend any dental/doctors or other appointments outside of school hours.

All children must bring a bag containing spare clothes with them to school. This bag will stay in Nursery for the duration of the school year.

Parenting courses

All Stockport residents can access the Solihull Approach parenting courses for free online.

The website is www.inourplace.co.uk
Access code is REDROCK

To access you go to the main website, click on buy now or apply code and then enter the code REDROCK.

You have to set up an account and it generates an authentication code for you each time you log on (to show you're not a robot).

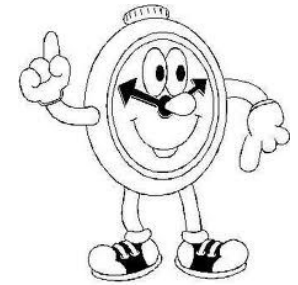
The courses are available in a range of languages and cover birth to 18.

The Nursery day:

Morning session: 9:00-12:00

Afternoon session: 12:15-3:15

Full time session: 9:00-3:15



Attendance

It is important that your child attends school every day as they will miss out on vital learning opportunities. It is expected that your child will be off school for no more than 5 days in any one year.

If your child is unwell please let us know by telephoning the office on 0161 406 9403. Please keep us updated with your new mobile numbers or any changes of address! It is vital that we have the correct details in case of any emergencies.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club is open to all pupils from 7.45am each day. (Last admittance is 8.20am) There is a selection of toast, cereal and fruit juice. If you would like your child to attend they can arrive on the day. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.00 per session.

The After School Club is available both during term time and also over the school holidays. The club runs from 3pm to 6pm during term time and 8am to 6pm over the holidays. For more information and a price list please either call in at the office or contact Lindsey Quinn on 07534890771



School staff will speak to you about your child everyday. At the beginning of each session, staff need to go and teach so may ask to speak to you at the end of the sessions to make sure all the children get the best from their school day.

Please work with us. To make your child's start to education the best it can be, they need to be in and learning everyday.