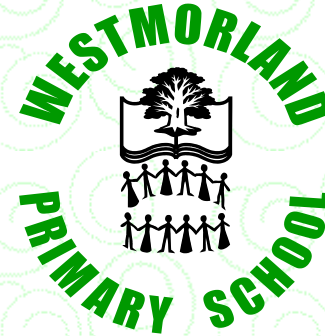


Westmorland Primary School



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

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

Information booklet for new
Reception parents 2024-2025



The Foundation Stage at Westmorland

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development**.

Children should mostly develop the **3 prime areas** first. These are:

Communication and language; Physical development; and Personal, Social and Emotional development.

These prime areas are the most essential for your child's healthy development and future learning. As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in **4 specific areas**. These are:

Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities. The professionals teaching and supporting your child will make sure that the activities are suited to your child's unique needs. This is a little bit like a curriculum in primary and secondary schools but it's suitable for very young children. It is designed to be really flexible so that staff can follow your child's unique needs and interests.

Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

Staff in Reception

There are 2 Reception classes at Westmorland Primary School. We have 2 teachers, Learning Support Assistants and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant working with your children. All of these adults are experienced foundation stage practitioners and will work with all of the children on a daily basis.

Miss Smith-Teacher
Miss Palmer -Teacher
Mrs Cowell -Teacher
Miss Bresnahan-HLTA

Miss Littlewood-LSA
Miss Wood-LSA
Mrs Badcock—SAL Therapist
Miss Baxter- SALT TA

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:

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



Uniform and PE kit

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. A copy of our uniform policy is available from the office.

For PE children wear a white t-shirt, a pair of green shorts and black pumps. Please ensure your child has their PE kit on the correct days. PE kits can stay in school for a half term.

Uniforms and PE kits are available from the school office, please see the recent price list. Please do not leave your uniform orders until the first day back....it is always manic!

Please clearly label your child's name in their uniforms, kits and coats as they can easily get lost!

School Dinners

All children up to year 2 are eligible for a free school meal. Meals are cooked in our own kitchens and there is a choice of items for each course. Meals have been carefully planned and prepared for nutritional value.

Please visit www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals to register for free school meals.

Please let your child's teacher know whether your child will be having a school dinner or bringing a packed lunch—and if they want to swap at any time during the school year, please give the office **one weeks notice**.

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 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.

Snack

Fruit is provided to all Reception children free of charge, and milk is free to all Reception children until they are 5 years old.

A snack is also available to the children at a cost of £1.00 a week paid via Parentpay. This allows your child to be given a range of snack options including cereal and biscuits. This money will also go towards baking and cookery activities planned by the Teachers. Please pay your child's snack money on the Monday of each week through the Parentpay website, this can be paid in half termly blocks if preferred. If you would like your child to have snack—you must contribute each week.



Reading Folders/Key Words/phonics sounds

Book bags will be given out by your child's class teacher during the first week. Please make sure that your child brings their book bag to school every day with their reading book in it as it allows us to hear them read and change books weekly. It is important that you practise reading with your child at home as it will not only develop their skills but their also their confidence and enjoyment of reading. You will be expected to help your child learn some phonic sounds and key words each week - reading and writing these - to consolidate their learning at home.

Medical Needs

If your child has a specific medical need i.e asthma, please take any inhalers to the school office and fill in the necessary forms. If your child has prescribed medicine please give to the class teacher and sign a form to enable us to administer these throughout the day where needed.

Uniform Price List from September 2024

	Sizes	Price
Sweatshirts	Sizes 22" to 34"	£9.00
	Sizes 34" upwards	£13.50
Cardigans	Sizes 24" to 32"	£10.50
	Sizes 34" upwards	£15.60
Polo Shirts	Sizes 24" to 32"	£8.00
	Sizes 34" upwards	£12.60
Fleeces	Age 5-6—11-12	£14.60
	Sizes 36" upwards	£19.44
PE T-Shirts	All sizes	£5.75
PE Shorts	All sizes	£5.10
Book bags		£6.00
PE bags		£3.42

You can order the above from www.stitchdesign.co.uk and get it delivered to school or your home address.

The School Day

Breakfast Club 7.45am

School Starts 8.45am

School Finishes 3.15pm



School starts at 8.45am each morning. Children should line up on the Reception yard, and teachers will collect them.

School closes at 3.15pm each day and children should be collected from the drop off points. **Please do not play on any of the equipment before/after school—** you are not insured to do so. Make sure that you stay with your child until they have entered the Reception class.

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 or emailing us on absent@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk Please keep us updated with your new mobile numbers or any changes of addresses! It is vital that we have the correct details in case of any emergencies.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open to all pupils from 7.45am each day. 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.



After School Club

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 ask for Lindsey Quinn's contact details.