

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

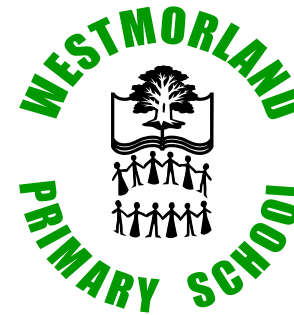
We look forward to you and
your child joining our school.

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0161 406 9403

Westmorland Primary School



Information booklet for new
Year 1 parents 2024-2025



Year 1 at Westmorland

Year 1 is a very exciting at Westmorland. It is the first Year where your child will learn the National Curriculum. They will engage in subjects such as maths, phonics, guided reading, writing, drama, science, PHSE, RE, computing, handwriting, history, geography, art and design and technology.

- Year 1 children start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. They will be dropped off through the gates or doors in the KS1 playground and collected at the same doors or gates.
- Your child will need a PE kit. This will be a white T Shirt, black shorts and black pumps. They will need warmer tracksuit clothing for when it is cold outside. Studs need to be removed or covered with a plaster for PE. You can use https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/Westmorland_Primary_School_SK5_8HH to order PE kit.
- Toast, bread and butter or crackers and cheese are provided each breaktime for £1.00 a week. If you would like your child to have snack please pay your £1 on the Friday before or per half term on parent pay.
- Every child will be given a free water bottle that will stay in school. Water is freely available all day
- Your child will follow a full curriculum throughout the week including having the opportunity to complete independent challenges bridging the gap between play based reception and Year 2
- All Year 1 children are eligible to receive a school dinner for free. However, if you are in receipt of benefits, you must apply online for Free school meals in order for schools to receive the extra funding
- Warrior—all children will work on their Westmorland Warrior values throughout each week. At the end of the week, all those who have achieved all of the values will go into a draw, with one child per class being chosen for a special Warrior Party on a Friday
- ROAM—You will have the opportunity to come and read with your child for a session a week. Readers On a Mission (ROAM) happens every week after drop off where you can read for pleasure with your child
- Please make use of the bookswap and fresh food wall most days outside the front of school.
- Parents will need to create a parent pay account in order to pay for school trips and snack etc. Please speak with the office staff to set this up if you have not already.

School Term Dates 2024-2025

Term	School opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 2024	Wednesday 4th September	Friday 18th October
	Tuesday 29th November	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	Friday 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

Staff in KS1 and Year 1

Mrs Sherstone—Teacher, KS1 Lead
Mrs Wade—Teacher
Miss Preston—Teacher
Mrs Beckingham—Teacher
Miss Cillis—Teacher
Miss Doyle—Teacher
Mr Mathieson (PPA sports)
Ms Unzueta (PPA Music)

Ms Bee—HLTA
Miss Chesworth—LSA
Mrs Maslin-Barr—LSA
Mrs Foster—LSA
Mrs Pooran—LSA
Mrs Stuart—LSA
Miss Page —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 https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/Westmorland_Primary_School_SK5_8HH for orders.

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 school until we have the correct medication in school—so if your child 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, and will be screened on arrival to school. We buy a Speech and Language therapist in to school 3 days a week, Anna Badcock, who is highly qualified and will discuss any concerns with you. 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.

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.

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Reading Folder

Your child will be given a book bag, free of charge when they start at our school. 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. Your child's book will be changed regularly and we would like you to read at least three times a week with your child. Re-reading the book will develop story language and comprehension skills—it may be boring to you but it isn't to a child! We follow the Rocket Phonics Scheme to help develop children's early reading fluency and your child can access online reading books on 'Boost' <https://boost-learning.com> alongside an actual reading book.

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

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 £2.50 per session.

The After School Club is available both during term time and also over the school holidays. The club runs from 3.15pm to 6pm during term time and 8am to 6pm over the holidays. For more information

Parents in school

Parents are always welcome at Westmorland.

Parents help in the classroom is always appreciated. If you can help you will be required to undertake a police check. In addition on class trips there may be the opportunity to go as a class helper and assist with a small group of children.

Parents are invited to class assemblies, to view children's work, to coffee mornings and other events such as art galleries, sports day and parental workshops.

These give opportunities for class teachers and parents to build relationships together.

At Westmorland it is important to us to work together as a team to give your child the best opportunity to succeed. Giving MORE is our aim.

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.

Y1	Autumn 1 Our Local Area	Autumn 2 Remembering Events	Spring 1 Belonging	Spring 2 Communicating	Summer 1 Nature	Summer 2 Our world and women who have influenced it
Potential Visits/visitors	Local trips: park Reddish Vale Stockport	Gunpowder Plot Workshop	Whitworth Art Gallery – Lowry link Reddish Vale – viaduct sketching	Animal experience trip	Animal experience trip	Dunham Massey Mary Anning/Rosa parks workshop or zoom
Science	Plants	Animals - Classifying	Materials	Animals - Humans	Materials	Plants
History	Seasonal Change					
Geography	Where I live	Events – Gunpowder Plot	We are The United Kingdom Lowry	Communication Changes	Weather	Mary Anning and Rosa Parks
Art and Design	Andy Goldsworthy				Georgia O'Keefe	
Design and Technology		Sliders and levers		Structures		Cooking
Religious Education	Believing (1.1) – Who is a Christian and what do they believe?	Expressing (1.6) – Christmas How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?	Believing (1.2) – Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?	Expressing (1.6) – Easter How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?	Expressing (1.6) – Eid How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?	Living – (1.7) What does it mean to belong to a faith community?
Personal and Social	Relationships		Living in the Wider World		Health and Wellbeing	
PE	Fundamentals & Invasion	Ball Skills	Fitness & Gymnastics	Net & Wall	Strike & Field	Athletics
Dance	Gymnastics	African Animals	Going on a Bear Hunt	Throwing & Catching	Dinosaurs	Orienteering
Music	1	2	3	4	5	6
Computing	Online safety Creating content Coding		Online safety Creating content		Online safety Creating content Coding	