

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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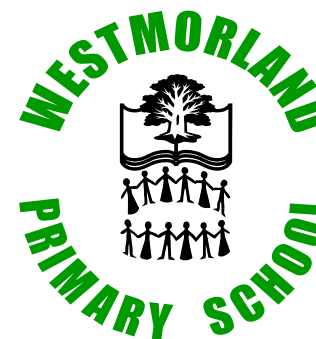
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Westmorland Primary School



Information booklet for new
Year 4 parents 2024-2025



Year 4 at Westmorland

Children in Year 4 are in their last year of the Lower Key Stage 2 curriculum, and have a statutory times tables test at the end of the Year.

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 4 children start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. They will be dropped off and collected through doors in the KS2 playground
- 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
- 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.
- Children will only receive a free school meal if you have applied online. The link is in this booklet for your reference
- All children will be given a log on for Times Tables Rockstars. This is an app which is really interactive and such a fun way to help your child learn their times tables, which they will have regular tests and quizzes on, and a statutory test in Year 4. **It is an expectation that children complete at least 10 minutes a night.**
- **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 book swap and fresh food wall most days outside the classrooms/school
- Parents will need to create a parent pay account in order to pay for school trips etc. Please speak with the office staff to set this up.

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 Year 4

Mr Finn—Phase Leader for Years 2, 3 and 4

Mr Finn—Teacher

Mr Kelly—Teacher

Mrs Sidgwick— HLTA

Mrs Jackson—HLTA

Mr Mathieson (PPA sports)

Miss Unzueta (PPA Music and Spanish)

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 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 every night 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.

It is an expectation that children complete an entry at least 3 times a week.

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 and a price list please either call in at the office or contact Lindsey Quinn on 07508845134.

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.

Y4	Autumn 1 Health	Autumn 2 Romans	Spring 1 UK vs Italy	Spring 2 Roman Britain	Summer 1 Habitats	Summer 2 Electricity
Science	Animals inc humans	Sound	States of matter	Animals inc humans	Living things and habitats	Electricity
History		Romans		Romans in Britain		Ancient Civilisations
Geography	Rivers and mountains		Topographical Britain vs Italy		UK Geography	
Art and Design	John Dilnot		Hokusai Rivers/Mountains		Ancient Art (mosaic and Egypt)	
Design and Technology		Healthy and varied diet		Shell structure (British and Italian)		Simple circuits and switches
Religious Education	Believing (L2.7) Why does it mean to be a Christian?	Expressing (L2.5) Why are festivals important to religious communities?	Expressing (L2.5a) How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate festivals?	Expressing (L2.6) Why do some people think that life is a journey?	Living (L2.10) How do family life and festivals show what matters to Jewish people?	Living (L2.9) What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?
Personal and Social	Relationships		Living in the Wider World		Health and Wellbeing	
PE	Basketball	Hockey	Fitness & Gymnastics	Tennis	Cricket & Rounders	Athletics
Dance	Orienteering	The Romans	The River	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming
Music	1	2	3	4	5	6
Spanish	All about me	Food	Home	Animals	My town	Holidays
Computing	Online safety Creating content Coding		Online safety Creating content		Online safety Creating content Coding	