



Year 1 and Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Wow the end of the summer already! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are now ready for the start of a new term ahead. We have planned lots of exciting activities for your children this term. We have included as much information as possible in this newsletter so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Staff

Class Teachers

- Year 1 - Mrs Beckingham
- Year 1 - Miss Gillis
- Year 2 - Miss Poynton
- Year 2—Miss Sherstone

Further support

- Miss Bee (HLTA), Mrs Stuart (LSA),
- Miss Garlick (LSA), Mrs Foster (LSA)
- Miss Pooran (LSA)

Key Stage 1 opening times

School starts at 8.45am

KS1 playground. Please line up by your teacher.

Year 2—Playground door

Year 1—Mrs Beckingham's door and the side gate for Miss Gillis

School finishes at 3.15pm

Year 1 -same as the morning

Year 2 - at the side entrance - Miss Sherstone

Miss Poynton - Key Stage 2 playground - Miss Poynton's door

Office hours: 8.00-3.30

The office is open between these hours, if you call before or after this time please leave a message and we will get back to you.

Rewards

We will reward children who act like a Westmorland Warrior, and demonstrate our school values of:

- Willpower
- Achievement
- Respect
- Reflection
- Independence
- Organisation and
- Reliability



Attendance

It is vital that your children attend school every day!

We understand that children get ill sometimes but anything over 5 days a year is deemed as excessive. Just missing an odd day here and there is so detrimental to your child's learning and they can miss essential learning opportunities.

Fines will be issued where needed...

However many rewards are planned for excellent attendance... watch this space!

If your child is absent, remember you can now email school on this address:

absence@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk

—your child will only get their Reliability on their WARRIOR chart if they are in school on time all week.



School Uniform

Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes (not boots). All uniform needs to be named, especially jumpers and PE kits! This can be bought online at stitchdesign.co.uk

The weather is unpredictable at any time of the year so please make sure your child has their coat in school every day.

Jewellery - It is school policy that the children are allowed a watch (not smart!) in school.

No other jewellery (including studs) are permitted.

Mobile phones - the children are not allowed these in school

Rain!

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat that fasten
Manchester weather!



PE

PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps.

Key stage 1 ALL have PE on Thursday

Please make sure that they have their kit in school every day in case they have an extra session during the week. Children will bring their kit home at the end of the half term for washing.



Challenges

In Year 1 the children will be accessing continuous provision to enhance their learning. In this the children will partake in independent challenges to consolidate and enhance learning.



Curriculum Themes

All the children will complete daily English and Mathematics lessons. They will also learn History, Geography, Computing, PSHE, RE, Art, Music and Design Technology knowledge and skills regularly.

Year 1

Year 1 will be learning about **The local area** - thinking about where we live, plants and the artist Andy Goldsworthy. After half term, we will learn about **The Gunpowder Plot**- thinking about the history surrounding Bonfire night, sliders and levers in DT and classifying animals in science.

Year 2

Year 2 are starting off thinking about the **Environment** - including The North and South Poles, plants and Van Gogh. After half term, we will be thinking about **Textiles**, learning about the history of our local area, Stockport, Materials in science and creating 3d textiles in Design technology.



Trips and Visits

This term Year 1 will be visiting the park and Reddish Vale and will be enjoying a history workshop,

Year 2 will be visiting the local area including a trip to many landmarks in Stockport.

More information to follow!

Snack:

If your child would like bread/crackers and butter you need to pay **£1 on Parentpay** by the **Friday** of the week before, you can pay for the half term if you wish.

All children are provided with a daily piece of fruit **but** unfortunately no other snack is allowed at playtime.

No £1, No bread/crackers!



Coffee Mornings

Please come to our coffee morning and a chat to meet and talk to your child's new teacher.

You will have the opportunity to hear how your child will be taught, expectations of the year group and they will be able to answer any questions you might have!

These will be at 9.00, after school drop off.

Monday 8th September @ 9.00—Year 1—Mrs Beckingham and Miss Gillis

Tuesday 9th September @ 9.00—Year 2 Miss Poynton and Miss Sherstone

We look forward to welcoming you there!

Reading workshops

Like last year you will have the opportunity to come to a reading workshop to partake in reading activities we do in school with your child. **This is a great way to see how you could support at home and have fun with your child.**

15th October @ 9.00—Year 1

16th October @ 2.30—Year 2



Parent pay



Don't forget we are a cashless school and use ParentPay for school dinners, school uniform, snack and school trips. This system is working well.

This year you will be asked to pay £8.50 per term for the varied, exciting visits and/or visitors we have planned using ParentPay.

This amount is heavily subsidised by school, however if not enough payments are received some trips will not go ahead. If for any reason a trip cannot go ahead for any reason, you will be refunded via ParentPay.

If you are still encountering any problems please see the office staff and they will be more than happy to help.

Rocket Phonics



In key stage 1 your children will be taught phonics to help them to continue their journey to being fluent readers.

For your child's online books don't forget the website: <https://boost-learning.com>

Then add your child's full name in lower case.

Password: westmorland1

Remember to sign your child's reading record to say they've read online.



Numbots

Please remember the expectation is for your children to go onto Numbots three times a week, 10 minutes a time.

This is to help them become fluent in maths.

Reading

We would love you to, **READ READ READ and TALK TALK TALK** with your children at home.



Children are expected to read at **least three times a week**. Please ensure that you or another adult is listening to your child read and signing their reading record which **must** be brought into school every day.

The children are encouraged to read and re-read the books they are given to build up fluency and will have their books changed frequently.

Please talk to your child about what they are reading, this is a vital part of their learning process.

If you need any help supporting your child with their reading, talk to your class teacher at the start of the day.

Don't forget it's important to enjoy sharing stories with your children. Read to them regularly and enjoy talking about characters, stories and interesting facts together.

Try attending ROAM, below!

Readers On A Mission - ROAM

We will still be inviting parents to come into school to read with their child on Tuesday morning every week.

The children will have a sticker chart where when they attend 6 times they can collect their reward!



Class assemblies!

We will be inviting parents into school to watch class assemblies. Dates to follow...