



Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. It has been brilliant seeing the children settling so quickly this week. We are looking forward to the new school term ahead, and have planned many exciting activities for your children. We have included information in this newsletter for this term's activities 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, Mr Lawler and the Upper Key Stage 2 Team.

Staff

Class Teachers

Year 5 - Mr Kelly

Year 5 - Mrs Johnson

Further support

Mrs Brinsley

Class Teachers

Year 6 - Mr Lawler

Year 6 - Mr Waddington & Mrs Williams

Further support

Mrs Mostafa

Mrs Brinsley

Mrs Sidgwick

Key Dates

Year 5 Coffee Morning =

Wednesday 10th September - 3pm

Year 6 Coffee Morning = Thursday 11th

September - 9am

Year 6 Residential Meeting - Thursday

11th September - 2:45pm

Year 6 Reading Workshop = Tuesday

7th October - 9am

Mr Lawler's Class Assembly = Tuesday

14th October - 9am

Half Term = 21st October - 25th

October

Mrs Williams' Class Assembly =

Tuesday 11th November - 9am

Year 5 Reading Workshop = Thursday

20th November - 2.30pm

Trips:

Year 5 have booked to visit Weaver Hall on November 28th and Year 6 are looking to visit a Yorkshire sculpture park after half term. More information, including dates will follow soon.

Upper Key Stage 2 opening times

School Starts: 8:45am

School Finishes: 3:15pm

Reading

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.

In class, year 5 are currently reading:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling

In class year 6 are currently reading:

Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

TTRockstars



Children are expected to access TTRockstars, at home, for a minimum of 10 minutes a day, in order to aid their fluency with mathematical strategies across the Key Stage. We appreciate your co-operation with this at home.

Spellings are sent home at the start of each half term and children should practice their weekly words regularly at home. Children will be tested on their weekly words each Friday.

School Uniform

- ❖ Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes (not boots). Order online at https://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/uniform/Westmorland_Primary_School_SK5_8HH
- ❖ All uniform needs to be named, **especially jumpers and PE kits!**
- ❖ The weather is unpredictable at any time of the year so please make sure your child has their coat in school every day. We will be accessing outdoor learning regularly so this is essential.

P.E.

PE kit = shorts, t-shirt, pumps, and tracksuit bottoms for the colder weather.

Please make sure that your children have their kit in school every day and that they remain in school 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.

P.E days for UKS2 are as follows:

Year 6:

- Monday & Wednesday

Year 5:

- Monday = Swimming - Children must remember to bring correct swimwear and a towel
- Tuesday = PE

Curriculum Themes

All the children will complete daily English and Mathematics lessons. They will also learn history, geography, art and design technology knowledge and skills regularly.

Year 5

Year 5 will be learning about **UK & its regions** in Geography, **Properties & change of materials** in Science and the artist **Anthony Gormley**. After half term, they will move to **Anglo-Saxon settlements** in History, **Living things & habitats** in Science and **Combining Fabrics** in DT

Year 6

Year 6 will be learning about **Human & Physical comparisons focusing on Europe** in Geography, **Evolution & Inheritance** in Science and **Cooking & Seasonality** in D&T. After half term, they will move to History and learn about **Queen Victoria**. They will also learn about **Animals including Humans** in Science and the artist and sculpture **Henry Moore**.

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

Rewards

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



Independence

Organisation

Reflection



Food Hampers

We are still able to offer food hampers. These vary each week and usually contain a variety of nice things - often including fresh meat. Families are randomly selected but please email the headteacher if you need to be higher up the list. The school is also able to issue food bank vouchers to families - please drop into reception and ask to speak with the headteacher. The food wall is also available to everyone in our school family that can come and collect. Families are reminded that the food on the wall is for us **all to share** and should not be dominated by just a few families.

ParentPay: 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 **£10 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 contributions 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.

Things to remember

- ❖ Your child should come to school every day, we know children get ill sometimes but on average anything over 5 days a year is deemed excessive and will trigger EWO involvement, children coming after 8.55 will be recorded as late for school. You can report your child's absence via calling reception or emailing absence@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk
- ❖ Bikes or scooters should not be ridden on the playgrounds.
- ❖ Please ensure that your child's hair is tied back to avoid the spread of head lice.
- ❖ If your child's medical history has changed, please can you inform the office immediately?
- ❖ Children must **NOT** wear any hooped earrings, rings or necklaces. The only jewellery allowed will be a simple wrist watch and small flat stud earrings (worn at their own risk). Children will need to remove these for all sporting activities. If a child cannot remove them by themselves, then parents will be expected to come in to remove them that day, before they can take part in any activities or attend after school sports.