



Lower Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026



Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces this week and the children have already made an excellent start to the school year in their new classes. We have lots of exciting lessons and activities planned for Autumn Term and we have included all the information you need in this newsletter so please keep this somewhere safe for reference. You can also visit the school website for key dates and events or ask a member of staff if you have any questions. We are always here to help.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Cowell and the Lower Key Stage 2 Team.

Staff

Class Teachers

Year 3 - Mrs Cowell
Year 3 - Miss Poynton

Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Jackson and Mrs Gallimore

Class Teachers

Year 4 - Miss Preston
Year 4 - Miss Thomas

Learning Support Assistants

Miss Sampson and Miss Page

Key Dates

Year 3 Coffee Morning =

Tuesday 8th September at 3pm

Year 4 Coffee Morning =

Tuesday 8th September at 9am

Year 3 Reading Workshop = Tuesday

13th October at 9am.

Year 4 Reading Workshop =

Wednesday 21st October at 9am.

Half Term = Monday 26th October -

Friday 30th October

Parents Evening = Tuesday 10th and

Wednesday 11th November

LKS2 Christmas Disco = Wednesday

16th December

School closes for Christmas on Friday

18th December.

Educational visits:

During the Autumn term, Year 3 will have a rocks and fossils visitor in school. on and Year 4 will be visiting Manchester Art Gallery and Tesco to buy ingredients for DT.

Lower Key Stage 2 Opening Times

School Starts: 8:45am

Our school office is open from 8am-3:30pm

School Finishes: 3:15pm

You can leave a message after this time.

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 3 are currently reading:

The Flood by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley

In class, Year 4 are currently reading:

Varjak Paw by SF Said

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 ask you to support your child at home to access this and we are here to support with any difficulties with technology.

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 as part of a spelling quiz.

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 cardigans**.
- ❖ 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.

P.E days for LKS2 are as follows:

Year 3:

- **Mondays**

Year 4:

- **Thursdays**

All children have a free PE kit in school donated to us by Stockport County, which will stay in school.

Rewards

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



Curriculum Themes

All the children will complete daily English and mathematics lessons. They will also learn science, history, geography, art, computing, PSHE, RE and design technology knowledge and skills regularly too.

Year 3

Year 3 will be learning about **rocks and soil** in science, **natural disasters** in geography and **levers and linkages** in design and technology. After half term, they will be learning about **animals** in science, **the Stone Age** in history and **Monet** in art.

Year 4

Year 4 will be learning about **animals** in science, **the UK** in geography and **John Dilnot** in art. After half term, they will be learning about **sound** in science, **the Romans** in history and **healthy and varied diets** in design and technology, which will include food preparation and cooking.

Packed lunches

A reminder that your lunches must be healthy, and meet the government guidelines. A water bottle, a main meal (sandwich/wrap), fruit, yoghurt and one treat will be perfect! Thank you to most parents who have done this and made their child's lunch fabulous!

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.**

Educational Visits

Our school intent is 'MORE'. Staff ensure that all children have memorable experiences, oracy skills, read more and have lots of experiences to consolidate their learning. School subsidise these activities and pay using different funds, in order to immerse children in their learning and provide any activities that will help the children with their learning. All parents are asked to contribute to your child's learning. We ask for £10.00 per term (via ParentPay). This needs to be paid through Parent Pay before the half term holidays. Please note that if we do not receive enough monies **THESE WILL BE CANCELLED.**

ParentPay

Don't forget we are a cashless school and use ParentPay for school dinners, snack and school trips.

If you have any issues with logging on or using ParentPay, please ask at the school office. 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 by 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.