

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to the Reception class at Westmorland Primary School! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday.

Please keep this newsletter safe - you will get 3 a year. The website will keep you updated if you need further information, please do not hesitate to check.

Mrs George, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Leyland, Mrs Wade Miss O'Connell, Mrs Tomlins, Miss Littlewood, Miss Bresnahan, Miss Beech, Miss Smith, Miss Page, Miss Baxter and Mrs Badcock.

Speaking to the teacher

We operate an open door policy where we encourage you to tell us anything that will help us teach your child with maximum impact every day.

It is also important to note that during the hours of school time, the teachers **MUST** be teaching and supervising your children. This means that they will need to go in with their children after the class line up. This is to ensure that all children are safe and we maximise the learning time. There are support staff to pass on a message or you can leave a message at the office.
We thank you with your support with this.

The gates will be locked at 8.55am so please ensure that you have left the playground.

Staffing

Please feel free to speak to any member of the team in Reception:

Mrs George - Deputy Headteacher/Early Years Leader

Miss O'Connell/Mrs Tomlins - Teachers

Mrs Taylor - Teacher

Mrs Leyland/Miss Wade - Teachers

Miss Littlewood - LSA

Miss Beech - LSA

Miss Smith - LSA

Miss Page - LSA

Miss Bresnahan - HLTA

Mrs Badcock and Miss Baxter - Speech and Language Therapists and assistant

Key Words:

Your child will be bringing home a little booklet of key words.

These words are to be taught to be read on sight.

You are encouraged to make flashcards to stick around your house to ensure that children have exposure to these.

Phonics:

Your child will also bring home a booklet of phonic words.

These will include around 6 sounds that children need to learn and be able to recognise, say and write.

We will hold a phonic workshop in order to help you teach your child.

We must work together in order to maximise your child's attainment. Please teach these for just 5 minutes a night to gain consistency.

Parent Pay

School visits, dinner money and snack money need to be paid using this.

You will receive a code and instructions of how to set up your account ASAP. If you haven't got this already please speak to staff in the school office.

Remember, you can pay for more than one week if this is easier and more convenient for you.

Breakfast club needs to be paid in cash on the day.

Snack is £1.00 a week

Your child will be learning about 'Traditional Tales' and 'Explorers' until Christmas. Please help to extend their learning by reading books at home, watching traditional tales and discussing these topics!

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!

P.E

Your child will have their PE lessons from Wednesday 10th September. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school for this date. This should be; a white T-shirt, green or black shorts and black pumps.

It is an important goal for your child to be able to get dressed and undressed independently. If your child cannot do this, please help them by developing their independence and practising at home each day.

Reading books

Your child will have a reading book to take home. Please read this **daily** with your child and talk to them about the book, as this will build up fluency and comprehension. Encourage them to say each sound they can see and read key words.

Books will be changed once a week. We encourage you to read different types of text with your child....newspapers, comics, food packets, and the local library can be used for a wider selection.

Your child will change their book once a week.
Your child must bring their book bag every day.

Breakfast club

If you would like your child to go to breakfast club, it is usually open every school day from 7.45am, through the hall doors and costs £2.50
Your child needs to be in by 8.20am.

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, staff research any activities that will help children with their learning. All parents are asked to contribute to your child's learning.

We ask for £10.00 per term. 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.**

Things to Remember

- ❖ Coffee afternoon for Reception - Monday 10th September at 3.00am. Please attend!
- ❖ Reading workshop for Reception - 12th November 2.30pm in the EYFS building. Please attend!
- ❖ 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. In addition, children arriving after 8.55am will be recorded as late for school. Parents who bring children late frequently can now be prosecuted.
- ❖ Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes. All uniform needs to be clearly labelled, especially jumpers!
- ❖ You child must not bring toys, dummies, blankets etc in to school. Bikes or scooters must not be ridden on the premises.
- ❖ The only jewellery allowed is a wrist watch and small metal stud earrings, but these are not recommended as your child will be doing physical activities everyday.
- ❖ You must ensure your child has a coat coming into school as they will undertake outdoor learning everyday! Dress accordingly for the weather
- ❖ You must not be late collecting your child. The reception day is 8.45am - 3.15pm
- ❖ The office will be open from 8.00am - 3.30pm. You will need to leave a message on the answering machine out of these hours