

Nursery Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to the Nursery at Westmorland Primary School! It has been wonderful seeing the children settling in this week. There will always be a few tears so please remember that every day is a learning curve for these young children!

We have included as much information in this newsletter for the next 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.

Mrs George, Mrs Riley, Miss Palmer, Miss Maddocks, Mrs Gallimore, Miss Bresnahan, Mrs Maslin - Barr, Miss Traylor, 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 9.05am 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 Palmer - Teacher

Mrs Riley - Teacher

Miss Maddocks - LSA

Mrs Gallimore - LSA

Mrs Maslin-Barr - LSA

Miss Traylor - LSA

Miss Bresnahan - HLTA

Miss Baxter/Mrs Badcock - Speech and Language Therapist and assistant

Parent Pay

We are working on becoming a cashless school. 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.

Independence

We know how hard it may be for some parents to send their children to Nursery. They seem so little! Please rest assured that the teachers and staff in school have done this hundreds of times and know the curriculum inside out. They will be asking for your help! Dummies, bottles and nappies need to be phased out as soon as possible. If you need any help with this, please ring the health visitors where you will be able to get support in the home.

Phone: 0161 406 9558

Snack money

We provide your child with a daily snack this includes: toast, biscuits, cereal, fruit and milk.

Please remember to pay £1.00 each week to ensure that your child can have their snack - this needs to be paid on parent pay.

Office

The office will be open 8.00am - 3.30pm. Please leave a message on the answering machine out of these times.

Topics

Your child will be learning about Nursery Rhymes and traditional tales within the first full term at Nursery. Please help them by sharing these stories with them, and asking questions about characters of the stories so that they can begin to remember some.

Timings of the day

Morning session: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoon Session: 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Full day session: 9.00am - 3.15pm

If you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours free childcare, please visit the website:
www.stockport.gov.uk/funded-childcare-for-3-and-4-year-olds/30-hours-funded-childcare

Reading books

Your child will come home with a book to share. Please share a book every day - it can be the same book or different ones. When a child shares a story, they can learn to answer and ask questions, and understand the story.

Discuss the characters, events and setting of the stories. It is so important for children to learn language and story language.

Your child will change their book once a week in Nursery, but they can read comics, newspapers, logos and more. Be creative!

Your child must bring their book bag every Monday, they will be returned on Tuesday.

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

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 on Parent pay.

Please note that if we do not receive enough monies **THESE WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Full time

School will offer a free full time place, providing children are in school regularly, your child is ready for it, and they have a healthy packed lunch to help them learn. Your child's teacher will speak to you about these places when they are ready. If you have any questions, please see them, they are happy to help!

Please work with us in order to help your child as much as possible.

Things to Remember

- ❖ Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes. All uniform needs to be clearly labelled, especially jumpers! Nursery children need to wear trousers that they can get up and down easily for toileting, in order to help prevent accidents
- ❖ You child **must not** bring toys, dummies, blankets etc in to school. Bikes or scooters must not be ridden on the premises.
- ❖ Nursery children should not wear any jewellery, as they are constantly engaging in physical activities
- ❖ You must ensure your child has a coat coming into school as they will undertake outdoor learning everyday! Dress appropriately for the weather each day with sun hat/sun cream if we are lucky enough to have some sun! If not, please send them with a coat.
- ❖ You must not be late collecting your child. If this happens repeatedly you will be charged for childcare, this will be £15
- ❖ Reading workshop - 11th November at 2.30pm - please attend!