

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the school year, the year has flown and has been action packed with many exciting activities for your children and there is no let-up this half term as witnessed by the plethora of diary dates on the back of the newsletter.

Fingers crossed for good weather for the Sports day and the summer trips. I am sure I will get to see many of you at least one of the events that will be taking place soon.

Finally, this is the half term your child will receive their end of term report. This is an important document and summarises their progress and attainment over the year, in addition to the report parents in Y6 will receive data summaries too. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Finally, if you use any of the services of our advertisers, please do let them know where you saw them as their advertising revenue really helps our school fund.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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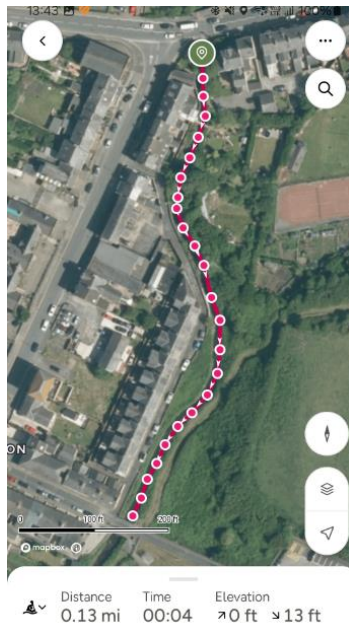
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Mini Duck Race

The school will be hosting what is envisaged to be a yearly event – a mini duck race. The ducks will race down the beck at the bottom of the hill at 2pm on Tuesday 9th July watched by the whole school. The prizes for the first 10 ducks to finish are well worth it with a first prize of £150. If you want to take part then ducks can be purchased on ParentPay. Each duck will have a unique number and will be entered into the race (you get to keep the ducks you have bought. It may be there are other family members or friends who would like to take part and you can buy ducks for them too – there is a maximum of 4 ducks that can be bought per person. In total there are 600 ducks!! The route the ducks will follow is shown alongside.



It promises to be great fun and all will have a quacking time 😄



**Beckstone School
Mid-Year
Annual Duck Race
2024**

Tuesday 9th July at 2pm

Entry is £4 per duck (Max 4 per person)
via Parent Pay

Starting from Short Kutz

Finishing at the School bridge.

Every entry will get to keep their duck

Prizes for the first 10 over the finishing line

1 st	£150	6 th	£20
2 nd	£100	7 th	£10
3 rd	£75	8 th	£5
4 th	£50	9 th	£5
5 th	£30	10 th	£5

Don't miss out – order your ducks now!

WhatsApp & Mobile Phones Generally

We are still getting pupils upset at what has been happening on WhatsApp after school or at weekends.



It is extremely concerning that despite monthly items on this and many national news stories detailing the harm it is causing we still have families that are allowing their children to use social media **underage!** Social media apps are having a detrimental effect on children, particularly their mental health and **are spoiling their childhood.**

Quite simply young minds are not mature enough to deal with the issues WhatsApp raises.

A group of Headteachers in St Albans have written to all families to urge them not to get a smart phone for their children until they are 14. They are concerned about social media but also all the sites that a child can access

via their phone. The latest news article can be read here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-69044426>

Furthermore the restricting of Smartphones to under 14's is now appearing in the General Election campaign.

Please do give all of the above some thought and protect your child from the harmful effects of this technology by removing them from social media and installing controls or disabling internet access on their phones.

Do you have a child that would like to start Beckstone Nursey?

September 2024 -
Children born between
1st April -
31st August 2021

January 2025 -
Children born between
1st September -
31st December 2021

April 2025 -
Children born between
1st January -
31st March 2022

**Please see the office for
an application form**

Trips & Refunds

When trips are organised almost all activities are payable in advance. The school, in good faith, pays these and the trips are costed on this basis. Some recent trips have had some children pulling out by choice of the child or parent and then a refund is asked for. The costs of the trip remain the same so the school is unable to offer a refund as there is not the funds to cover it and it is not the school's liability. We hope all understand this and thank you in advance of your co-operation.

Dunelm Community Support

From community feedback, we have decided to draw the winner from the Top 10 most voted schools at random! That means our winner is..... 🍷

Beckstone Primary School, Workington!

Can someone from the faculty please private message us to sort out collection of the prize! 🙏

Summer Activities Giveaway! 🌻

We're giving away just under £50 worth of children's summer activities to a local Primary School!

All you have to do is VOTE and SHARE this post, ask your friends and families to enter to get as many votes as possible!

You are welcome to add your own local Primary Schools to the list, but please make sure it hasn't already been added before you do!

The giveaway will finish on the 7th of May, so keep an eye out 👁️

Thank you very much to all who voted for the school in a recent Facebook 'Summer Activities' poll. We were delighted to hear we had won the goodies...

The School Council are pictured here with the gifts which will be put to good use.



Thank you to Dunelm from the school!

Revisewise



REVISE WISE CLUBS

The Revisewise clubs are now on a Wednesday or a Thursday morning from 8.15am until the start of the school day and are for Year 5 children

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who can attend one or both. The sessions are designed to consolidate learning and will run up to SATs in Year 6.

Sugar Intake & Your Child’s Health

Children aged 7 to 10 should have no more than 24g of free sugars a day (6 sugar cubes). Children aged 4 to 6 should have no more than 19g of free sugars a day (5 sugar cubes).

As you can see from the above picture the majority of these drinks are giving more than one’s day worth intake of sugar for your child.



Allotment

We are awaiting the County Legal department to organise a land transfer and then we hopefully will have school access to the allotment at the front of the school. As soon as we have further information we will let you know. Our gratitude and huge appreciation goes to Mrs Linda Carter.

Summer Camp



The camp has proved very popular and we have written to all families who have expressed an interest.

The camp runs for the first 2 and last 2 weeks of the Summer holidays. If you missed the booking cycle it is not too late to book your child into the club. They can attend one day or however many you want at a price of £25 for half a day or £30 for a full day from 8am to 4pm. If you are interested in booking please contact the School office by emailing bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Lamb Visit



Mrs Forsyth came to school with some lambs



last half term. Every class had a turn at visiting the lambs, stroking them and finding out all about them.

The day was absolutely loved by the children and our huge thanks goes to the Forsyth family for making this possible.





Governors' Board

Dear All,

I hope everyone has had a nice relaxing half term break.

At the recent governors meeting we discussed the upset caused by a large number of year 6's not getting into their first choice secondary school. As a board we have decided to find out who to contact as soon as possible and write them a letter to try and ensure this doesn't not happen next year with the current year 5's.

On a happier note, the school have appealed to Cumberland County Council and all those worried nursery parents have had their fears quashed. Originally, we were told only 45 children could attend Reception next year, the school has worked hard to ensure all 58 applicants have been allowed in, fantastic news.

Just to further add to what you've already read about the Chair of Governor's inaugural duck race, get your ducks ordered, you'd be quackers not to. But don't forget to pay your bill.

Rachel Forsyth and I were lucky enough to help Miss McBride and Miss Thompson on the year one and two football tournament at Lakes College. Although the children got absolutely drenched, all 24 kids worked hard for each other as a team and played really well. As we got back to school, I stood at the door of the bus and 24/24 children thanked the bus driver. Well done boys and girls a credit to your parents and to the school!

Don't forget to make use of the school uniform exchange. With our children growing at a rate of knots and prices of clothes even more so make sure you recycle that uniform and save yourself a few quid by seeing if there's any you can make use of before the end of the summer term.

Have a great summer everyone,

Blain Rooney,
Parent Governor.



Governor



Gallery

						
From 15.03.22 To 15.03.26 Simon Turk Chair & Co-opted	From 07.12.21 To 07.12.25 Kate Mahone Vice Chair & LA	From 08.02.22 To 08.02.26 Andrew Kilgour Parent	From 19.10.21 To 19.10.25 Laurie Black Parent	From 17.05.22 To 17.05.26 Blain Rooney Parent	From 21.11.23 To 21.11.27 Zoe Hannah Parent	Co-opted Vacancy
						
From N/A To N/A David Warbrick Headteacher	From 12.07.21 To 12.07.25 Hayley Gorman Staff	From 18.10.22 To 18.10.26 Jude Yoxall Co-opted & Deputy Head	From N/A To N/A Nichola Rosser Clerk	From N/A To N/A Philippa Vaughan Staffing & Finance Associate	From 30.01.24 To 30.01.28 Rev. Dom de Mattos Co-opted	Co-opted Vacancy

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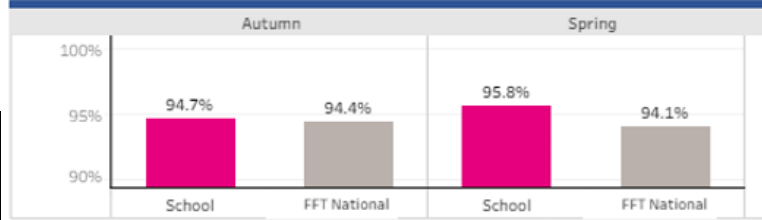
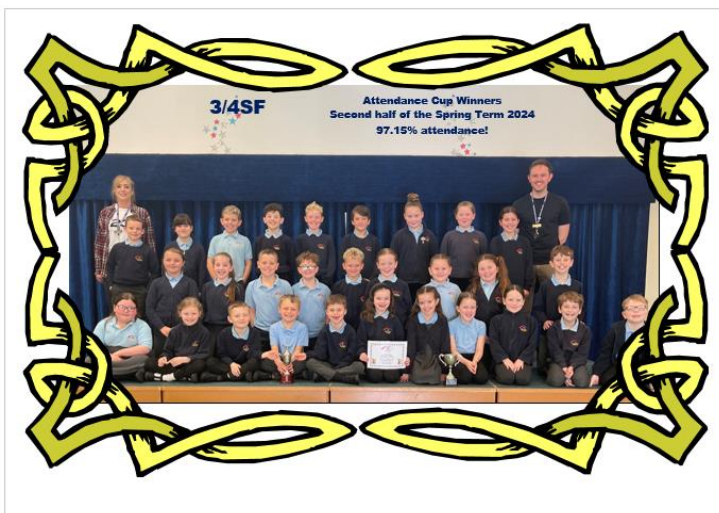
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Attendance Cup Winners & 100% Certificates

In the first assembly of the Summer term all children with 100% attendance in the Spring term were awarded a certificate. In addition, the class with the best attendance for the second half term was 3/4SF with an attendance rate of 97.15%, well over the national percentage. They are pictured below with their trophy.



School attendance has improved greatly overall bucking the national trend (see image at the top of the next column). Thank you to all for making this possible.



Sporting Value Trophies



The school awards trophies for sporting behaviour on a termly basis. The children who won trophies for showing specific sporting values last term can be seen in the Sporting zone of our web site. They are also shown on the next pages and they were awarded the trophies in assembly in April. Their trophies are kept with them in class for the term. Trophies will be re-awarded at the end of the Summer term for the current term.



Key Stage 1

- Jenson** (DETERMINATION)
- Kitt** (HONESTY)
- Sol** (PASSION)
- Eleanor** (RESPECT)



Key Stage 2



Sporting Success



Year 3 & 4 Rounders

Our team were worthy Workington Champions at the tournament in April. They are pictured below.



Key Stage 1 Kicky Rounders

Our KS1 team took their recent competition by storm and won the trophy for the school. They are pictured below.



KS1 Panathlon

Our Panathlon team were superstars and won the silver medal in the inter schools competition. They all played each of the different sports extremely well and their behaviour and sporting attitudes were a credit to the school. They are pictured below.



KS1 Football Tournament

Our KS1 football team entered the Workington competition and were runners up, losing by a goal in the last 15 seconds of the final. The team really enjoyed the competition and represented the school brilliantly.



KS1 Football Festival

We entered 3 teams into the KS1 football festival. All 3 teams excelled at the event and won most of their matches. All thoroughly enjoyed the event. The 3 teams and the whole group are pictured in the next column.

The school's sporting success continues!



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Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



Giving blood to support others is a wonderful selfless act that helps fellow citizens. Who knows, a member of your family may rely on someone else's blood donations to save their life at some point.

The next donor sessions at Energus are on Friday 7th June or Monday 7th July from 3pm to 7pm or Thursday 4th July 11am to 3pm. There is also a session at the Oval centre or on Friday 26th July at the Oval Centre from 3pm to 7pm.

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life.



Further details and booking details can be found at www.blood.co.uk

Planetarium



We will have a visiting Planetarium on the 18th and 19th June. Every class from across the school will have a timetabled time in the Planetarium to view the stars and the solar system. This promises to be a really exciting and enriching experience for the children.



Year 6 Hoodies

From Monday 1st July all the Y6 children will be allowed to wear their hoodies for school until the end of term. They have all chosen the colours they would like and we are looking forward to seeing them wearing them.



UKS2 Residential



Our UKS2 children went to Edinburgh for a residential

from Tuesday to Thursday in the week before half term.

They all had a wonderful time and enjoyed 3 really action packed days. On Tuesday they went to the National Museum of Scotland, Mary King's Close, Princess Street, the Childhood Museum, had food at Tony Macaroni's and saw Ghostbusters at the cinema. On Wednesday they visited the Castle, Edinburgh Dungeons, went shopping, went to TGI Friday's for food and then saw Macbeth at the Theatre. Finally on Thursday they managed to squeeze in a visit to Dynamic Earth, did more shopping and took in the sites of Edinburgh. There are some amazing photos of what they got up to on our web site and it is well worth a look and can be found here or by following the QR code:

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/file_photo_gallery/2023-2024/uks2-edinburgh-residential/index.html

A VERY BIG 'Thank You' to all the staff accompanying the trip who gave freely of their time, staying away from their own families for the benefit of the children. Our thanks go to Ms McGill, Ms Crook, Ms Jackson, Ms McMinn, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Boyd, Mrs McAdam and Mr Bechelli. In addition a huge thanks for organising a trip packed with such exciting things to do...we are all very impressed at how much they fitted in.



The Marie Wright Kindness Cup

Cove from Nursery is rarely seen without a smile on his face and this gets passed on to all around him. He is always polite to staff and his friends. He always is offering to help and to do 'jobs' in the classroom. Cove's kind and loving nature also extends beyond people to animals and nature, for example, he has shown a great interest in looking after the tadpoles in Nursery which he brought in from his farm.



Creativity Cup



Myler-Joey from Year 4 was chosen for the Creativity Cup. He can produce absolutely magnificent art work as well as amazing and creative writing. His exercise books are a wonder to behold with excellent illustrations alongside his work. A worthy winner.

Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy



Tom from Year 2 was chosen for this trophy as he is a fantastic sportsman & a good all rounder. He is polite, kind, helpful, always listens and supports his classmates. He takes winning & losing either way and has a wonderful attitude. He shows all our sporting values and is well deserving of this award.

Community Champions Cup



Leo from Year 4, Reuben from Year 2 & Dallas from Year 1, three brothers, were awarded the trophy for supporting the Workington community by going round and picking up litter during the 'Uppies & Downies' event over the Easter holidays. Their kind hearted work had been noticed by many parents and reported back to school.





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Y6 & Y2 SATs

The Year 6 children have had their SAT tests in the week beginning the 13th May. These exams are highly stressful and some of the papers appear to trick the children rather than be a straightforward test of their knowledge.



The children coped really well and all tried their very best, we couldn't ask for anymore and they were a credit to themselves and to you.

We will share their results on relevant reports which is due out on Monday 15th July and Year 6 parents will also get a results analysis sheet giving them more information.

The Year 2 SATs are no longer statutory and are no longer nationally reportable. The Government has however released the usual test papers and our Year 2 children sat them in the week before half term. This is a useful exercise and it enables us to benchmark

their attainment against national measures. The outcomes will be shared in the next newsletter however on first look the cohort appears to be doing very well indeed.



Bingo Night

There is a Summer Bingo Night on Thursday 20th June. There are 120 tickets available. The Bingo Nights have been a huge success this year and we have sold out every time. If you would



like to attend you can buy tickets on parentPay but it is on a first come, first served basis.

Also on the evening there will be a raffle, stand up Bingo and half time refreshments.

Quiz Night



Thank you to all who attended the Quiz Night. It appeared to be enjoyed by all and there were some great questions. Thanks to Mrs Cunningham for organising this event and it has raised much needed funds for school too.

Food & Drink

School Meals cost £14.50 per week (£2.90 a day) payable on ParentPay. This is still great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches. We would recommend a hot meal for all the children during the winter and would encourage those on packed lunches to make a change. An updated summer menu is on the next page.



Please note that your child cannot change from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa without a week's notice.



Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for the second half of



the summer term is **£9.00** and needs to be paid by **Friday, the 7th of June 2024** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.

Snack money for Nursery and Reception is **£14** for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 7th June 2024.**

	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Meatballs Quorn Meatballs Pasta Sprinkle Cake	Burger Quorn Burger Potatos Iced Biscuit	Roast Chicken Quorn Chicken Mash/Roast Flapjack & Custard	Sausage Roll Quorn Sausage Roll Chocolate Cornflake Cake	Fish Fingers Fish Cake Sausage Baguette Jelly
Week 2	Bolognaise Quorn Bolognaise Pasta Cheese & Crackers	Quirky Bird Quorn Quirky Bird Potatos Gingerbread Biscuit	Roast Gammon Mash/Roast Quorn sweet & sour chicken Brownie & Custard	All day breakfast Quorn all day breakfast Pancake & fruit	Fish Fingers Fish Cheese & Ham Baguette Ice cream & sauce
Week 3	Pizza Margherita Tomato Pasta Bake Chocolate Iced Sponge	Chicken Nuggets Quorn Nuggets Potatos Strawberry Mousse	Sausage Quorn Sausage Mash/Roast Vanilla Shortbread & Custard	Lasagne Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread Rice Krispie Cake	Fish Fingers Fish Finger Wrap Cheese Flan Chips Ice Lollies



Fruit is **£9.00** for the second half of the summer term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 7th June 2024**. This is for playtime snacks. Children in EY & KS1 also get fruit free during the day.



When using ParentPay please can you check your payment has gone through – you should get an email to confirm payment. The school does not receive notifications of attempted payments. Thank you!

Mental Health - Kooth Updates

Kooth is a mental health organisation directing advice and resources to young people and their families.

If you want to find out more about how Kooth can support the mental health of young people we are offering some webinars specifically for parents. The upcoming dates are below.

- 19th June 6.30 - 7.00
- 17th July 6:30 - 7.00

Primary Transition session this year are:

- 22nd May 1:30 - 2:30
- 3rd June 2:00 - 3:00
- 7th June 1:30 - 2:30
- 13th June 9:30 - 10:30
- 24th June 2:00 - 3:00
- 15th July 9:30 - 10:30
- 16th July 9:30 - 10:30
- 17th July 9:30 - 10:30

Here is our [Linktree](#) to let you know of our National Webinars that offer alternative dates to some of the above and some other content. You can also find our bank of recordings here..

Here is our free [Kooth Digital Resource hub](#), you will find a great deal of content here for your websites and social media platforms, as well as information for parents, professionals and young people.

Here are some resources taken from the hub

- [Parents/Carers resource pack](#)
- [Resource pack for Teachers and Schools](#)
- [Video pack for schools](#)
- [Printable Kooth Summer posters](#)
- [Kooth Activity sheets](#)
- [Kooth QR code](#)
- [Exam result resources](#)
- [CYP short info film](#)

To receive any of the links to the sessions or for more questions, please email hhook@kooth.com

Online Parent Health Sessions

Public Health Nursing are offering free online sessions on the following topics:

- How does the bowel work, what can go wrong and what can you do on **Monday 8th July 24 at 1:30pm**
- How does the bladder work, what can go wrong and what can you do on **Tuesday 16th July 24 at 1:30pm**
- For **new reception starter parents** a School Readiness online session on **Monday 15th July 24 at 1pm**

If you would like to attend please let the school know and we will send the Teams link you will need.



Cost of – help

Living Support for those on

benefits or a low income

Bookshelf Magazines – No Shelf Control



The link and QR Code will take you to the page of Mr Bodd. He is a book lover and a Key Stage 1 teacher and he releases monthly newsletters all about books for children, parents and teachers. The short newsletter covers book reviews, new releases and much more. It is well worth a read.

[No Shelf Control | Mister Bodd \(wordpress.com\)](http://www.misterbodd.wordpress.com)



Summer Holiday Activities

In the run up to the Summer holidays we will be adding any information or flyers we receive about holiday activities into our 'Holiday Activity Ideas' zone of the web site, which can be found in the Parents' drop-down menu or by following the QR code. Do have a look as there may be activities of interest to you and your family.



Safeguarding/Child Protection

Full details on the county's policies, procedures and processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis of outcomes of serious case reviews can be accessed through the Cumbria LSCB website at www.cumbrialscb.com the site also has a parental information zone.

In addition to the above the school has a 'Safeguarding Zone' on its website which contains the above link as well as relevant school policies, further information and a diagram showing how we keep your child safe in school. It is well worth a look.

Sharing information is in the best interests of children and their safeguarding. The school reserves the right to share and receive information from other agencies that may have had dealings with your child.

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary, undertake an assessment of need.



There is now also an adult NSPCC helpline where any concerned adult can seek advice if they are concerned about a child and would like advice on whether to make a referral. The number to call is:

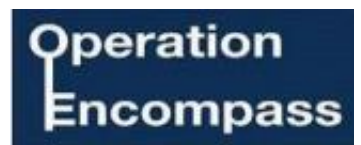


Domestic Violence

Debbie Cook, our Educational Support Manager has trained to be a 'Domestic Violence Champion' and is a resource available to any adult who would like to confidentially share incidents with her and is a very good source of advice. Just contact the School Office to get in touch with her.

Domestic violence is on the increase and causes terrible harm to victims and the associated children.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure it is eradicated. We are working closely with the Police and the school will learn of any incidents to support any children whose lives are affected by such an occurrence.



Non- Uniform Day

Thank you for all your support of our charitable causes this year. The



donations for Brain Tumour Research were amazing and to date we have raised £837.50 to support this cause, dear to all our hearts as we have a pupil with this condition at the moment.

We have one more donation based non-uniform which is on Friday 14th June when we are asking for donations of chocolate/sweets for raffles/Bingo Nights etc.

After that we will have a fun day on the penultimate day of the year and children can come in non-uniform then too with no donations.

Messy Mary's at St Mary's Harrington

Messy Church is held on the third Saturday of every month in St Mary's Church Hall from 4pm to 6pm. The next one is on the 15th of June.

Messy Church is for all the family and includes a number of craft activities, songs, a story and some prayers all based on the theme of for the day. It then finishes with a shared meal together. Come and join us – and bring your friends. (Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

For more information on Messy Church, please have a look on our Facebook page.



Y5 Bikeability

Year 5 children had their Bikeability sessions in the week beginning Tuesday 7th May and did really well. The instructors were impressed with their cycling skills and behaviour. All participating received certificates and badges.



Supporting your child with Phonics

REMINDER:

There is FREE training available aimed at parents of children in EYFS and primary school. Learning to read and enjoying reading is fundamental to children's life chances. Phonics is key to decoding and parental support is a crucial factor in ensuring



success in reading progress. The aim of this session is to give parents the confidence to support developing readers and writers, so they make great progress in reading...and love it!

In this free 1 hour session they will explore:

- What phonics is and why it is important.
- Phonics terminology.
- How phonics is taught in schools.
- How you can help your child with their phonics at home.

Date:

Monday 17th June 2024 7pm – 8pm



To book follow the link or the QR Code.

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/phase-1-phonics-for-nursery-and-reception-online-training/>

Beckstone's Extended Services

Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.50 from 7.30am, £4.00 from 8am) **Last entry is at 8.25am.**



Educare (our popular afternoon childcare provision for morning Nursery children – see table in next column – please note these places **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) with pick up times at 2.15pm and 3.15pm **Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.**



Beckstone Xtra runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm (the cost is £4 per hour) with an earlier pick-up time of 4.15pm if required.



Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm **for anyone who books in advance** at the Office or via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or simply use the QR code.

Please note after school learning/sport clubs now cost £12.50 per half term.

Please be aware that Beckstone Xtra attendance is not logged on to ParentPay until the day after attendance so a Friday session will not be charged to your account until a Monday or if an end of term the first day back.

Carer & Toddler Club



Educare
Beckstone

30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:
11:45 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)
11:45 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

A charge of **£2.20 per day** will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and is to be paid via Parentpay.

Please contact the office for further details.

NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:
11:45 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£10.00**
11:45 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£14.00**

Educare bookings and payment are to be made via Parentpay. Please note you will need to choose your child's lunch (top choice) and pay for this at the same time via Parentpay at a cost of **£2.20 per day**

Please contact the office for further details.

Please note 30 hour Scheme can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra.

This runs every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm and is a very popular club. It is a great way to meet new friends. There is no cost to join but a £3.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments.



Advertisements

If you run a business or know of someone who does (even baby-sitting services) then please do get in touch with the School Office. An advert costs £5 a month, goes to at least 500 local households (parents, staff etc.) and also provides much needed funds for the school. Adverts are subject to the approval of the Governing Body.



Nursery Intakes



Children born between **1 April 2021** and **31 August 2021** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2024**. Children born between **1 September 2021** and **31 December 2021** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2025**. Children born between **1 January 2022** and **31 March 2022** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2025**.

If you know of any children with birth dates between these times and would like their child to come to this school, then please ask them to get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible.

Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council website <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form, we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address.

Facebook & Instagram



The school is on Facebook and Instagram.

You should be able to search for the pages or you can use these addresses/QR codes.

<https://www.facebook.com/beckstoneprimaryschool/>

<https://instagram.com/beckstoneprimary?r=nametag>



Facebook



Instagram

Class Photos Update



Please find below a link to your child's class photo. Order by the 4th of June to qualify for free postage and delivery to school. Orders

can still be placed after the deadline but there will be a postage charge."

STAFF:

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Summer Party Nights



These take place each term.

The ones planned for this half term take place next month on Summer Party Nights;

YR-Monday 8th July;

Y1-Tuesday 9th July

LKS2-Wednesday 10th July

UKS2-Thursday 11th July &

Y2-Friday 12th July

The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments.

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

We hope that the information on our website and newsletters are useful in keeping you updated on what's going on at Beckstone.

We would very much welcome your feedback anytime with any queries or suggestions!

We have a Parents' Suggestions box at the top of the school hill or preferably please email us at the address below.

admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

If ever you wish anything to be included in a newsletter then please do let us know





Reg Charity No 1067541
Shopping List

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the North Lakes Foodbank

Thank you!

- * Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT)
- * Fruit Juice (1 ltr carton UHT)
- * Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- * Biscuits or snack bars
- * Cereals (Medium sized boxes)
- * Tinned Meat
- * Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)
- * Tinned Fish
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Soup (Tinned no Cuppa Soup)
- * Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- * Sugar
- * Jam
- * Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- * Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)



No Low Calorie Foods

Foodbank Donations

In the midst of this cost-of-living crisis donations would be more than welcomed to help support the vulnerable families in the locality.

Recent events have shown that the school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. Donations continue to be very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green



shelter at the top of the school hill.

Easy



Fund Raising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising **FREE** donations for Beckstone Primary School with easy fundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.



Go to

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for

Thank you for your support.



Congratulations!

Your school is in the top 50%

Congratulations! That's amazing! Thanks to amazing supporters like you raising **£731.00** so far, your school's leading the way! With over 37,000 schools using easyfundraising, that's a real achievement.

Help Beckstone Primary School - Workington continue this success by encouraging new supporters to sign up. More supporters mean more donations for the school.

For every new supporter you sign up before 12th May, you'll earn a chance to win one of **10 x £50 donations!***

Share your message below

easyfundraising
Our school's raised
£731
so far

Sign up

10 chances to win £50

Join today to earn a FREE entry into the giveaway

Click the buttons to share your invite image

Great news! Beckstone Primary School - Workington are in the top 50% of causes on #easyfundraising! If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for them every time you shop online. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, join today and they could win a £50 bonus:
<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/beckstoneprimary/pfc9nu52s0AWKzu1F/SE823/facebook/>

Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Board games
- Construction Equipment e.g., K'Nex,
- Meccano
- Railway or road sets
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Strive for Five

There is a 'Strive for Five' draw every fortnight. Children need to have read 5 times in a week to be entered into the draw.

In reality all children should be able to do this as reading is the key to learning and home reading should be part of an every day routine.

If a child's name is drawn then they will receive chocolate/sweets and a choice of their own book to keep...a lovely prize.

Please try to make sure your child's name is in the draw every time.

A big thanks to Mrs Cunningham for organising this for the school.

The winners of the draw in assembly on the last day before half term is shown alongside.



D-Day Celebration

The Council are inviting people to the Beacon Lighting in remembrance of the D-Day 80th anniversary commemorations which will be held on:

Thursday 6th June 2024 in Vulcans Park, Workington.

There will be free fish & chips for the first 80 people – these are being served from 7:30pm to 9pm.

A poster for the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. It features a large red '80' with various national flags around it. Below the '80' is the text 'D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024'. The main text reads: 'BEACON LIGHTING 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 8:45PM START VULCAN PARK, WORKINGTON, CA14 2QA'. It also mentions a performance by Cindy Hoten at 8:45pm and beacon lighting at 9:15pm. At the bottom, it says 'FOOD, DRINKS & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM WEST COASTA COFFEE & HEAVENLY FISH AND CHIPS'. There is a small crest at the bottom and a footer that reads 'D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY 6 JUNE 2024 - THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY'.

School Funds



We need donations to this fund as funds are really REALLY tight. The school fund is purely donation based and is used to buy many consumable items and fun activities outside the remit of the school budget for the pupils as well as many other things for school that enable us to provide services free of charge.



Please have a ratch down the sofa or anywhere to find some spare money to donate to the school to support all the children.

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.

With the ParentPay system we can offer the facility for families to make an automatic



School Fund donation on a monthly basis, from their bank account even £2 per month would accumulate in to a great fund to support activities in school. If you would like to support the school in this way, please contact the School Office for further details on how to set this up or, if you would rather, for direct debit details.

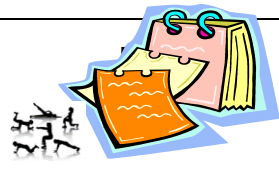


Staffing Update

- Mrs Rebecca Davis who was based in the Office has now left.
- Ms Braniff was on a one year contract covering a maternity. She now has a permanent job from September at Dean school. We wish her every success there and will say goodbye properly at the end of next term.
- Mrs Potts & Mrs Rushforth took over teaching RJW soon after Mrs White left in the Autumn term. They are leaving in the middle of the month as Ms Gorman returns from maternity leave and will return as the class teacher as well as Head of Early Years. Our thanks go to them both for their dedication and commitment to the class and providing a very high quality and nurturing education for all the pupils. We will miss them.
- Finally a huge 'thanks' to Mrs Trotter who has been acting Head of Early Years since Mrs White's departure. She has done a wonderful job and we are all very grateful to her.

June

Week beg. 3rd - 2-week window for Y4 Times Table Check
 Mon 3rd - Paralympian Athlete Circuits Morning
 Tues 4th Nursery - 10.45am: PSCO (bringing the police car)
 Wed 5th - Nursery - Nichola Bowe (farming) visit
 - 5RM visiting St Joseph's (pm)
 Thu 6th - Teenage Brain Presentation to Y6
 - Nursery - Kirsty Hadfield (Nurse) visiting
 Thu 6th & Fri 7th - 'Trying New Foods' workshops
 Week beg 10th - KS1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 - Nursery 'Come & Play' week 1.30 to 3pm
 Mon 10th - Reception hearing check
 - Nursery Elephants 'Come & Play' 1.30 to 3pm and Reception 'Come & Play' 1.45-3
 Tue 11th - Sports Day
 - Reception Multi Skills tournament
 - Nursery Giraffes 'Come & Play' 1.30 to 3pm
 Wed 12th - Nursery Lions 'Come & Play' 1.30 to 3pm
 - 5RM visiting St Joseph's (pm)
 Thu 13th - Nursery Monkeys 'Come & Play' 1.30 to 3pm
 Fri 14th - Strive for Five Draw
 - Reception Multi Skills Competition
 Harraby UKS2 Football tournament
 Sun 16th - Father's Day
 Mon 17th - Early Years - 1.30 - 3pm - Fire Service plus engine visiting
 - KS1 Kinder Cricket - 9.15 - 12 - Workington C.C.
 Tue 18th & Wed 19th - Planetarium Visit
 Tue 18th - Nursery - Josie Ross (United Utilities) visiting
 - UKS2 football 12.15-2.45 - St Joseph's
 Wed 19th - 5LJ visiting St Joseph's (pm)
 - YN to Y1 transition afternoon
 Thu 20th - Bingo Night
 Fri 21st - UKS2 'Shakespeare in the Park' Workington event from 12.30pm
 Mon 24th - 5LJ visiting St Joseph's (pm)
 Tue 25th - LKS2 Sumer Trip to Mabie Farm Park
 - UKS2 Cricket 9.30 - 2.45 - Workington C.C.
 Wed 26th - Nursery - Sellafield police visiting plus police car
 - YN to Y1 transition afternoon
 - UKS2 Trip to Beamish
 Thu 27th - Nursery Summer Blast Day
 - Reception Summer Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
 Over 55's visiting for afternoon tea
 Y6 at Shakespeare event at Dowdales school culminating in a performance
 Fri 28th - KS1 Summer Trip to Walby Farm Park
 - Strive for Five Draw
 - Workington Academy meet the tutor day
 - Girls football tournament at Harraby



Diary Dates



July

Week beg. 1st - Olympics focused week & Y6 can wear their Leavers Hoodies
 Mon 1st - Workington Football Cup
 Tue 2nd - Tennis - 12.15-2.45 - St Josephs
 - Cockermouth transition day (& Wed 3rd)
 Wed 3rd - Keswick & West lakes Academy induction Day
 - YN to Y1 transition morning
 Thu 4th - Workington Academy, St Joseph's induction Day
 - September Nursery starters information evening
 Fri 5th - KS1 Kinder Cricket 9.15 - 12.20 - Workington C.C.
 - Y3&4 Football tournament at Harraby
 - Workington Girls' football tournament
 - Workington Academy Taster Day
 Week Beg 8th - Summer Party Nights; YR-Mon; Y1-Tue; LKS2-Wed, UKS2-Thu & Y2-Fri
 Tues 9th - KS1 Multi Skills Tournament
 - Mini Duck Race 2pm
 - Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting
 Thu 11th & Fri 12th - Meet new classes mornings.
 Fri 12th - Wheelchair Basketball Day
 Mon 15th - Swimming Gala Practice Session
 - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening for all bar Y5
 Tue 16th - Workington Swimming Gala
 - Y5 Curriculum Evening 3.30pm
 - Educare Party
 Wed 17th - Y6 Graduation for school am & strive for Five, for parents at 6pm
 Thu 18th - FUN day
 Fri 19th - Beckstone's Got Talent
 - No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today
 - School Year Ends



Term Dates until Summer 2026

	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Start of Term	Tuesday 16 th April	Wednesday 4 th September	Tuesday 7 th January	Tuesday 22 nd April	Wednesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 7 th January	Monday 13 th April
Half Term	Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
End of Term	Friday 19 th July	Friday 20 th December	Friday 4 th April	Friday 18 th July	Tuesday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July

Dates for next school year already.

Wed 4th Sep - Children start back
 Tue 17th Sep - Individual & family photos
 Fri 20th Sep - Gurning Final
 Fri 27th - Macmillan Coffee Morning
 Thu 10th Oct - Over 55's for lunch
 Week beg. 14th Oct - Nursery 'Come & Play' week
 Mon 14th - Harvest
 Tue 15th & Wed 16th Oct - Parents' Evenings & phonics Workshops
 Thu 17th & Fri 18th Oct - Reception 'Come & Plays'
 Mon 21st Oct - R & KS1 Cinema Night
 Tues 22nd Oct - KS2 Cinema Night
 - Governors AGM
 Fri 25th Oct - Halloween Themed Day
 Week beg. 28th Oct - Half term
 Mon 4th - Poppies on sale
 Sun 10th Nov - Remembrance Parade
 Mon 11th Nov - Remembrance Silence 11am
 Tues 26th Nov - Governor Challenge day, Finance & Main Meeting
 Fri 29th Nov - Reception trip to Whinlatter
 Thu 12th Dec - Christmas Dinner day
 Thu 19th Dec - Christmas Party Day
 Fri 20th Dec - Carols in the Square 10.30am
 - No Beck Xtra or Educare, Break up for Christmas
 Wed 8th Jan - Children start back
 Tue 28th Jan - Governors' meeting
 Wed 5th Feb - KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Thu 6th Feb - KS2 Cinema Night
 Week beg. 17th Feb - Half term
 Thu 6th Mar - World Book Day
 Week beg. 24th Marc - Easter Party Nights
 Tue 25th march - Governors' Meeting & Challenge Day
 Sun 30th Mar - Mother's Day
 Week beg. 31st Mar - Egg & Bonnet Design Week
 Tues 1st & Wed 2nd April - Parents' Evenings
 Fri 4th April - Egg Dumping Final
 - School breaks up for Easter, no Beck Xtra or Educare
 Tue 22nd April - Children start back
 Thu 1st May - Class photos
May - KS1 Optional SATs Month
Week beg. 12th May - KS2 SATs
 Mon 19th May - KS2 Cinema Night
 Tue 20th - Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors
 Wed 21st May - KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Week beg. 26th May - Half term
 2 weeks from week beg. 2nd June - Y4 Times Table tests
Week beg. 10th June - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Week beg. 10th June - Nursery Come & Play Week
 Weeks beg. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - UKS2 Intensive Swims
 Tues 10th Jun - Sports day
 Sun 15th Jun - Father's Day
 Week beg. 30th Jun - Summer Trips week
 Week beg. 7th July - Summer Party nights
 Tue 8th July - Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting
 Thu 10th & Fri 11th July - Meet new classes mornings
 Mon 14th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
 Tue 15th July - Graduation
 Thu 17th - FUN day
 Fri 18th Jul - Beckstone's Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Educare

