

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last school newsletter of the current academic year.

Well, what a year that was! In the life of the school, it has to be one of the most eventful and most tragic. Firstly, the loss of Arabella has hit everybody hard. She was an asset to the school and filled it with smiles and humour and she is greatly missed. It has then seen a turnover of staff that was not expected at the start of the year with Mrs Yoxall moving on to an advisor role and Debbie retiring. Along with that we are also seeing Mrs Forsythe moving on (more information about the last 2 at the end of this newsletter). In addition, a new Deputy, a new class teacher and a new Educational Support Manager have been recruited. There has also of course been the kitchen explosion which has created a whole load of issues...changes to meals, packed lunch issues, restoration work being hampered by asbestos, changes to entry and exit amongst a myriad of other things!

Despite the above the school is still a happy place for pupils and staff alike and we consistently receive positive reports about our behaviour. A recent man who came to talk to the children about Africa was blown away with the attentive and intellectual questions he was asked, he couldn't praise the school enough and said he visits very many all over the country. The enthusiasm and hard work from pupils and staff alike deployed consistently over the year have made this atmosphere of hard work and humour possible. I would like to thank each and every one of them for making this school such a special one and one that makes me very proud as its Headteacher.

There are just 3 weeks left until the end of term and they are packed with a plethora of different activities and events taking place: final assessments; reports completed & issued and many end of school year activities take place such as Graduation Day, Party Nights, sporting events; Beckstone's Got Talent etc. We also have Curriculum Meetings for parents of children in next year's Y1 & Y2 and Y5 & Y6 on **Thursday 10th July** and for next year's Reception and Y3 & Y4 on **Monday 14th July**. At these events you will meet your child's next class teacher – **it is ESSENTIAL someone from the family attends!** Further details inside

We are also running a summer **holiday play scheme** at a competitive cost of £25 per half day or £30 per full day to help families with holiday care, again further details inside.

Please take the time to read this newsletter, digest the information and make a note of the dates on the back (many dates for 25/26 are there too) so you don't miss anything!

May I take this opportunity to also thank you all for your support over the year. The school is very fortunate to have such a huge majority of parents who take a real interest in their child's learning, support them with homework and reading plus give generously to school. I hope and trust you all have a wonderful summer and I shall look forward to working with the majority of you again next year. To the Year 6 parents I wish your children every success as they move on to the next stage of their educational career, we will miss them and they have been a credit to yourselves and the school.

Best wishes and hope you have a lovely summer,
Mr Warbrick



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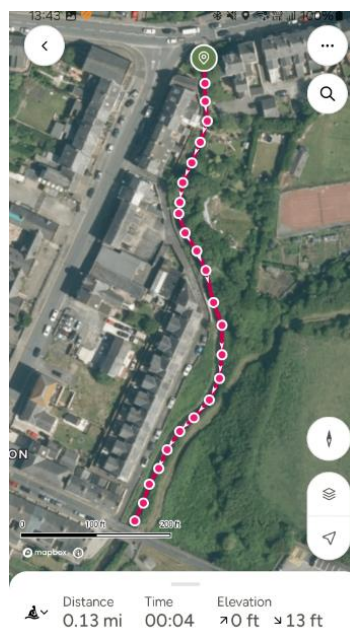
Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm
Sat 9am-12.30pm



Mini Duck Race



The school will very soon be hosting our now annual mini duck race event. The ducks will race down the beck at the bottom of the hill at 2.30pm on Friday 11th July, watched by the whole school. The prizes for the first 10 ducks to July, watched! 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 no longer a maximum number of ducks that can be bought per person. In total there are 600 ducks!! The route the ducks will follow is shown alongside.



It was great fun last year and we are sure all will have a quacking time 😄 All money raised will go towards the development of a play area dedicated to the memory of Arabella Kelly.

Don't miss out – there are still some ducks left!



Beckstone School Mini Duck Race 2025

Friday 11th July at 14:30

Entry is £4 per duck and can be purchased
At the school reception

Starting from Short Kutz

Finishing at the bottom of the school hill

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

Summer Camp

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 however the deadline is Friday 11th July. Please note however that some days are now full!** 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

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Organisation 2025-26

A lot of work has gone into classes for next year and friendship groups as well as grouping children who work well together or need time apart have been the main focus of the groupings. It is important you support your child in their transition to their new class and be positive about their placement. Classes are largely full so there is no 'wiggle room' and no movement across classes. Do let your child settle into their new class and please be assured that we always strive to make sure your child is happy in school and in their class.

Please do not appeal against their placement.

There are different options we have had to look as the intake of a class and a half (45 pupils in general does not make for easy class groupings or straight year groups across the school). The school is organised into 4 Stages with Stage Leaders meeting weekly and reporting back to their Stages to ensure consistency of approach and ongoing review and evaluation of the effectiveness of school policies and procedures. The Senior Leadership Team is as follows from September:

Headteacher: Mr Warbrick
Deputy & KS1 Lead: Mrs Needham
Organisational Director: Mrs Vaughan
Early Years Stage Lead: Mrs Wells
Key Stage 1 Lead: Mrs Needham
Lower Key Stage 2 Lead: Mr Fleming
Upper Key Stage Lead: Ms McGill



Classes will be organised as follows:

Nursery – offering 30 hours for those eligible or a free 15 hours with an optional purchase of additional care of up to a further 15 hours

2 X **Reception** classes

4 X **Year 1 & 2** classes

3 x **Year 3 & 4** classes

1 X **Year 5** class

1 X **Year 5&6** class

1 X **Year 6** classes.

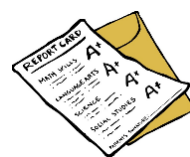


Where there are mixed age classes these are being set up as mixed ability classes and not based on academic ability so are certainly not 'sets'.

Your child's class will have already been shared with them if they are in Years N to 1 to fully comply with the new Early Years Framework transition arrangements. All other children will visit their new classes on Thursday 10th July and again on Friday 11th July. Again, please do not appeal against their placement. Please rest assured that children's friendships and working relationships have been closely considered and that school staff will have placed children well to ensure they can make maximum progress.

Curriculum Meetings

These are very important and we expect an adult from every family to attend so that you can meet your child's new teacher, learn about their areas of study in 2025/26 and what is expected from them and from yourselves.



There are 'Curriculum Meetings' on the penultimate Thursday (10th July) of this term for next year's KS1 (this year's YR & Y1 children) and for UKS2 (this year's Y4 and Y5 children).

KS1 Meeting: 2.45pm

UKS2 Meeting: 3.30pm

There will then be meetings for Reception (this year's Nursery leavers) and LKS2 (this year's Y2 & Y3) on Monday 14th July.

Reception Meeting: 2.45pm

LKS2 Meeting: 3.30pm

All meetings are in the Sports Hall.

For logistical safety reasons School car gates will be locked at 2.15pm and will remain locked until 3.45pm so please walk to these events.



Reports

Your child's end of year report will be issued on Tapestry and Seesaw at 4pm on Monday 14th July. **Please download the reports to keep as your access to these learning platforms will change at the end of term as classes change.**

End of Year Report July 2025									
A.L. Rating	Day	Month	Year	Term	Year	Term	Year	Term	Year
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UKS2 Residential



The UKS2 Residential to Langdale takes place in the first 3 days of the last week of term. Credit and thanks go to the team for enabling a trip to go ahead following

the travel firm we were using Kingswood, going into liquidation and we had to quickly book an alternative. These days were all that were available so timings at the end of term have had to have been altered.

We are sure that all the children will have a wonderful time. Please note that no mobile phones are allowed on this trip. We will keep you up to date with the goings on via photos on our web site.

There are many activities planned including Archery, Shelter Building, Guided walks through Loughrigg Terrace and Rydal Caves plus kayaking, ghyll scrambling, scavenger hunts, camp fires and movies! There is also a games room with table tennis and pool.



Finally, please note that the cost of the Kingswood trip has resulted in a loss of thousands of pounds to the school. Kingswood dropped out of ABTA before liquidation, the loss adjusters said there was no money for refunds and our insurance didn't cover it. As a school we have swallowed the cost as we did not want to pass this on to parents.



Y6 Graduation

The Graduation ceremony for our Year 6 pupils is now on from 6pm on Thursday 17th July. Please could all Y6 families make a note of this date and time. The venue will be the School Sports Hall. The children will perform a leaving show for the audience and will



receive a 'Primary Diploma' from the Governors and a leaving gift from the PTA. Seating is extremely limited this year as it is a large year group. All Y6 families will receive 2 tickets via their child, this is all that can be offered so where families are split please come to some arrangement, unfortunately we can't offer any spare tickets. There will be a video of the event that can be shared where needed, split families, grandparents etc.

A Graduation photo will appear in the News and Star soon and also in a frame in the main corridor, two of the ones taken recently are below:



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Sporting Success

Sports Day



Thankfully the weather was good for Sports Day



The number of parents watching was amazing, we have estimated around 700+ (!!) which meant there was over a 1,000 people on the field if you include the pupils.

Firstly thank you to all staff who organised it so well. Secondly thanks for the support from all parents and to all who bought a raffle ticket for the prizes. The raffle raised £367 which is a great help to the school in these tight times.

The Sports day ran smoothly and all race winners received a certificate in the assembly on the Friday of that week.

Blue house, the holders of the trophy, were winners again this year. The end of race day scoreboards are shown below:



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There are loads of excellent photos of the event available to see on our web site with not only many of the children in action but also adults as well (thanks to all those brave enough to race in front of that crowd).

The photos are in the Pupil zone of our web site in the Film & Photo Gallery, Sports Day 2025:

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2024-2025/sports-day-2025/index.html



UKS2 Cricket

Our cricket team took part in the Allerdale cricket competition at Workington Cricket Club last month and took the competition by storm winning handsomely. The victorious team is pictured below:



UKS2 Football at St Joseph's

Our all conquering team took their inter school competition by storm and won the trophy. Our congratulations go to them. They are pictured below.



Year 5 & 6 Boys County Football at Harraby

Our boys team (pictured below) travelled to Harraby near Carlisle to take part in the County competition. The team played brilliantly and won the competition (our first time) and they didn't concede a goal all the way through. Mrs Chambers was so very proud of them as we all are.



Reception Multi Skills

Our Reception children took part in their first intra school sports event last month.



The children were a credit to the school and excelled at this sporting festival and showed our sporting values. Some of the children are pictured below. There are more pictures in the photo gallery of our web site, link below or QR code in the hand.

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/index.html



Swimming

All children from Year 4 and Year 5 and some from Year 6 will have completed their intensive swim weeks by

the end of this week.

They will all receive certificates noting their achievements. They have all really enjoyed it and have made tremendous progress.

It is likely there will be a repeat of 10p swims in the summer holidays so please make use of it and encourage your children to make use of their new confidence and swimming prowess.

We are very fortunate to have 2 trained swimming instructors on our teaching staff, Ms Jackson and Ms McMinn and they have accompanied the swimmers and enhanced the teaching in the pool so thanks to them.



Governors' Board

This is my first blog as a Parent Governor and the last of the academic year... what a privilege! I have two young children who attend Beckstone Primary, Lexi aged 6 and Ruby aged 4 and I have been involved with the Governing Body since November 2024.

As a parent, it was natural to be curious about my children's schooling and I felt I would like a better understanding of the inner workings of the school. Becoming a governor has not only given me that but also the opportunity to contribute to any changes, relevant to the role of a school governor.

The School Summer Fayre, which took place on Saturday 14th June, was an absolute success. Well done to all who took part in organising such an amazing event, even though the weather managed to draw everyone indoors. Parents who I spoke to who had attended said that it was a fun day.

The staff and governing body are extremely overwhelmed with recent donations from and fundraising taking place by various local businesses in support of the adventure playground in memory of Arabella Kelly. We hope that things should start to gain momentum soon following recent correspondence from the Council department which continues to support the school regarding this.

Beckstone will be doing what it can to raise additional funds to go towards this cause.

It has now been over a month since the kitchen fire at the school. The catering staff are continuing to work extremely hard to provide a range of lunch options for children, including hot meals that are being prepared and brought in from another local school's kitchen. Work will potentially be ongoing into the autumn term due to unforeseen issues that require specialist attention. We are grateful for your patience while the Council continue to work towards getting the kitchen fully operational again.

The academic year is now coming to end where we will soon say farewell and good luck to our outgoing year 6's as they make their way to secondary school, however, there are still plenty of activities happening between now and the last day of term.

There will be a parent governor vacancy coming up in the next academic year, so if you think this is something you would like to get involved in, please keep an eye out in the next newsletters for the advertisement.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Beckstone Primary for their continued dedication and commitment this year and for pulling together during what has been an exceptionally difficult couple of months.

I would like to wish you all and safe and happy summer holiday and we will see you all refreshed and ready to start again in September.

New Parent Governor















Unfortunately, our recently elected Governor was unable to take up his position. As a result, we again have a vacancy for a parent Governor. There will be further information in the September newsletter and we will be asking for nominations during that month.



Governor



Gallery

 From: 15.03.23 To: 15.03.26 Simon Turk Chair & Co-opted	 From: 27.12.25 To: 27.12.29 Kate Mahone Vice Chair & LA	 From: 28.01.25 To: 28.01.29 Laurie Black Co-opted	 From: Vacancy To: Vacancy Vacancy Parent	 From: 28.01.25 To: 28.01.29 Danielle Miller Parent	 From: 28.01.25 To: 28.01.29 Sridhar Maturi Parent	 From: 26.11.24 To: 26.11.28 Blain Rooney Co-opted
 From: N/A To: N/A David Warbrick Headteacher	 From: 12.07.21 To: 12.07.25 Hayley Wells Staff	 From: 10.06.25 To: 10.06.29 Mrs Needham Co-opted	 From: N/A To: N/A Nichola Rosser Clerk	 From: N/A To: N/A Philippa Vaughan Staffing & Finance Associate	 From: 26.01.24 To: 26.01.28 Rev. Dom de Mattos Co-opted	 From: 26.11.24 To: 26.11.28 Fiona Grierson Parent

Sporting Value Trophies



The school awards trophies for sporting behaviour on a termly basis. The children who won trophies for showing specific sporting values were awarded them last week. Their trophies are kept with them in class for the rest of the term.

Key Stage 1



Key Stage 2



Sport Over the Year

The school very much complies with the PE national curriculum and the sporting objectives/aims placed on schools since the introduction of 'Sugar Tax' sports funding. All pupils complete a minimum of 2 hours sport a week, there are many opportunities for sporting



Sporting Roll of Honour 2024/25

October:

15th October – Year 5&6 Benchball – **WINNERS**
23rd – Workington High 5 Netball (UKS2) – **WINNERS**

November:

8th – Workington Reds UKS2 Boys Football Tournament – **WINNERS**
12th – LKS2 Benchball – **WINNERS**
15th – Workington Reds UKS2 Girls Football Tournament – **JOINT WINNERS**
22nd – Workington Reds LKS2 Boys Football Tournament – **WINNERS**
29th – Workington Reds UKS2 Boys Football Tournament – **JOINT WINNERS**

December:

3rd – KS2 Inclusive Boccia – **WINNERS**
6th – Workington reds KS1 Football Tournament – **THIRD**

January:

14th – Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball – **WINNERS**
29th – Quicksticks Hockey Tournament – **WINNERS**

February:

5th – Allerdale Key Steps Gymnastics Competition – **WINNERS**
25th – Allerdale Table Tennis – **WINNERS**
31st – County Key Steps Gymnastics Final – **RUNNERS UP** by 0.43 points

April:

1st – LKS2 Football Tournament – **WINNERS**
1st – Swimming Panathlon Festival
2nd – KS2 BOCCIA Competition – **Quarter Finalists**

May:

6th – LKS2 Rounders – **WINNERS**
7th – County Quicksticks Hockey Final – **WINNERS**
13th – KS1 Kicky Rounders – **WINNERS**
20th – KS1 Football Tournament – **Runners Up**
21st – Netball County Final – **Runners Up**

June:

11th – Reception Multi Skills Festival
14th – UKS2 Harraby Football Competition – **QUARTER FINALISTS**
13th – UKS2 Cricket Competition – **WINNERS**
17th – Workington Schools Mixed Football Competition – **WINNERS**
18th – School Sports Day **BLUE HOUSE WINNER**
20th – UKS2 Boys Harraby Football Competition – **WINNERS**
Mon 30th – Year 5 & 6 Intra Football Competition

July:

2nd – Year 3& 4 Intra School Football
3rd – Y5 Girls Cricket Festival
4th – Workington Girls Football – **Position**
4th – LKS2 Boys Harraby Football Competition – **Position**
11th – Workington Football Cups – KS1 **Position** LKS2 **Position** UKS2 – **Position**

The highlighted outcomes are to come before the end of term.

A well deserved thank you for all sport goes to our wonderful sports team: Mrs Chambers, Ms Jackson, Mrs Thomson & Mrs Neesham.

Statutory Outcomes

Early Learning Goals:

The Early Years 'Good Level of Development' Outcome



(which is the percentage of pupils assessed as 'Good' in

	Good level of Development (GLD)
School 2025	63%
School 2024	56%
Cumberland 2024	65%
National 2024	67.7%

all prime areas plus Maths and Literacy) was 63%.

Comparative data is in the table below with all other measures from last year as there has been no data release yet for 2025.

Phonics:



A big congratulations needs to go to the Year 1 (& some Y2) children who had a phonics screening check recently. We are very proud of the progress they have made and the school achieved a **pass rate of 82%**, above last year's national average.

In addition 95% of Year 2 pupils have achieved the standard before starting on their KS2 studies, again above National average.

KS1 Outcomes

	School 2025	National 2024
Reading	76% (25% GDS)	71% (22% GDS)
Writing	58% (20% GDS)	62% (7% GDS)
Spelling & Grammar	69% (19% GDS)	72% (7% GDS)
Maths	63% (23% GDS)	71% (7% GDS)

activity at play and break times and over the year a multitude of out of school sports club.

The sheer amount of trophies and awards from outside school that are shared in assembly also show how our focus on sport is shaping a future generation of sports people, it is very heartwarming to see and to hear about.

Our emphasis on sport has resulted in many sporting successes over the course of this year as the very impressive 'Sporting Roll of Honour' shows (alongside).



Year 4 Times Table Check:

Comparative data for this test is not published. The Government released the results last week and 26% of the Year group got 100% of the questions correct and 74% got over 20 out of 25....the mean score was 20.81, above the 2024 National Mean Score.

Key Stage 2

84% of the year group achieved the expected standard in Writing (up from 75% last year) or above (5% at Greater Depth) and 91% in Science. Unfortunately we are unable to release Maths or Reading outcomes until the Department for Education release them on the 8th July. These will be reported to Y6 parents with their child's outcomes in the end of year report (**not before so please don't ask**) and available on our school web site soon after.

School Trips

Both Key Stage 2 Stages have had their trips...behaviour was excellent and all enjoyed it. Photos are in the film and photo gallery of our web site which is in the pupils Zone.

The other Stages have their trips on Friday including the Nursery Blast summer fun day.

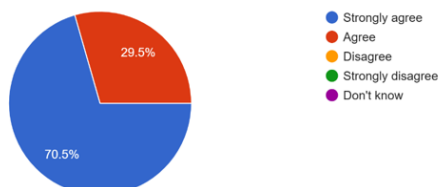
Annual Parents' Questionnaire

The questionnaire was issued on a Google form last month. We had 95 responses from a school of 388 pupils. Pie charts of the responses follow – you will need to look at these online as the paper copy is in black and white!:

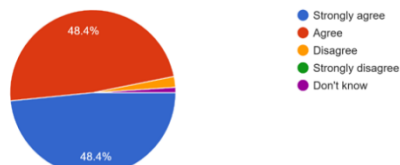
I would recommend this school to another parent
94 responses



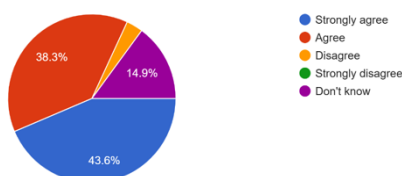
My child feels safe at this school
95 responses



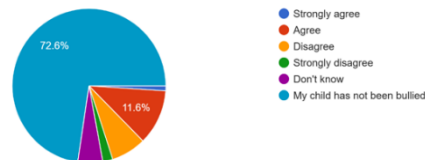
My child does well at this school
95 responses



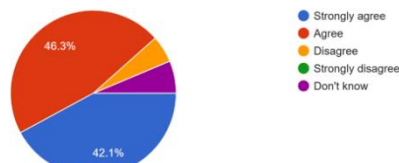
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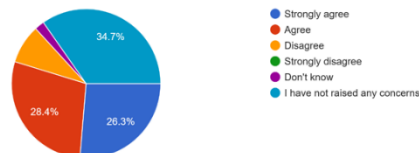
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively
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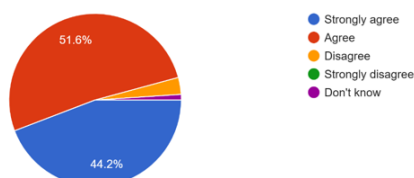
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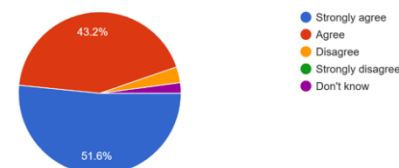
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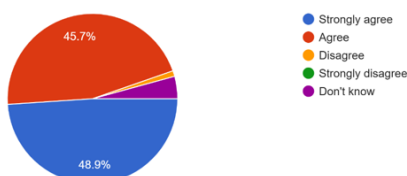
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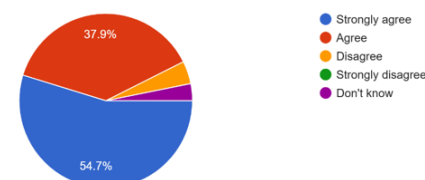
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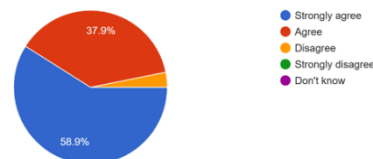
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school
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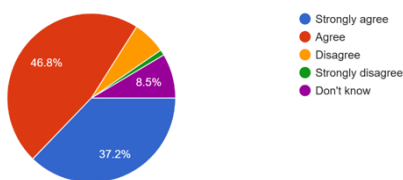
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.
95 responses



My child is happy at this school
95 responses



The school supports my child's wider personal development
94 responses



This school year has seen huge changes in regard to attendance. Following on from a policy from the previous Government there were big changes in August 2024 resulting in the rules regarding time off in term time being enforced via new access and inclusion officers in counties, fixed penalty notices and prosecutions. The rules are that if you take 5 day unauthorised leave for their child in any school year (this can be all at once or an accumulation of sporadic days) then action will be taken against you.

The fines are issued by the County's access and inclusion officer. The County now has electronic access to all our registers. The guidance for Headteachers is simple, no holidays can be authorised. Authorisation is exceptional for one off events such a wedding of parents, funeral etc. There is a form to complete if you think an exceptional absence is coming up available from the School Office but please note this cannot be a holiday whatever the reason.

It has been noted that across the country some parents have been lying saying their child is 'ill'. Not only is this morally wrong and teaches the child that lying is ok, it is also illegal and action will be taken. Schools have been asked to let the authorities know if they suspect this or can prove it via social media images etc.

Unfortunately there will be further fines being issued during the summer and if there are 3 fines issued over time there will be criminal prosecution. We understand the distress this can cause but it is now legal and beyond our control.

The letter displayed was agreed by the Workington Primary Heads at their last meeting and is reproduced here for your information.



On the last day of this term we will issue 100% attendance certificates for the summer term and also a special one for children who have not had a day off all year. The Attendance cup will also be

Workington & District Primary Heads Association

23/05/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

From September 2024 the DfE issued statutory guidance for schools relating to attendance. Cumberland Council now have a policy in place that clearly sets out the statutory guidance and how this will be implemented in our schools.

To clarify:

- All unauthorised absences for holidays which have involved a child missing 10 sessions or more, which is the equivalent to five days or more since 1st September 2024, will be referred to the Local Authority Access and Inclusion Officer where a fine could be issued from Cumberland Council.
- Once referred by schools it is the Local Authority's decision if they enforce a Fixed Penalty Notice or proceed directly to prosecution.
- Workington Schools will **authorise** the day of a competition/festival but not any travel time. Absence for siblings is not authorised.
- If the competition is abroad i.e. Cheerleading – **date of competition** (not the holiday after) will be **authorised** and **1 day either way authorised** for travel. Absence for siblings is not authorised.
- To authorise competitions/festivals we will require evidence i.e. a letter from the event organiser clarifying competition dates.
- Schools may request evidence for holidays i.e. booking confirmation, flight dates.

Regards,

Workington Headteachers

Chairperson: Mr Robert Barton, Seaton Academy 01900 66982

Secretary: Mr Robert Barton, Seaton Academy 01900 66982

Treasurer: Mr David Warbrick, Beckstone Primary School 01946 830423

THE HEAD TEACHERS IN THE WORKINGTON & DISTRICT PRIMARY HEADS ASSOCIATION



awarded to the class with the best attendance for this half term.

WhatsApp & Mobile Phones Generally



We continue to have pupils upset at what has been happening on WhatsApp after school or at weekends. In addition, we are finding pupils are spending a lot of time on these devices out of school and are accessing many sites/social media applications that are not appropriate and in some cases, becoming addicted to them. 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 sites **underage** and allow them unfettered access to the internet. Social media apps and inappropriate sites 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 this access raises.

The concerns over phone use by under age children is now in the mainstream news and an ongoing concerns for all under 16 year olds. With the wealth of evidence about the harm they can cause as parents please think long and hard about what you are allowing them to do.

If nothing else STOP them from using social media apps and protect their childhood!

WhatsApp Parent Groups

We find that on occasion social media is often used to air grievances about school decisions and protocols when reasons for these decisions are multi-faceted and are always underpinned by having the best interests of children and families at their heart or been driven by external factors or circumstances beyond our control e.g. national policies or the weather. This can all be very upsetting for school staff.



If you are on group WhatsApp concerning school it may be beneficial to scroll through messages and check if any positive messages are being shared otherwise the group is in danger of becoming a platform that is feeding on negativity.

If this is the case our advice is to remove yourself from it or report it to school as we have a clear policy on parental misuse of social media which can result in a ban from school. If there are discussions about school decisions please share with Mr Warbrick as action will be taken!

On platforms such as WhatsApp staff at school have no recourse to address issues or correct blatant mistruths. When staff hear about the content of such messages (which they generally do) it is really upsetting when they are working so hard at school for many hours at home to provide the best education they can, especially at a time when Government and media support is sadly lacking.

Working in schools is an extremely demanding yet incredible and rewarding job.

Our staff are committed to supporting the community they serve. Please support them by talking directly to us if you have an issue rather than resorting to social media. Staff will do their utmost to deal with any issues or concerns you have. Sharing an issue on social media does not have any impact at

all on resolving the issue for your child. Please talk to us!

Smart Watches

For the same reasons we do not allow mobile phones in school the same applies to Smart Watches. Please do not send your child into school with one.



In addition, these devices are very expensive and may not be up to the rigours of school life and the school does not want to take responsibility for their safe keeping and also given the cost we also don't want families to feel they have to buy their child one to keep up with others.

Thanks in advance for your support of this policy.

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.



0333 240 1727

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:



0800 800 5000

Community Champions Cup



Levi from Y6 won the Community Cup for the support and time he freely gives to a local PAN Disability Football Club.

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Eli from Y3 was chosen as he is a perfect example of a pupil with good manners and one who is always offering to help his fellow pupils and staff alike. A worthy winner.

Creativity Cup



Tommy from Y2 was chosen as the winner of the Creativity Cup. Tommy has a creative flair in all aspects of his work and in particular Art and DT. His creativity is now extending into his writing which makes for good reading.

Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy



Reuben from Year 1 really enjoys taking part in sports both in and out of school. He always gives 100% effort and does his best. He is a great sporting asset to Beckstone now and will be in the future as he is full of confidence and shows great enthusiasm.



100 Years of Vulcans Park

Thomas (3/4LS) won the competition for a design to celebrate 100 years of Vulcans Park. He, along with 9 chosen friends visited the park last month to meet with an artist and turn his design into reality. A photo from the event are below.



Summer Fayre

Thank you to all the parents who supported this event following a startling thunder, lightning and very heavy rain effected morning.

Fun was had by all and an astonishing £2,190 for developing the outdoor provision for all the children in our Early Years.

A huge thank you goes to the staff who ensured then event ran smoothly and ran the stalls. Not just Early Years staff but also staff from across the school. This was a great help and shows their commitment to all aspects of school life. In particular a huge thank you



to Mrs Wells who from the initial idea made it into an amazing reality...perhaps she will make it an annual event?

Bingo Night

The Summer Bingo Night was on Thursday last week, 26th June. The event raised a staggering £1,030!! Thank you to all who supported the event, families and staff and in particular Mrs Cunningham for being the driving force behind it and organising it so well, Mrs Fleet for her ongoing support and to Ms Jackson for her phenomenal baking skills.



Summer Raffle

This is now live on ParentPay. There is a fantastic generous prize hamper as well as a runner up prize. Tickets cost £2 and can be purchased on ParentPay. The raffle will be drawn in the last assembly and winners will receive all the summer goodies before the end of term.



Ice Lollies



These will continue to be sold on a Friday after school for £1. All proceeds will go to FAB (Friends At Beckstone – the school's parent teacher association)

Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 April 2022** and **31 August 2022** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2025**.



Children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 December 2022** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2026**.

Children born between **1 January 2023** and **31 March 2023** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2026**.

Children born between **1 April 2023** and **31 August 2023** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2026**.

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 contact 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.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools> (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 proof of address.



** Please note that a child can attend afternoon Nursery as soon as they turn 3 so can settle in prior to starting properly in the term after their 3rd birthday. Further information is available from Nursery or the School Office.



Are you entitled?

Free School Meals and Clothing Grant

Eligible parents will now receive a clothing grant worth £50 for each primary school child and £100 for each secondary school child. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than

£7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



We ask that **ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM NEXT YEAR'S RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6** fill in the school meals

registration form that is available online through the Cumbria County Council 'Citizen Portal'. This can be found by searching for it on the internet, using the link below or following the QR code. If you need help completing this then the Office would be happy to help please ask the School Office.

https://ems.cumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you're eligible, **make sure you apply for free school meals if you haven't already so that you receive your school clothing grant too**. It only takes 5 minutes.

To apply then follow this link or the QR code. Once completed the system will let you know if you are eligible.

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Free School Meal Auto Enrolment

The County are setting up a system whereby various databases are able to 'talk' to one another and where families are eligible for Free School Meals but haven't applied then they will soon be registered automatically and school will be informed. If this applies to you then you may have already received a letter or will very soon notifying you that this applies to you. This means that from September your child will receive free meals (if not receiving them already as part of the Universal KS1 free meals) and also the clothing grant.



automatic enrolment

This is a very worthwhile policy change and will help a lot of families and it is down to the hard work of one of our Governors, Kate Mahone, in her Public Health role. Thanks Kate!

Packed Lunches

The school received a number of queries about packed lunch rules and this was discussed at the last Governors' meeting. The Governors unanimously backed the healthy food policy and will be tightening up the policy so it can be properly enforced at their next meeting. There still appears to be confusion regarding the packed lunch policy and school meals and other events. The packed lunch policy has NEVER changed in the nearly 20 years the school has been opened. The recent canteen fire has meant the content of the school meals have had to change given we have no cooking facilities on site – this does not affect packed lunches and whilst there may be food items not ordinarily offered this is

temporary and is driven by necessity. With regard to other events, party food, lolly sales etc...these are not daily, are at a parents' discretion and are not lunchtime items. The Vice Chair of Governors (Kate Mahone from Public Health) has written the letter to parents below:

Dear Parents

We are aware there has been some discontent regarding the school packed lunch policy. This has been evident since the fire in our school kitchen and the perceived inequity in food provision since.

Our main aim after the fire, was to limit the disruption to your child's education and routine and prioritise their learning. We felt subsequently this would support not only your children but also you as their parents.

Our catering staff have worked incredibly hard since that day to evolve the food options available to them with what we have available to us without a kitchen. Including consultation with the school council.

We have secured an arrangement with another local school to support us with hot food options. This was established within a fortnight.

The Governors and I have discussed at length the implications of the National School Food standards in this emergency and emergent situation. Our obligation is to ensure that the offers across the school day are balanced.

This is why our school packed lunch policy reflects our whole school food approach, not just food available at lunchtime. Whilst we had and continue to have no access to a kitchen we prioritised your child being in school.

Our current packed lunch policy will remain in place and we ask that parents understand this. The Governors and I have agreed to revisit this imminently and will revisit the School Food Nutritional guidance in relation to packed lunches and be more detailed in the policy. We will circulate this prior to the end of this term.

Thank you for your understanding in this incredibly difficult time for our school community and we welcome your support

Kind Regards

Kate

If there is non compliance with the policy and you feel your child needs crisps, cakes etc then you do have the option to collect your child and give them a lunch at home and bring them back.

Finally the following hopefully is of use if you are short of ideas for healthy packed lunches:

<https://www.safefood.net/Healthy-Eating/food-environment/understanding-food-environment>

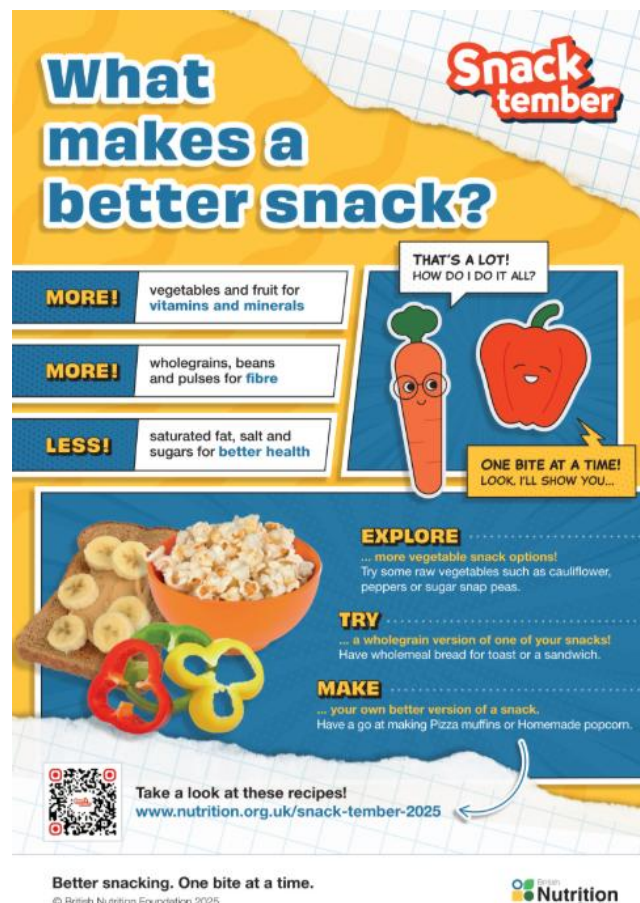


<https://www.safefood.net/Healthy-Eating/Children/School-lunchboxes>

This next one has lots of recipe ideas to create healthy choices – please note however that soup or any other ‘hot’ foodstuffs are not allowed in school for Health & Safety reasons.



https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/?fwp_keyword_search_recipes=packed%20lunch



Healthy Packed Lunch Choices







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Food & Drink

◆ **School Meals** currently cost £15.50 per week payable on ParentPay. This is great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches and the hassle of putting them together. We would recommend a hot meal for all the children, particularly as we return to school in the Autumn and would encourage those on packed lunches to make a change.

Menus are always on our school web site.

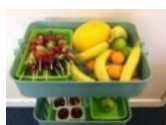
● **Milk** is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all Reception & KS1 children).



The cost of milk for next half term is **£14** and needs to be paid by **Friday 5th September 2025** 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 **£16** for next half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 5th September 2025**.



● Fruit is **£14.00** for next half term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 5th September 2025**. This is for playtime snacks.

Children in EY & KS1 also get free fruit during the day.

Kitchen Restoration



Work is ongoing and the completion date continues to be September but there may be an over-run. It won't be too long therefore until we return to a full menu. Thank you for your understanding through this challenging time.

The image above shows the kitchen staff who have worked so hard to keep the meal service going despite the many challenges. The Governors organised a 'Thank You' bouquet as their hard work is very much appreciated.

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 Monday 11th August from 3pm to 7pm or Friday 29th August from 11am to 3pm. July 11am/ Alternatively there is also a session at the Energy Coast UTC or on Monday 28th July from 10am to 2pm.



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



Do something worthwhile and save someone's life.

Summer Holiday Water Safety



No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as a knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable.

Please have a water safety conversation with children. We have placed some resources to help you with this in the parental zone of our web site below the



'parent information and advice' button where you will also find other useful information.

The web address of the exact page is below and the QR code is on the previous page.

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/water-safety.html

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.



Please note there is an excellent short presentation to watch on the importance of reading at home over the holidays on the same link as above.

There are some very

revealing statistics on how reading with your child can affect their life chances. Well worth a look and a big thanks to Mrs Flook for putting this together.

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 and will perhaps give you an insight into what books to share with your children.



[No Shelf Control | Mister Bodd \(wordpress.com\)](#)



Holiday Learning Activities



The most important learning activity of all is to **ensure you read with your child for at least 20 minutes daily** or ensure their day is structured to allow them to, read on their own, when they are able for sustained periods. Indeed reading to your child at bed time for example is also extremely valuable. The world of books will develop your child's imagination, vocabulary and knowledge of the world around them. It is quite simply the key to learning!

We can also order you discounted workbooks covering each week of the holidays at an age appropriate level – these are available on ParentPay at a cost of £5.



- ✓ Activities for all 6 weeks of the holidays
- ✓ With plenty of puzzles and challenges
- ✓ A mix of subjects matched to the curriculum

The sites on the following pages can be used on a phone/tablet or PC are also extremely useful.

Please check your child can access them, if there are issues then please get in touch with school.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Your child should also have access to 'Times Table Rock Stars' and should know their log in details. They are able to make their own 'Rock Star Avatar' and every time they get a times table answer right (appropriate to their age) they will make money to buy things for their Rock Star. This is also available as an app from the Play Store of the App store, the children then just need to log in with their normal school user name and password. Times Table testing is a national statutory test for Year 4 children so this could prove to be a very worthwhile summer activity.



Teach Your Monster to Read



Teach your Monster to Read is a series of free games to practise the first stages of reading (free on a pc or laptop or internet browser...if used as an app there may be some charges). Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the



Letters and Sounds programme. It has been designed in collaboration with academics from Roehampton University.

To use the site go to:

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

and register for home use. Alternatively you can click on the link in the 'Help your Child to Read' zone on the school's web site.

N.B. The 'monster' is not your child but a character chosen by the child on the site!!

Curriculum Visions

This site is accessed at

<https://www.curriculumvisions.com/>



The username is **beckstoneprimary** and the password is **beckstone2**. Using these will give you and your child access to

1,000s of reference books across a wide range of subjects to widen your child's knowledge at an age appropriate reading age. Do have a good look.



Computer Zone



There are links to many sites in the Computer



Home Access zone of our web site including simple coding challenges to complex ones for the older children. Simply follow this link or QR code:
https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/home_learning/coding_activities.html

Beckstone's Extended Services

Our extended services include the Breakfast Club £5.50 from 7.30am and £5.00 from 8am. **Last entry is at 8.25am.** Prices have risen due to increased costs but are still very competitive.

Our popular afternoon childcare provision is afternoon Nursery – 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 £5 per hour). 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 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.

****** Please also note that children need to be booked into Beckstone Xtra by 12pm. If a booking is cancelled after 12pm on the same day you will be charged ******

Uniform

If you are planning on updating your child's uniform then there is a reminder on the following page of what is agreed policy. Please note that uniform items do not need the school logo and you are free to purchase any item of the same colour that is unbranded to save on family finances.

School Uniform

All children **MUST** be in school uniform. Full details about our uniform are on our web site but in a nutshell

The uniform consists of:

- School or dark blue sweat shirt, school or dark blue fleece, school or light blue polo shirt. Please ensure these are the right colours either through Border embroideries or without logos from Asda, Matalan etc. The uniform from Haig Embroideries is the wrong colour and they have assured us and the Legal department of the County they will stop selling it until they can source the correct colour.
- Grey or black tailored trousers or knee length skirts (not sports trousers/tracksuit trousers **UNLESS** it is a PE day)
- Dark deck shorts or blue gingham or pinafore dresses
- *Low heeled* footwear, shoes or trainers. These need **to be black with no promotional logos.**

Uniform items can be purchased through supermarkets or branded items can be ordered via 'Border Embroideries' by following this link or QR code:



[https://www.border-](https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html)

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The school now has a well-stocked set of good quality used uniforms that are available **FREE** to any family that would like to use this service. Please see the details on the poster on alongside if you would like to use this service. Uniforms can be collected from the School Office.

Please also note that:

- **Only natural hair colours** are allowed
- the only jewellery allowed are stud ear-rings (which have to be covered or removed for PE **so we suggest if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced please do it at the start of the summer holidays so it will heal**) and watches (NOT Smart watches). No bracelets, necklaces etc are allowed for health and safety reasons
- Nail varnish or any make-up at all should not be worn

PE Kits - Your child can come in PE Kit on 2 days a week from KS1 up...school or light blue T shirt (**NOT football tops or branded sportswear**), leggings or tracksuit trousers. They **MUST** wear a school uniform sweatshirt or cardigan on top unless it is a non-uniform day and **black trainers**. PE Kits will be monitored and RAG ratings for appropriate kit included in the end of year report. EY children will need to have their PE Kit in school as they will learn to change too (a life skill). Their PE Kit is a light blue T shirt and black shorts.

Uniform Exchange

Donations to the uniform exchange would be welcomed to keep it stocked. To help with donations and particularly for Y6 pupils **the last 3 days of term will be non-uniform days**, please wash any clothes before donating.



Non-Uniform Days

As described above the last 3 days of term will be non-uniform days to support any uniform donations.

Please note that next year all non uniform days will be in support of the Arabella Adventure Area.



FUNDRAISING

Fund Raising

There have been a number of requests to use school channels to advertise fund raising events not directly connected to school but perhaps involving pupils/parents. The Governors have considered the requests and have agreed a policy that this is not appropriate as the aim is to reduce costs to parents and not to add to this as far as possible. These requests can be shared in WhatsApp groups and can be acknowledged when complete in assemblies if Mr Warbrick is informed.

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations will take place early in the school year on Tuesday 16th September for all years from Reception upwards. It is again important all children get vaccinated this year so they have protection and their attendance and consequently their learning is not impaired. It also helps to protect family members from the spread of flu. In addition it provides additional protection with winter viruses as scientific research has shown that the body finds it hard to cope if trying to fight more than one viral infection at any one time.

As flu viruses change each year last year's immunisation for those that had it will not be effective.

The vaccination is a nasal spray and is not painful. The school pupils have been brilliant at receiving it in recent years.

You will have received a letter about this via text, Seesaw and Tapestry. It is important parent consent is given. The link on the letter to do this is below and there is also a QR code. The school code is **CM134739**



[Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#)

Parents of younger children may like to know that children aged 2 upwards and also in Nursery can receive their free vaccination through their GP or Pharmacies. **Harrington Pharmacy offers this service and is very handy for school.**



Flu vaccinations for adults are also available on request at Pharmacies or large supermarkets for an average £10 fee.

Be Sun Wise

There hopefully will be a lot of sunny days in the next half term. It is important that thoughts go to protecting children from the sun. The children at the school spend a lot of time outdoors during the school day and lunch times in particular are times when the sun is at its hottest.



Please help your child by applying sun screen **before** they get dressed in the morning (it should last for the school day so children don't need to apply it at school and given chemical content staff aren't allowed to). Also, please ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside to protect their heads...remember...

'Wrap, Splat and Hat!'





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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.



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 19th of July, the day after we break up.

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.

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

Facebook & Instagram

The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



Instagram

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



Facebook



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

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Summer Party Nights



These take place each term. The ones planned for this half term take place next week on Summer Party Nights;

YR-Monday 7th July;

Y1-Tuesday 8th July

Y2-Wednesday 9th July

LKS2-Thursday 10th July &

UKS2 -Friday 11th July



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

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.

Herbs



There are herb pots at the front of the school. Don't forget you are welcome to help yourself to a pinch of herbs to

brighten up your home cooking (& drinking e.g. Mojitos for these long summer nights). The sign above the herbs (in front of Ms McGill's class) to the left of the front door as you leave the building, gives tips on which herbs to use for what meals etc. Please make good use of them and help yourself.

Behaviour & School Trips

We received many comments about the exemplary behaviour and manners of our children on all the trips and visits this term so far from parent helpers, venue staff and members of the public. The pupils were all excellent ambassadors for the school.



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 into 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.

Revisewise

The Revisewise clubs are now on a Wednesday or a Thursday morning from 8.15am until the start of the school day and are now for **Year 5** children who can attend one or both. The sessions will continue from September right up to SATs in Year 6.



Staffing Update

At the end of this term, we are saying 'Goodbye' to Mrs Forsythe who has been with us since 2020. She has supported many children over her time with us and we wish her all the very best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.



We also say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Cook or perhaps more commonly known to families and the pupils as Debbie. Debbie has worked at the school since it opened in 2005 and has worked closely with many of you and indeed with hundreds of families in the local area over the years. She is loved by the children who were always keen to get a 'Debbie' stamp or lanyard to spend play or lunchtimes with her in the Rainbow Room. Debbie was the school's link with the outside agencies and was our 'Education Support Manager' overseeing the Rainbow Room, Breakfast Club as well as wearing many other hats in school.



She has been off with ill health since March and has taken the decision to retire at the end of the school year.

We wish her all the very best for a full recovery and for a long and happy retirement. She will be missed by all at the school.



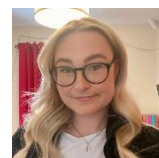
Mrs Boyd will become the school's new Education Support Manager. She will be based in 'The Rainforest', a revamping and re-naming of the Rainbow Room once the kitchen work is completed and that room is then available for school use. She will be a natural in the role and children and families will benefit from her support moving forward.

Ms Neen who left us this time last year to have a baby is returning from her maternity as a teaching assistant in Year 5.



Mrs Proud who already works with us over lunchtimes will also be a special needs support worker in the mornings from September.

We welcome a new teacher to Key Stage 1, Ms Moller, as mentioned in last month's newsletter.



And finally, as also mentioned last month our New Deputy will be in place for September too, Mrs Needham









The school will be fully staffed from September and will be in a strong position to make 25/26 an absolutely brilliant year for the children and families.



Everyone at school would like to wish all pupils, parents and extended families a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you to all for your support of the school over the year and best wishes to our Year 6 Leavers and the families who will now no longer be associated with this school as their last child ends Primary education.



Term Dates until Summer 2027

	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
							
Start of Term	Tuesday 22 nd April May Day – Mon 5 th	Wednesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 7 th January	Monday 13 th April May Day – Mon 4 th	Wednesday 2 nd September	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 12 th April May Day – Mon 3 rd
Half Term	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	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
End of Term	Friday 18 th July	Friday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July	Friday 18 th December	Thursday 25 th March	Friday 16 th July



Diary Dates

July

Tue 1st – Fire Safety Assembly

Wed 2nd – LKS2 Intra school football tournament

Thu 3rd – Transition days for Workington Academy & St Joseph's

- Y5 Girls Cricket tournament
- Cambridge University visiting re: Computing EPICS

Fri 4th – KS1 summer Trip to Walby Farm Park

- Reception trip to Lakeland Wildlife Park
- Nursery Summer Blast!
- Y3/4 Boys Harraby football tournament
- Y5 Girls Football tournament



Week beg. 7th Summer Party nights; Mon YR; Tue Y1; Wed Y2; Thu LKS2; Fri UKS2

- New Nursery starters home and settings visits

Mon 7th – 'Open the Door' presentation

- Musical Monday – Instrument appreciation
- Some Y5's attending a 'Sing Up' event at St Joseph's



Tue 8th – UKS2 Intra School Football Tournament

- Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting

Thu 10th & Fri 11th – Meet new classes mornings



Thu 10th – KS1 (2.45pm) & UKS2 (3.30pm) Curriculum Meeting

Fri 11th – Sports Experience day – Golf

- Workington Football Cup
- **Duck Race 2.30pm**



Mon 14th – Wed 16th UKS2 Langdale Residential

Mon 14th – Reception (2.45pm) & LKS2 (3.30pm) Curriculum Meeting

- Reports out on Tapestry & Seesaw at 4pm

Wed 16th – Nursery dance for parents 2.45pm

Thu 17th – FUN day

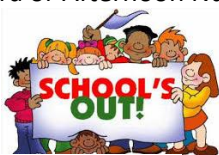
- Y6 Graduation 6pm



Fri 18th Beckstone's Got Talent



School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery



Dates for next year already!

Wed 3rd Sep – Children start back

Fri 5th – new Nursery Starters taster session

Mon 8th – New Nursery Starters start

Tue 16th – Nasak Flu Vaccination

Wed 17th – Phonics workshop for Reception parents.

Thu 18th Sep – Gurning Final

Fri 19th Sep – Individual & family photos

Mon 22nd Sep – FAB AGM

Fri 26th Sep – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mon 29th – Sand Creation Workshop 3.15-4pm for EY & KS1

Wed 1st Oct – Sand Creation Workshop for KS2 3.15 – 4pm

Fri 3rd Oct – 20 Years of Beckstone Celebration Day

Mon 13th – Harvest

Wed 15th & Thu 16th Oct – Parents' Evenings & Phonics Workshops

Mon 20th Oct – R & KS1 Cinema Night

Tues 21st Oct – KS2 Cinema Night

- Governors AGM

Fri 24th Oct – Halloween Themed Day

Week beg. 28th Oct – Half term

Mon 3rd Nov – Poppies on sale

Sun 9th Nov – Remembrance Parade

Wed 11th Nov – Remembrance Silence 11am

Thurs 20th Nov – Y6 Takeover Morning

Tues 25th Nov – Governor Challenge day, Finance & Main Meeting

Fri 28th Nov – Josh McAllister MP visiting school

Thu 11th Dec – Christmas Dinner day

Week beg. 15th Dec – Party Nights; Y1- Mon; Y2 – Tue; LKS2 -Wed; UKS2 – Thu

Thu 18th Dec- Christmas Party Day

Fri 20th Dec – Carols in the Square 10.30am

- No Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery, Break up for Christmas

Wed 7th Jan – Children start back

Tue 27th Jan – Governors' meeting

Wed 11th Feb – KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 12th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Week beg. 16th Feb – Half term

Thu 5th Mar – World Book Day

Sun 15th March – Mother's day

Tues 17th & Wed 18th March – Parents' Evenings

Thu 19th March – Poetry by Heart Showcase

- UKS2 Party night

Week beg. 23rd March – Easter Party Nights YR- Mon; Y1 – Tue; Y2; Wed; LKS2 – Thu.

Tue 24th March – Governors' Meeting & Challenge Day

Week beg. 23rd Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week

Fri 27th March – Egg Dumping Final

- School breaks up for Easter, no Beck Xtra or Educare

Mon 13th April – Children start back

Thu 30th April – Class Photo Day

May – KS1 Optional SATs Month

Week beg. 11th May – KS2 SATs

Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday

Fri 15th May – Y6 children can wear their Leavers' Hoodies

- School Swimming gala

Mon 18th May – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tue 19th May – Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors

Thu 21st May – KS2 Cinema Night

Week beg. 25th May – Half term

2 weeks from week beg. 1st June – Y4 Times Table Check

Week beg. 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

Weeks beg. 1st & 8th June – UKS2 Intensive Swims

Wed 3rd June – Sports Day

Sun 21st Jun – Father's Day

Week beg. 29th Jun – Summer Trips week

Week beg. 6th July – Summer Party nights

Tue 7th July – Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting

Thu 9th & Fri 10th July – Meet new classes mornings

Mon 13th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 14th July – Y6 Graduation

Thu 16th – FUN day

Fri 18th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent

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