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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026! I hope and trust you all had a great holiday and Santa was kind to you all and that the next 12 months will prove to be a wonderful year for all associated with the school.



For the new Nursery starter parents, welcome to your first newsletter at Beckstone Primary. A newsletter is sent out usually on the first school day of each month on Tapestry, Seesaw, the website, via text and in paper form. It contains information on activities at the school, educational updates as well as important diary dates on the back.

Please put 10 minutes aside, perhaps with a warm drink to read all about what has been happening at school and what is coming up. If there is anything ever you want included in these monthly updates then please get in touch with me, I would be happy to respond.

Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick

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Christmas 2025



The school was a very festive place in the lead up to Christmas with a lot going on at school and across the community. Hopefully the pupils will have lovely memories of Christmas at school. Despite all the excitement the pupils maintained their focus on their work and are a credit to you.



Christmas Raffle

The end of term assembly was a lively event. We had 2 special helpers who helped with the 3 (!) raffle draws! A big thank you to Mrs Fleet for the loan of costumes for this event.

There was a children's raffle, a staff raffle and also the main Christmas raffle. The raffle prize winners were:

White Raffle Prizes



£100 Cash - Thomas 3/4LB
x2 Tickets to see The Wizard of Oz at The Theatre By The Lake - Mrs Needham
£60 Lakes Escape voucher - Mrs Stephenson
Family Day Pass to Maryport Coast Aquarium - Poppy 1/2TM
Family Day Pass to The Beacon Museum - Jacob 5/6CC
£15 Opera Bingo Voucher - Lucy 1/2TM
£15 Opera Bingo Voucher - Jessica RHW
x2 tickets for The Alhambra Cinema - Jai 3/4SF
£15 The Mental Chef Gift Voucher - Harry RJT
1 Climbing session at Workington Leisure Centre - Ollie 6JM
Formed By Flook Gingerbread Men & Christmas Ornament - Romaiya 1/2LU
Christmas Eve Pack donated by Miss McAdam - Isabella 3/4SF
Build 'a' Bear Reindeer - Isla Nursery
Morrisons Hamper - Bernard 1/2AF
Sweets & Chocolate donated by Opera Bingo - Neil Bechelli
Chocolate Hamper - Cara RJT
Chocolate Hamper - Seb RHW
Chocolate Hamper - Mrs Needham
Chocolate Hamper - Skylee 1/2LU
Liquor & Chocolate - Alex 1/2DT
Wine & Chocolate - Greyson 3/4SF
Prosecco & Chocolate - Thomas 3/4LB
We are very grateful to all the firms that donated as

Children's Raffle Prizes



Build 'a' Bear Reindeer - Bobby 3/4LB
Chocolate Hamper - Ciara 1/2DT
Cuddly Toys donated by Fearons Flowers - Faith 5RM
Cuddly Toys donated by Fearons Flowers - Oakley 5/6CC
Cuddly Toys donated by Fearons Flowers - Reuben 1/2AF
Cuddly Toys donated by Fearons Flowers - Ashley 3/4SF

named in the lists above. Thank you so much!

Santa Visit

Santa visited all the children on Christmas Dinner Day. He arrived and settled into the outdoor classroom where he met every class and gave them a selection box for Christmas. He is pictured with some classes below.





Christmas Performances

There were several Christmas performances for families. These were all well attended and very much enjoyed, we have received a lot of positive feedback. The younger children & UKS2 performed nativities/carols at the school and Lower Key Stage 2 performed at the Church. They also performed their productions for the rest of the school and we all enjoyed watching them.

Thank you for complying with the Safeguarding rules for performances. These will also apply across the rest of the year for class assemblies too.

SAFEGUARDING

No photographs/ videos
can be taken by parents

All performances are recorded by
school and a protected download can
be purchased via Parentpay

If you want to take a photo of your
child please wait until the end of the
performance and they can come to you,
you must ask for parents permission
to take a photo of your child with their
friend

THANK YOU

Taking Christmas into the Community

- UKS2 performed for the Harrington Over 55's club
- Nursery sang for locals at the Galloping Horse
- Year 2 performed for the Allerdale Disability Association
- The school led and organised the Community Carol Singing on the last day of term. This event always feels like the start of Christmas. A photo of the event is below and there are more on our web site.



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ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

Accountant/Auditor

We need someone with a financial qualification to volunteer to audit our 25/26 School Fund accounts in September this year. If you feel this is something you could offer the school please get in touch with Mrs Vaughan and thank you in advance.



M.P.'s Visit

As part of the children's studies on Democracy as part of Parliament week towards the end of last term Josh McAllister spent the morning at the school. He was introduced to the children in assembly -picture alongside.



He then met each Key Stage from Key Stage 1 up and told them about his roles as MP and answered their questions he was very impressed with their well thought out questions and their behaviour. We send our thanks to him for very valuable morning when the children learnt a lot about Parliament and the job of an M.P.



Sporting Success

KS2 Boccia

Our Boccia team took part in a Boccia festival and came third in the competition.

Boccia is similar to bowls and is a major paralympic sport that can be played by people of all sporting abilities.

Our team is pictured below:



2026 School Calendar



Calendars for the year ahead are still available to be ordered through ParentPay costing £3...there is an EY, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and a whole school one (pictured on the next page)

These are available to order on ParentPay for £3 .


The photos for the 2026 version are absolutetly amazing.

Young Voices 2025

The school choir will be travelling to Manchester Arena on Friday 13th February, the day before half term, to attend the Young Voices 2026 concert. Choirs from across the North of England will gather for this musical spectacular which is greatly enjoyed by all who take part.



Details of the trip have been issued to all taking part and parents can also attend the trip. The choir will be showcasing their songs to the school in Singing assemblies throughout this half term.




**BECKSTONE
PRIMARY**



Calendar

**Whole School
2026**


Beckstone Primary School Calendar 2026



January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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February 2026

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March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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June 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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July 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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August 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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September 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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December 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Governors' Board

Governors Blog

Happy New Year and welcome back to Beckstone Primary School!

On behalf of the governing body, we would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy and healthy year ahead. We are proud of our school and the strong, supportive community we have here in and around Harrington.

The autumn term was a busy and positive one, full of learning, friendships and fun. Governors were really pleased to see how Beckstone continues to be a happy and caring place, where children feel safe, supported and ready to learn. Thank you to our fantastic staff and families for all the hard work and encouragement you give our children.

As governors, we are committed to making sure Beckstone remains a welcoming and inclusive school, where every child feels valued and included. We work closely with school leaders to support children's wellbeing and ensure our school is a place where everyone belongs.

As we look ahead to the new term, we're excited about what's to come and will continue to support positive learning experiences for all our children.

Thanks, as always, for your continued support — we're looking forward to another happy term together at Beckstone!

Kind regards,

Danielle Millar
Parent Governor



Governor					Gallery		
 <small>From: 25.05.25 To: 15.05.26</small> Simon Task <small>Chair & Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: 07.12.25 To: 07.12.26</small> Kate Mahone <small>Vice Chair & LA</small>	 <small>From: 28.05.25 To: 28.05.26</small> Laurie Black <small>Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: 18.05.25 To: 18.05.26</small> Ryan Close <small>Parent</small>	 <small>From: 28.05.25 To: 28.05.26</small> Danielle Millar <small>Parent</small>	 <small>From: 08.05.25 To: 08.05.26</small> Sadhur Maturi <small>Parent</small>	 <small>From: 08.05.24 To: 08.05.25</small> Bian Rooney <small>Co-opted</small>	
 <small>From: N/A To: N/A</small> David Warbrick <small>Headteacher</small>	 <small>From: 11.07.25 To: 11.07.26</small> Hayley Wells <small>Staff</small>	 <small>From: 18.06.25 To: 18.06.26</small> Mrs Needham <small>Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: N/A To: N/A</small> Claire Tuck <small>Clerk</small>	 <small>From: N/A To: N/A</small> Philippa Vaughan <small>Staffing & Finance Associate</small>	 <small>From: 01.01.24 To: 01.01.25</small> Rev. Dom de Mattos <small>Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: 05.11.24 To: 05.11.25</small> Kirsty Gledhill <small>Parent</small>	



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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:



0808 800 5000

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility...



Mrs. Boyd
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs. Needham
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mr. Warbrick
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

If you have any worries or concerns about a child please do not hesitate to contact school: 01946 830423. Or alternatively out of school hours using the following email: safeguarding@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk to share any worries of concerns. This will be manned by one of the Safeguarding Team. Alternatively you can seek further information from the [Cumberland Safeguarding Children Partnership website/Childline/NSPCC](#) highlighted below.





0800 1111



0808 800 5000

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

 <p style="font-size: x-small;">A child means everyone under the age of 18.</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">Children need the right help at the right time to address risks.</p>
 <p style="font-size: x-small;">Remember "it could happen here" where safeguarding is a concern</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">We are all responsible for the welfare of children, whatever our job</p>

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring the children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?

 <p style="font-size: x-small;">ALWAYS ACT in the best interests of the child. Never compromise confidentiality.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">KNOW HOW to identify children who may benefit from early help.</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small;">KNOW THE DIFFERENCE types of abuse and neglect so that you can identify children who may be in need of help and protection.</p> 
 <p style="font-size: x-small;">Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">Know who the designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you have a concern.</p>	
 <p style="font-size: x-small;">Everyone must read the Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1 and Annex A and the Child Protection Policy.</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">Any staff member can make a referral to Children's Social Care but MUST inform the Designated Safeguarding officer as soon as possible.</p>	 <p style="font-size: x-small;">All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decision must be recorded on CPOMs.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Staff Behaviour</h3> <p style="font-size: x-small;">If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member you should speak to the Headteacher or Chair of Governors.</p> 	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Whistleblowing</h3> <p style="font-size: x-small;">If you are concerned about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in school, talk to the Safeguarding Lead, any SLT member or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk to anyone in school, you can call the NSPCC helpline, on 0800 028 0285</p> 	





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Reading With Your Child



This is SO VERY important to your child's development and has come up as an issue at pupil progress meetings as many children are not being asked to read or being read to regularly. This needs to be put right, please can everyone make this a New Year resolution.



Names in Clothing

The lost property box was bulging at the end of term!!! Please, please, please put your child's name in their clothing. When this happens, their clothing is easily returned. The amount of money some families lose by not doing this is staggering when you see how much is left unclaimed!



PARENTAL FEEDBACK

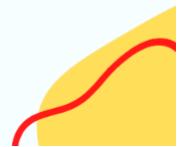
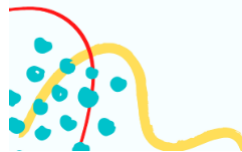
We hope that the information on our website and newsletters are useful in keeping you updated on what's going on at Beckstone.

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



Coats

We need all children to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes. We have an external thermometer and when the outside temperature drops below 13°C then coats are mandatory. Please ensure they come to school with a coat and **one that has their name in** – thanks! There are also coats available for free via our uniform exchange. To enquire simply email uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or use the QR code.



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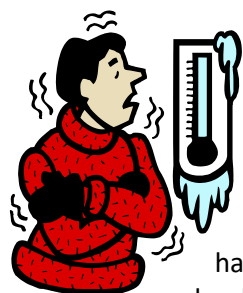
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or use the QR code



Gritting



The school does not own the land outside the fenced area and as such does not have the responsibility to grit the paths and have been advised not to. However out of good will and to support our families we will grit as best as we can when we can. If it is very icy, please don't always rely on this and an alternative route can be taken using the steps and entering through the gates at the front to walk round the back if that is the way you or your child comes onto site.



Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

With winter here, it is to be hoped that inclement weather is not serious, and that the heating system works effectively. If this happens not to be the case and the school is forced to close, then the following will be sources of information.

- ❗ A text message will be sent to all parents (***it is of vital importance we have an up to date mobile number contacts for every child***)
- ❗ The Cumberland Council web site carries information on schools that are closed
- ❗ Radio Cumbria will be informed and closure details will be included in their broadcasts

The school web site will be updated underneath the 'Weather Warnings' link.

It is very rare for the school to close and it has to be something very serious to do so.

Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



The next donor sessions are at the Energus on Tuesday 27th January from 3pm to 7pm or Lakes College on 10th February from 3.15 to 7pm.

Further details and booking details can be found at



www.blood.co.uk

Attendance



Please can all families ensure their child attends school as regularly as possible and on time – indeed this is a statutory duty on parents.

There is a duty on schools to chase up any children who are missing when the school is not informed. This used to be passed to the Police but now the Police won't act unless the school carries out a home visit first. On a couple of occasions recently school staff have had to be taken out of their usual roles to carry out home visits (a minimum of 2 staff have to carry out the visits). As you can imagine this is a huge drain in resources on a school day. On every occasion to date it has been a result of families not informing the school of illness and not answering phones, responding to texts or emails!! Please can all parents ensure the inform school when their child is not attending to prevent this happening.



All schools are referring any child who has 10 unauthorised absences to the County Attendance Officer. The Attendance Officer, Linzi Bennet, will then be in touch with those families and will send a warning letter or a fixed penalty notice.

The decision to issue fines is not made by the school and any money that comes from this goes to the County NOT schools.



Term Time Holidays & Tests



There is active discouragement of taking holidays in term time as it disrupts a child's learning.

Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.

If you are planning trips next year, please avoid the following dates in 2026:

KS1 Optional SATs – The month of May 2026

KS2 SATs - Week beg. 11th May 2026

Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 8th June 2026

Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 1st June

Foodbank

Please note we collect for the Foodbank all year round and there is a collection bin in the green shelter in front of school. Donations are welcome at any time of year.




Food & Drink

- School Meals** currently cost £15.50 per week (only £3.10 a day) 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 are in the winter months and would encourage those on packed lunches to make a change. Menus are always on our school web site.
- Packed Lunches** a reminder of the following: We encourage parents to provide healthy well balanced packed lunches. Preparing a healthy well balanced child's lunchbox, includes:
 - Starchy foods – these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta etc
 - Protein foods – including meat, fish, eggs, beans etc
 - A dairy item – this could be cheese or a yoghurt
 - Vegetables or salad
 - A portion of fruit
 - A healthy drink such as water or milk

Packed lunches and break time snacks MUST NOT include:

- Nuts – including peanut butter and Nutella – because of the life threatening risk to any other child who may have a severe allergy.
- Confectionery such as chocolate bars and sweets.
- Fizzy drinks
- Crisps




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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

Packed lunches and break time snacks CAN include:

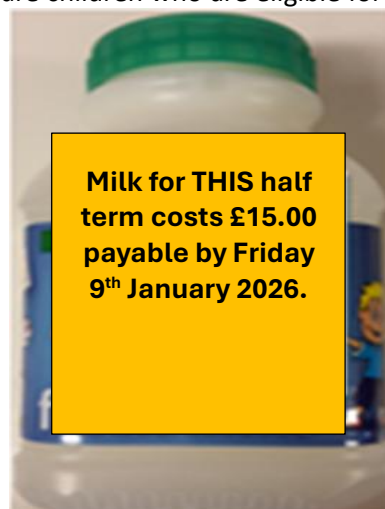
- Plain rice cakes
- Oatcakes
- Plain breadsticks
- Fruit
- Vegetables

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

Choose a variety of foods from each food group



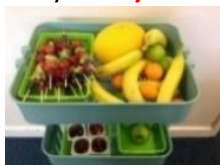
- **Milk** is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all Reception & KS1 children).
- The cost of milk for next term is **£15** and needs to be paid by **Friday 9th January 2026** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the



Milk for THIS half term costs £15.00 payable by Friday 9th January 2026.

order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.

- Snack money for Nursery and Reception is **£15** for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 9th January 2026**.



- Fruit is **£15.00** for this half term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 9th January 2026**. This is for playtime snacks.

Nursery Intakes



BECKSTONE NURSERY PLACES 2025/26

APRIL 2026
Children born between
1st Jan - 31st Mar 2023

SEPTEMBER 2026
Children born between
1st April - 31st Aug 2023

JANUARY 2027
Children born between
1st Sept - 31st Dec 2023

APRIL 2027
Children born between
1st Jan - 31st Mar 2024

Children can attend 'Afternoon Nursery' as soon as they turn 3 - further information is available from the school office.

Nursery application forms can be collected from the school office or found on the Cumberland website.

Please apply as soon as possible!

If you know of any children with birth dates between the times shown on the flyer at the foot of the last page 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 Cumberland website for application forms:

<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.



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 on the next page –please note these places (**MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) with pick up times at 2.15pm and 3.15pm apart from a Friday when it is 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

****** 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 ******

Themed Days

Monday Art & Crafts	
Tuesday Dancing	
Wednesday Homework	
Thursday Baking	
Friday Computers	

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 note after school learning/sport clubs cost £15.00 per half term.

Beckstone Primary School Nursery

Morning nursery sessions run every day from:
8:45 a.m. — 11:45 a.m. (3 hours)

If you would like your child to stay in afternoon nursery, our 30 hours runs from Monday morning – Friday lunch time (12:45pm).

Pick up times on Monday – Thursday afternoons are 2:15pm or 3:15pm. If you are entitled to 30 hours there will be no charge for these sessions.

Unfortunately, there is no option for 2:15pm pick up on a Friday.

The cost for a Friday afternoon is **£7.50**.

The cost of a lunch is **£2.50** to be paid via Parentpay.

If you are not entitled to 30 hours and your child attends afternoon nursery you will be charged as follows:

£2.50 per day for a school dinner

£11.50 (plus £2.50 for dinner) until 2:15pm

£15.50 (plus £2.50 for dinner) until 3:15pm

Unfortunately, there is no option for 2:15pm pick up on a Friday.

There would only be a charge if you go over your 15 hours in the week.

15/30 hours can be used for Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra until Friday 12:45pm or banked for Summer Camp (this must be agreed in advance).

Please inform the office as soon as your child starts if you are doing this.

Afternoon nursery places must be booked in advance either in person to the office or via email bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Bookings can be made in advance.

Extended Services Debts

Please can all users of the extended services ensure they don't run up debts. It is not easy for school staff to chase people up and in reality in any other walk of life you wouldn't take a good or service without paying so this shouldn't happen with the school. We will be taking swift actions when debts occur and will deny access to our services until accounts are cleared.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



Bookings after Deadlines



Whenever there are events like party nights, disco nights, cinema nights, bingo nights etc there is a deadline given in advance. All these events are trailed in these

newsletters, are shared on Seesaw, reminded by text and the children are reminded in assembly. The reason for the deadline is that refreshments etc can be purchased and organised in readiness for the event for the numbers who are booked (staff do this in their

own time in an evening). If you have missed booking your child on to an event this is not the school's fault and we are unable to book anyone after a deadline as we can't send staff out shopping during the day.

UKS2 Carol Service & Complaints

Unfortunately, the rain on the last Wednesday of last term was torrential and not conducive to walking to Church for rehearsals or indeed the advertised Service as the children would have been soaked 3 times before collection and the props would have been ruined. The decision was taken to therefore hold this in school. We realise this might have been inconvenient for some but we felt we had little choice and not being in control of the inclement weather this should not have been a focus of complaint from a small group of parents. The only other option would have been to cancel which would, we are sure, have been even more unpopular. At all times we strive to do our best for pupils and their interests must come first.

Another source of complaints was the end of the day collection after this event. The organisation of collections in a very small collection space at the back of the hall, keeping account of the children who have been taken and dealing with requests to collect siblings early and disrupting other classes could have led to chaos and the potential of losing track of a child. Again, whilst it may have caused a slight inconvenience to some the greater good was ensuring the safety of all. Please show some understanding when speaking to school staff about this if this happens again in the future.



Parking Issue on Church Road

Please can all parents who park at the front of the school please be aware that the piece of ground by the side of the zebra crossing and the workshop on Church Road is private ground and is not a parking area. The owner of the land has asked us to politely remind parents as such action will be classed as trespassing and action will be taken.



Non-Uniform Days



The next non uniform day is on the last school day of this month, Friday 30th January. Any donations towards the ongoing development of the playground in memory of Arabella would be most welcome.

Christmas Donations Thank You

A huge thanks to Mrs Horsburgh (Ms Horsburgh's mother) for donations of presents for some of the children.

Thanks also to Ms Horsburgh herself for bringing in her snow machine.



Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome

- Spare clothes for EY children
- Spare underwear for Early Years children
- Barbie & Ken dolls/clothes
- Clothes for doll babies
- Hot wheels type cars
- Wet playtime games (please ensure they have all the bits)



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.



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.

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 and 6** children who can attend one or both.



Cinema Nights

These take place every other half term. The ones planned for this half term take place next month on Wednesday 11th (KS2) and Thursday 12th February (Reception & KS1). The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments. Further details and the film(s) on show will be detailed in the near future.



Strive for Five



As a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five'. Please use this as an incentive to read regularly with your child. In addition, the class with the best record over the 2 week period will receive a class treat so don't let the side down!

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. 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. All are welcome. (Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult).

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



Poppy Appeal

The school received a receipt for the Poppy Appeal towards the end of last term. As you can see we raised well over half the total for the British Legion in our area, an amazing response from our families.



Mid Day Reliefs Needed

We would very much welcome any expressions of interest to be relief mid-days. Initially this would be on a 'as and when needed' basis but could turn into something more regular. It is a rewarding job with contact to lots of children and help them to play and eat healthily. If you are interested please contact the School Office.



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/>

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

Please protect your child.

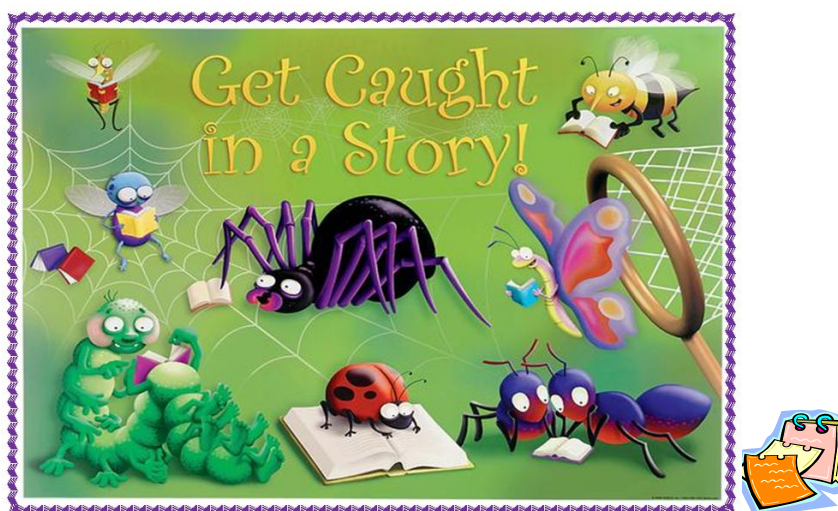
Social media apps and smart phones are exposing your child to unnecessary risks, bullying, depression, misogyny, porn to extreme levels and self-harm or worse.

WHY LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR PRECIOUS PERSON OR EXPOSE THEM TO IT!



All at school would like to wish you all a fabulous 2026, may all your dreams for the year come true!





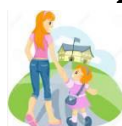
Term Dates until Summer 2027

	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Start of Term	Wednesday 7 th January	Monday 13 th April May Day – Mon 4 th	Thursday 3 rd September	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 12 th April May Day – Mon 3 rd
Half Term	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 27 th March	Friday 17 th July	Friday 18 th December	Thursday 25 th March	Friday 16 th July

January

Wed 7th – Children start back
 Fri 9th – New Nursery Starter Session
 Mon 12th – New Nursery children start
 Tue 13th – KS1 Dodgeball 9.30-12
 Mon 19th – 'Open the Book' on Jonah & the Whale
Fri 23rd – 1/2LJ Class Assembly
 Thu 22nd – Young Voices after school Singalong 3pm
 Tue 27th – Governors' meeting
Fri 30th – 3/4SF Class Assembly
 - Non-Uniform Day in aid of AK playground

Diary Dates



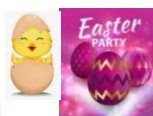
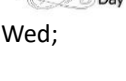
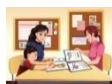
February

Wed 4th – Key Steps Gymnastics @ Netherhall
Fri 6th – 1/2DT Class Assembly
 Tue 10th – KS2 Cinema Night
 Wed 11th – Parents Evening for 6JM & 5/6CC
Thu 12th – 3/4LS Class Assembly
 - Parents Evening for 6JM & 5/6CC
 Thu 12th – KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Fri 13th – Young Voices Trip
 Week beg. 16th Feb – Half Term



March

Thu 5th – World Book Day
 Fri 6th – AK Day
 Fri 13th – Poetry by Heart Showcase
 Mon 16th – NISCU Puppets are visiting for an Easter show
 Sun 15th – Mother's Day
 Week beg. 16th – Nursery Come & Play week
 Tues 17th & Wed 18th – Parents' Evenings
 Thu 19th – UKS2 Party night
 Fri 20th – Year 5 Assembly
 Week beg. 23rd – Easter Party Nights YR- Mon; Y1 – Tue; Y2; Wed; LKS2 – Thu.
 Week beg. 23rd March – Egg & Bonnet Design Week
 Tue 24th March – LKS2 Football Competition 9.30-12
 - Governors' Meeting & Challenge Day
 Thu 26th – UKS2 Snappy Opera Performance
 Fri 27th March – Egg Dumping Final
 - School breaks up for Easter, no Beck Xtra or Educare



Dates for Summer Term



Mon 13th April – Children start back
 Wed 22nd April – 5/6CC cooking experience @Pizza Express
Fri 24th April – 1/2AF Class Assembly
 Tue 28th April – KS1 Kicky Rounders 9.30-12
 Thu 30th April – Class Photo Day
May – KS1 Optional SATs Month
Week beg. 11th May – KS2 SATs
 Mon 4th May – Bank Holiday
 Tue 5th May – LKS2 Rounders competition 9.30-12
Fri 1st May – 1/2TM Class Assembly
 Fri 15th May – Y6 children can wear their Leavers' Hoodies
 - School Swimming gala
 Mon 18th May – KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Tue 19th May – KS1 Football 9.30-12
 - Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors
 Thu 21st May – KS2 Cinema Night
 Fri 22nd May – Y6 Takeover Morning

Week beg. 25th May – Half term

2 weeks from week beg. 1st June – Y4 Times Table Check
Week beg. 8th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Weeks beg. 1st & 8th June - UKS2 Intensive Swims
 Wed 3rd June – Sports Day
 Tue 9th June – Governor Challenge Day
 - Reception Multi Skills 9.30-12
 - 20 years celebration

Tue 16th June – UKS2 Football 9.30-12
 Sun 21st Jun – Father's Day
 Tue 23rd – Thu 25th June -UKS2 Newcastle residential trip
 Week beg. 29th Jun – Summer Trips week
 Thu 2nd July – Y6 Leavers' Photos
 Fri 3rd July- Year R Trotters trip
 Week beg. 6th July – Summer Party nights; Mon: YR; Tue: Y1; Wed: Y2; Thu: LKS2; Fri; UKS2.
 Tue 7th July – Governor 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 17th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Educare

