

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We are sending the June newsletter out early as there is lots of information about next half term and we felt it was important you received it in advance,

Whilst the first half term of summer has been intense with many major events the next half term is extremely busy as witnessed by the many dates on the back page, please keep them somewhere safe so you can keep up to speed with what is happening at school.

You will receive our annual parental questionnaire via Seesaw, Tapestry or on the Arbor App on the day this newsletter is released (plus there are links in this newsletter). Please can you spare a couple of minutes to complete it, it would really help us to keep continuing to improve what the school does and offers to you and your children. Your opinion really matters to us.

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

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

Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick



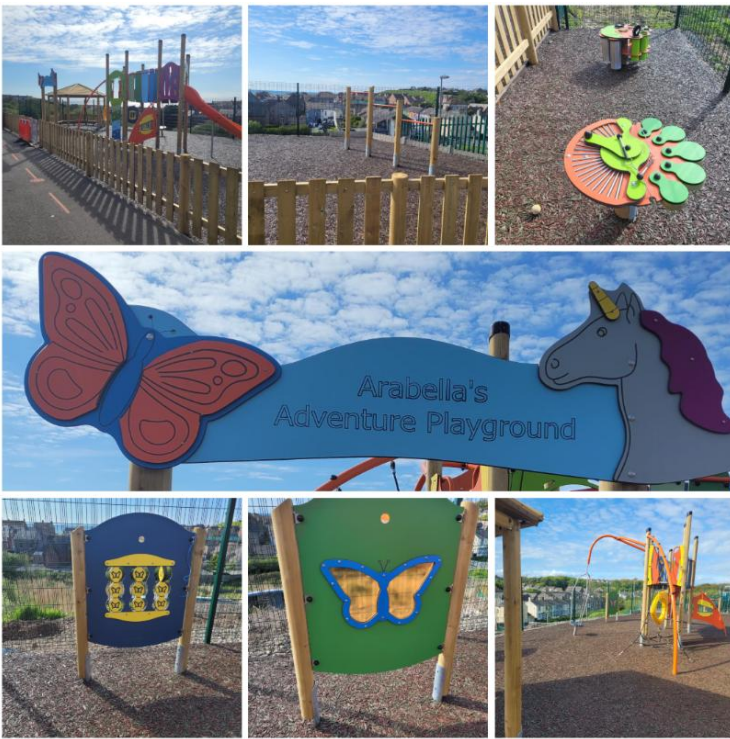
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Photos of the opening ceremony including a video telling the story of the development can be seen here or follow the QR Code.

https://beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2025-2026/arabellas-playground-opening/index.html

Arabella Playground

The playground was officially opened on Friday 15th May. The ceremony was attended by Arabella's family, staff, many of the pupils and many of the key players who have helped with donations, their own labour and support for the project.



Every class across the school has had a turn as well as many adults as the pictures on the web site will show.

The fund raising has been amazing and heartwarming but we are still short of our target.

Total cost £71,846.50

Fund raising £51,747.6

Current School Fund Liability £20,098.90

Further non uniform days, a 'Playground Ball' in the Autumn, forthcoming donations from proceeds of other events, some of which are detailed in this newsletter should help repay the school's funds but further donations and non-uniform days over time should also help with this. If you wish to still donate there is still the opportunity to do so on ParentPay and you can be happy in the knowledge into the

future that you have supported this lovely asset to the school visible across Harrington.

Amazing Fundraisers



Many of the children have independently raised funds for the playground and have raised over £3,000 with sales of loom bands, lemonade and

many other things. The children involved are pictured later in the newsletter with the 'Community Champions Trophy' awarded collectively. We are very proud of their community spirit. Indeed 2 Reception children recently set up a stall selling cakes and stickers to add to the funds and are pictured here along with many other children. The community spirit is a wonder to behold.

Y6 Takeover Morning

This took place this week and the Y6 pupils were amazing and even looked like their adults. There will be a full



report in the July newsletter. In the meantime, photos of the event can be found here:



https://beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2025-2026/national-takeover-day/index.html

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Summer Camp 2026

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD A PLACE IN THIS YEARS SUMMER CAMP PLEASE EMAIL BOOKINGS@BECKSTONE.CUMBRIA.SCH.UK

WE WILL BE IN TOUCH TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE.

THANK YOU

Dates

W/C -
20TH JULY
27TH JULY,
17TH AUGUST
24TH AUGUST

Time & price

FULL DAY
8AM - 4PM (£30)
HALF DAY
8AM - 12PM OR
12PM - 4PM (£25)

Food

WE WILL PROVIDE SNACKS/DRINKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY ALL WE ASK YOU TO SUPPLY IS YOUR CHILD'S PACKED LUNCH

Summer Camp

Given the number of proposed bookings following a Google form we are able to run the summer camp. If you still wish to enrol your child for all of it, part of it or just for chosen days then please email or use the QR code:



bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

The camp runs for the first 2 weeks and the last 2 weeks of the holidays at a cost of £30 per day or £25 per half day. If you would like further information please contact the School Office.

Arbor App

Now we have stopped text messaging it is so important that parents do the following with their Arbor app

- Check the app regularly
- Turn notifications on.

We can see from our end that some are not accessing their messages which means families are missing sometimes vital and important information.

Please can all ensure they are accessing the Arbor App.



Parent Questionnaire

A Google Form will be sent out on the same day as this newsletter on Tapestry, Seesaw



and Arbor for you to complete and share your views on the school. Alternatively you can follow the link or QR Code here.



<https://forms.gle/rjCctrLA5vRAB9Ph8>
Your responses will help us improve the school and ensure it is meeting you and your child's needs. Your responses are confidential.

Sporting Success



We have received a commendation letter from Josh McAllister M.P. congratulating the school on its Platinum PE Mark and to thank the staff for all the hard work, commitment and dedication they put into Sport. The school has always had sport as a focus and our PE team do an absolutely excellent job.

Panathlon Swimming



Our Panathlon swimming team won the black section at the Panathlon Swimming Challenge in the middle of April. They all did very well and we are very proud of them.



KS1 Kicky Rounders

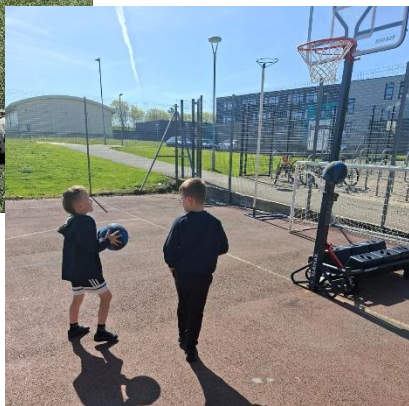


We entered a team into the local area tournament. Our team went on to win the whole tournament and showed amazing sportsmanship. The winning team is pictured at the top of the next page.



Y2 Multi Skills

Some of our Year 2 children took part in a Workington festival. They got to try lots of different sports, many of which they tried for the first time. Their sportsmanship and behaviour was exemplary and as a result all had a great time at this event at the end of April.



LKS2 Rounders

Our team played very well against many other school teams in the recent tournament and missed winning the competition by half a rounder. Staff accompanying the trip commented on the team's impeccable behaviour and their adherence to our sporting values.



The team is pictured at the top of the next column.

High 5 Netball Finals

Our Netball team won the inter-school Netball final and have been crowned County champions. Congratulations to them and to their coach, Mrs Chambers! They are pictured below with the trophy and in action!



UKS2 Football Competition

Our UKS2 Boys teams took part in the County football tournament in Harraby. They played teams from all across the County and did the school proud. One team came 3rd and the other were triumphant in winning the tournament. The 2 teams are pictured below.



Inter School Swimming Gala

Our school organised the Workington Swimming Gala for all the Workington Schools thanks to Miss Jackson. Our team are pictured below and were absolutely amazing with our school winning far more races than any other school, indeed than the rest combined. The Gala went very well and was enjoyed by all.



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Intensive Swims



Please can relevant parents note (Year 4 and Year 5 and some Year 6 dependent on swimming ability) these dates as your child will need a swimming costume and a towel and hairbrush/comb for the following weeks (each with a daily morning swim);
Week beg. 1st June – 9.30am – 4LS & 4SF
10.30 – 4LB, 5CC & some from 6CC
Week beg 8th June – 9.30 - 5RM & some from 6JM

Sports Day



This takes place on the afternoon of the 3rd June, the first Wednesday after half term weather permitting. It will commence at **1pm** (the children will have an early lunch) and **gates open at 12.30pm**. It will last until the end of the school day. Parents are welcome to attend. As well as the usual events and the parents' races there will also be a tug-of-war event.




There will be a parent raffle and a stall selling flavoured water for adults. Children will receive their drinks from school.



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

	
 Louie	 Max
	
 Ethan	 Teddy
	
 Sophia	 Lexi

Key Stage 2



	
 Cooper	 Addisyn
	
 Adalyn	 Emmy-Rae
	
 Vejay	 Jenson

These trophies will be awarded at the end of Summer 2 for the current term.

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Summer Party Nights

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

YR-Monday 6th July;

Y1-Wednesday 1st July

Y2 --Wednesday 8th July

LKS2-Thursday 9th July &

UKS2-Thursday 2nd July

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

Summer Friday Stalls

There will be stalls at the front and back of school on Fridays in the summer 2 half term (weather permitting) selling ice lollies, crisps and flavoured water all at a cost of £1 each. These are organised by the 'Friends at Beckstone' and any profits will support their good works they do for the school.



Summer Bingo Night

The Summer Bingo Night will take place on **Wednesday 8th July** with doors opening from 5.30pm for a 6pm prompt start. Tickets will go on sale on ParentPay, please look out for details as these sell out quickly!



All tickets are priced at **£6.00 (which includes a Bingo book, a hot dog and a drink)**. Additional books

and raffle tickets will be on sale at the door both priced at £1. Additionally, there will also be traybakes, flavoured water, crisps and sweets for sale and a 'stand up bingo' game after the interval costing £1 (or £2 for a large candy



Summer Raffle

There will be a Summer children's



CRAZY SAND WORKSHOP

FAB have organised sand sculpture sessions afterschool 3:15 - 4pm

Early Years & KS1 - Wednesday 17th June (Must be accompanied by an adult)

KS2 - Thursday 18th June (Children only)

The cost for this session is £6 which includes sand, plastic mould, drink and snack. Please pay via Parentpay to book your child a place. Please note there are limited places.

THANK YOU

raffle at £2 per entry in the run up to the holidays. There will be a hamper of summer and chocolate goodies as prizes. Tickets can be bought on ParentPay from July 1st.

Crazy Sand Creations

FAB have organised sand sculpture sessions after school for interested pupils and parents. The cost of the sand creation including after school costs, sand and plastic mould is £6. The dates are: Wednesday 17th June – 3.15 to 4pm for Early Years & KS1. A family member must accompany the child. Parents can bring KS2 children to this session too if they would like. Thursday 18th June for KS2 from 3.15 to 4pm. Places can now be booked on ParentPay.

SUMMER BINGO NIGHT



Wednesday 8th July
6pm (doors open 5:30pm)

Tickets £6
Ticket price includes:
Bingo book, hotdog & drink

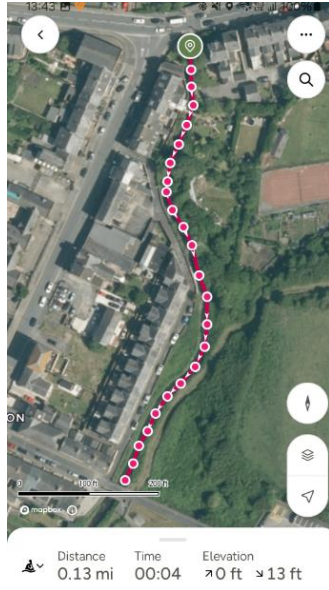
Tickets now available on Parentpay
There are limited spaces!

For sale on the night -
Additional bingo books, raffle tickets,
stand up bingo, tray bakes, crisps & sweets



Duck Race

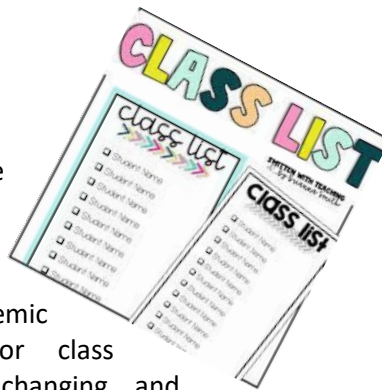
The school will again be hosting a duck race. The ducks will race down the beck at the bottom of the hill at 2.00pm on Wednesday 15th July watched by the whole school. The prizes for the first 10 ducks to finish are well worth it with a first prize of £150. If you want to take part then ducks can be purchased on ParentPay from mid June for £5 and you get to keep the duck. Each duck will have a unique number and will be entered into the race (you get to keep the ducks you have bought). It may be there are other family members or friends who would like to take part and you can buy ducks for them too – there is a maximum of 4 ducks that can be bought per person. In total there are 600 ducks!!



The route the ducks will follow is shown alongside. There will be refreshments on sale in the yards at the end of the day, ice lollies, crisps and drinks (all £1 each).

Classes 26/27

School staff will be spending a lot of time in the early part of this half term organising the classes for next academic year. The criteria for class composition will be changing and ‘friendships’ will no longer be a determining factor as there are many times in the day children can play with their friends outside class. The focus will be on those who work well together and support each other, mixed ability and as far as possible an equal number of boys and girls. Once the classes are known please do not appeal against where your child is, as described, a lot of thought will have gone in to where your child is and



the professional judgements taken will have been in the best interests of your child. Trust us!



Careers Talks

We would love parents to come and talk about their jobs/careers to our Upper Key Stage 2 children. It could be jobs at Sellafield, building, education, music or anything. We feel it would be good to widen the children’s understanding of the world of work. If you could help please contact Shery McKeating at



smckeating@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk.

Many thanks in advance.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

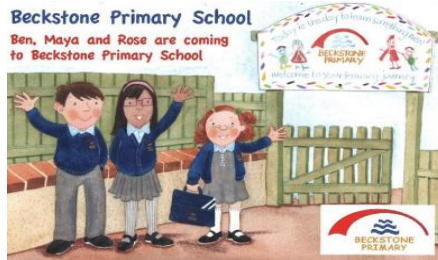
Full details on the county’s policies, procedures and processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis of outcomes of serious case reviews can be accessed through the Cumbria LSCB website at www.cumbrialscb.com the site also has a parental information zone.

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

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

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County’s 24 hour ‘Safeguarding Hub’ number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can





outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary, undertake an assessment of need.

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



Health & Safety Inspection

Hopefully you will be reassured to know that following a County H&S Inspection last half term we received a score of 100% (very rare). The report states the school is a wonderful school



& 'that Beckstone Primary School is of Substantial Assurance. This means that there is a sound system of H&S

controls in place to achieve health and safety objectives and minimise risk. The controls tested are being consistently applied and no weaknesses were identified'.

It is very re-assuring that all that we do to keep your children, the staff and visitors safe has been recognised in such a praise worthy manner.



Uniform & Summer

Firstly a reminder of the school's uniform policy which has been unchanged for years and is on our web site and has been in countless newsletters:

The policy has been agreed by the Governors of the school that uniform is compulsory. The emphasis is on smart dress (**not fashion!**).

The uniform consists of:

Tops

School or navy sweat shirt, fleece, T shirt or polo shirt (sky blue) or gingham dresses

Bottoms

Grey or black tailored trousers or knee length skirts (not sports trousers/tracksuit trousers)
Dark deck shorts or tailored shorts (all of decent length) or blue gingham or pinafore dresses (not Lycra shorts or football shorts no logos)
Low heeled footwear, shoes or trainers - these need to be black with no promotional logos.

PE Kit

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), plain and dark leggings, tracksuit trousers or shorts (not Lycra shorts and of decent length). They **MUST** wear a school uniform navy sweatshirt or cardigan on top unless it is a non-uniform day and black trainers.

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 plus plimsolls.

Other

Hats may be worn in the playground for protection against the weather . . . wind & sun! School baseball caps are available.

Please note that jewellery should not be worn to school apart from stud earrings for those with pierced ears although these must be removed for P.E. lessons & Swimming. Hooped earrings and any other piercing is strictly not allowed. (If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced then the start of the summer holidays is an ideal time so that they heal prior to re-starting school).No nail varnish, false nails or adornments.

Hairstyles must not be extreme and any hair dye should be in natural colours. Make up is strictly not allowed.

.In summary it is not that complicated and the overwhelming number of children abide by it. We have had a small number of cases recently of girls in appropriate very short shorts/skorts. This is not appropriate for school or indeed the journey to school and home and back.

Health Support

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Virtual Clinics for children aged 5-11 Years

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We can help your child feel heard, build resilience, and grow with confidence if they are struggling emotionally.

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Electric Bikes – Police Warning

The Police recently contacted us as they have seen an increase in the use of Revvii bikes these are electric bikes like the Surrón

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bikes. They have 3 speeds and can go 9.5mph/13.5mph/20mph which is obviously very worrying considering we have seen kids of 7yrs old riding them.

They have asked us to remind parents that E-scooters are illegal for children to use in public places and are subject to MOTs. Licences, Insurance & tax. Failure to comply could result in prosecution.

Year 6 Graduation & Photos

On Thursday 18th June the children will have their individual photographs taken in a gown with a mortar board for their Graduation ceremony as a keepsake for that.



Heidi, the school photographer, will also be in school to take a commemorative photo of your child as they end Primary school and we hope, weather permitting, to take a picture of the whole cohort for the school corridor.

Please ensure your children in year 6 come in uniform on that day and not in their hoods. The Graduation ceremony itself will take place on Tuesday 14th July. Further details and how to reserve tickets (the event is ticketed as we have limited space) will go out towards the end of this month.

Messaging Staff on Seesaw & Tapestry

TAPESTRY Seesaw

Staff have been instructed NOT to respond to any messages between 5pm and 8am so please do not expect a response. School staff are entitled to 'down time' so please respect that and be patient for a reply.

Please note that any messages concerning behaviour/incidents need to be addressed by other routes...in EY & KS1 this is often at the start or end of the day as they see parents. For KS2 parents you need to ring and book a telephone appointment. Inappropriate non education messages will get the following response:

The Seesaw service is solely for educational use between home and school. Your message pertained to other issues and the service is not to be used for this purpose; please phone the school office to arrange a call with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss this issue. This is an agreed school policy.



Governors' Board

Governors Blog

Hi Everyone,

Can you believe next week will be the May Half term holidays?

I joined the Board of Governors last October. That feels like only a few weeks ago now.

It's been a privilege meeting and getting to know the people behind making our great school work. Visiting classrooms during our Governor challenge days and having the children telling me about all the fascinating things they are learning has been a real highlight. On my first challenge day I was particularly impressed with the group of Year 6 students who showed me around the school with attention to detail and brought me up to speed with the daily running of the school.

The main subjects I'd like to talk about is the Arabella Playground. This truly is a demonstration of the amazing West Cumbrian community spirit in the name and memory of a very special little girl.

What an amazing achievement by all involved and being able to witness everyone's dedication and determination to this project has been fantastic;

- To all the people (including some of our pupils) behind the fundraising ideas and events;
- To all the donations coming in;
- To the people behind the planning/management and all of the great trades people involved in the physical building of the playground.

A huge thank you and congratulations to you all.

With the playground now open the children can now start to enjoy it but there are still fundraising efforts going on to make up the funding shortfall, so please keep your eye out and donate where you can.

As we head into the last 6 weeks of term we start with Sports Day on the first week back. What a great way to come back after half term (weather permitting), with a bit of fun and competition. Good luck to everyone in your chosen events. See you there.

Best wishes

Ryan Close
Parent Governor





Governor

Gallery

 <small>From: 15.05.21 To: 15.05.26</small> Simon Turk <small>Chair BCo-opted</small>	 <small>From: 07.10.20 To: 07.10.25</small> Katie Mahone <small>Vice Chair & LA</small>	 <small>From: 28.06.20 To: 28.06.23</small> Laurie Black <small>Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: 14.10.20 To: 14.10.25</small> Ryan Close <small>Parent</small>	 <small>From: 29.05.20 To: 29.05.25</small> Danielle Miller <small>Parent</small>	 <small>From: 18.05.19 To: 18.05.24</small> Sridhar Mathai <small>Parent</small>	 <small>From: 10.11.14 To: 10.11.19</small> Blair Rooney <small>Co-opted</small>
 <small>From: N/A To: N/A</small> David Warbrick <small>Headteacher</small>	 <small>From: 13.07.20 To: 13.07.25</small> Hayley Wells <small>Staff</small>	 <small>From: 23.06.20 To: 23.06.25</small> Mrs Needham <small>Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: N/A To: N/A</small> Claire Tuck <small>Clerk</small>	 <small>From: 02.05.21 To: 02.05.26</small> Philippa Vaughan <small>Staffing & Finance Associate</small>	 <small>From: 10.11.20 To: 10.11.25</small> Rev. Dom de Mattos <small>Co-opted</small>	 <small>From: 28.11.20 To: 28.11.25</small> Helen Glenister <small>Parent</small>

Marie Wright Kindness Cup

Connie from Year 1 was chosen for this award as she is the epitome of kindness. She observes others closely and is highly empathetic, being in tune with others' feelings and moods and reacting to these appropriately. She acts as an additional teaching assistant encouraging and supporting others. Connie's little seeds of kindness have spread around the classroom and others now follow her example. A well deserved winner!



Community Champions Cup

This has been awarded to all the children who have independently raised money to help with the Arabella Playground Development. Collectively they have raised



over £2000 which is absolutely amazing and very heartwarming and community spirited.

The Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy

Oliver from year 2 was awarded the Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy. He was chosen as his increasing confidence has increased his engagement and prowess in PE and his interest in after school sporting clubs and a desire to represent Beckstone in Sport. His skills at a recent event were admired by many attending the event and at the end of each event he thanked the Sports leaders and shook their hands. This is Oliver's time to shine and it was felt he really deserves this sporting recognition.



Heart of School Award Winner



The trophy was awarded to Addisyn from Year 5. Addisyn is a girl who brightens a room when she enters, she is always polite and the way she treats everyone with respect is outstanding. Addisyn is the kind of girl who doesn't need to be

loud to be noticed, her kindness speaks loudly enough. In Addisyn, we see the kind of person who makes the world a little gentler, a little kinder. She reminds us that character is not shown in grand gestures but in everyday actions—politeness, courtesy, helpfulness, and the joy of being with others. Well done Addisyn!

Creativity Cup

Isla from Nursery won the Creativity Cup.

She impresses everyone with her creative and artistic skills. All were particularly impressed when she made a lantern all by herself. A worthy winner.



Non-Uniform Day

The non-uniform day for this month is on Friday 26th June. Donations of chocolate would be gratefully received to support the Bingo Night.



Attendance

100% certificates

In the first assembly of the Summer term all children with 100% attendance in the Spring term were awarded a certificate. There were an awful lot of them which was very impressive.

Cup Winners

In addition, the class with the best attendance for the second half term of Spring was 6JM with an attendance rate of 97.6%, well over the national percentage. They are pictured below with their trophy.

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

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 2027!!

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.

May – KS1 Optional SATs Month
Week beg. 10th May – KS2
SATs
2 weeks from week beg. 7th
June – Y4 Times Table Check
Week beg. 14th June – Y1
Phonics Screening Check
Week





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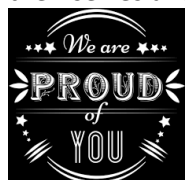
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Statutory Tests

The Year 6 children have had their SAT tests in the week beginning the 11th of May. These exams are highly stressful and some of the papers appear to trick the children rather than be a straightforward test of their knowledge.



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



We will share their results on relevant reports which are due out on Monday 13th July at 4pm and Year 6 parents will also get a results analysis sheet giving them more information.

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



Year 4 children have their times table test in the first two weeks after half term and Year 1 children have their phonics screening check in the week beginning 8th June.



Scooter & Bike Helmets

One of our pupils came off their scooter on the way to school and landed on their head causing concussion and being rushed to hospital. Despite constant reminders in newsletters parents are allowing a sizeable number of children to travel to school by these modes of transport without helmets. Your child is your most precious thing and a child's head is a very fragile thing, please keep them safe!

Driving Safely in the School Environs



Recently 2 walls have been damaged on the school site by vehicles and a school user also damaged a car on Eadie Street. These are inanimate objects and the damage causes issues however they could be children! Please make sure you drive safely and slowly when accessing and exiting the school site for everyone's safety.

You will now see 5mph signs on site...please stick to this limit for safety's sake!



Thank you to the vast majority of parents who take additional care in the school surroundings.

Social Media and Children



There are MINIMUM ages for social media apps and as parents you should be applying these.

Almost on a daily basis there are horror stories about children getting hurt from copying TikTok video e.g. microwaving squishies in a microwave resulting in 3rd degree burns, breath holding challenges etc etc that have serious consequences, WhatsApp groups that cause upset and depression and now AI apps that are resulting in serious law breaches by children manipulating images and the parents being legally liable. As recently as yesterday Ofcom have said minimum ages must be followed as content and groups accessed are **NOT AT ALL SUITABLE** for Primary aged children.

Please, please, please protect your children and yourselves. Keep them off social media and check their online activities.



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Foodbank

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

Currently stock levels are very low (the lowest they have ever been) at the Foodbank so any support would be gratefully received. Donations continue to be very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green shelter at the top of the school hill.

To support this initiative please think of our more vulnerable



community members and buy some non-perishable food items you think would help feed children and donate regularly.

Please donate from the list.

Tinned Rice Pudding
Pasta (500g)
Tinned Meat
Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn)
Tinned Tuna
Sponge Pudding
Tinned Fruit
Biscuits
Jam
Baked Beans
Tinned Potatoes
Pasta Sauce
Dried Rice (500g)
Cereal (approx 350g)

Food & Drink

Nourish Programme

We're really excited to share that Beckstone Primary School will be taking part in **Nourish**, Cumberland Council's new school food programme.

Nourish was developed in London by the charity School Food Matters and takes a whole school approach to supporting happy, positive relationships with food. The programme focuses on six key areas: food culture and role modelling, food provision and the dining environment, food brought into school, food education,



positive relationships with food, and equity, inclusion and sustainability.

Key staff and School Food Development Officer, Maddy, Fowler are working together to create a tailored action plan for Beckstone Primary School. Together, they have identified key priorities including food provision and the dining environment, food culture and role modelling, equity, inclusion and sustainability, positive relationships with food and food brought in.

Maddy spent a day in school and was impressed with many areas, there were concerns about the contents of some packed lunches as they did not meet healthy food standards.

She suggested having 'flavoured water' dispensers like you have in hotel lobbies with cucumber, water melon or oranges or indeed any other fruit/veg in. We recently set these up and they are immensely popular and the children are queuing up to drink water!!

Nourish is all about involving the whole school community – children, staff, parents, governors and catering teams. There will be lots to look forward to, including fun food activities, cooking workshops, taster sessions and more.

Maddy will be visiting Beckstone Primary School four times over the next two terms to deliver these sessions and work alongside the school community. We're really looking forward to getting Nourish to life in school!

Food Costs

- **School Meals** currently cost £16.00 per week (only £3.20 a day) payable on ParentPay. 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

With concerns nationally over long term health damage from a poor diet there are clear rules on what schools can allow in packed lunches.

In simple terms the following are not allowed:

- Crisps
- Chocolate (in any form)
- Sweets
- Cake
- Fizzy drinks



• **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 (Summer 2) for those that want it is **£15** and needs to be paid by **Friday 5th June 2026** 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 **£20** for next half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 5th June 2026**.



- Fruit is **£15.00** for next half term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 5th June 2026**. This is for playtime snacks.

Parental Debts

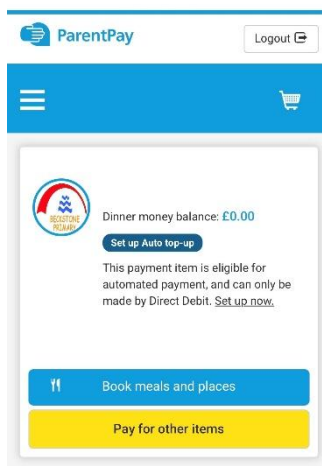
Very sadly the Office staff are spending a lot of time chasing up unpaid debts for school meals, Breakfast Club, Beckstone Xtra etc. This is not nice for them to do and it is distressing that some think it is acceptable to purchase

things from school and then not pay for them...we can't think of another walk of life where this is thought acceptable and it certainly isn't here and affects a very tight school budget.

If debt is £10 or more for Breakfast Club or Beckstone Extra then the service will be withdrawn until a payment is made. We will call you before collect your child if using Beckstone Xtra or the day before to advise Breakfast Club cannot be used unless the debt is paid.

The debt limit for lunches is £16.00 for Main School and £13.00 for nursery. If you go over this your child will be unable to order via the computer in their class with their peers and you will need to provide a packed lunch or collect and provide them with a lunch at home.

Sometimes debt is an oversight. This can easily be resolved with ParentPay by setting up 'Auto Top Up'.....



ParentPay Auto Top Up

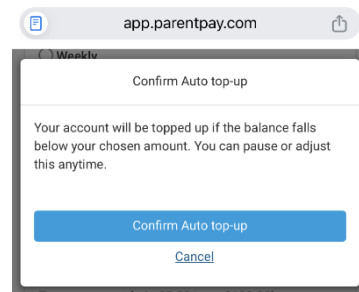
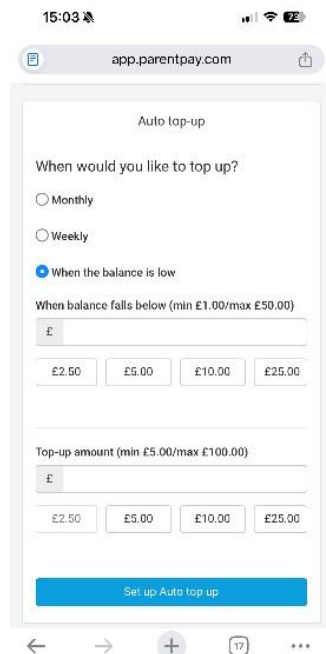
Auto top up is an automated service that uses Once-Click payments to add credit to a child's meal balance when it falls below a certain value.

To set up Auto top up you must set up one click payments on your ParentPay account. The Auto top up facility will only

become available once this set up is complete. Please allow up to 10 working days for your 1st payment to clear and the 3 -7 working days. Please make sure that you have funds available in your account to cove this date span.

To set up:

1. Click Set up Auto top up on the child's from page.
2. Scroll to the Auto top up section and enter your chosen details.
3. Click Set up Auto top up
4. Choose Confirm Auto top up



Uniform Sale



Border Embroideries **BE UNIFORMS** are running a uniform sale event with 20% off on all purchases. This will take place in the school hall from 3.15pm to 4.30pm on Monday 15th June. This is an opportunity for parents to save money on their uniform purchase of up to 20% for delivery to their home address.



Nursery Intakes

If you know of any children with birth dates between the times shown on the flyer below 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**.

BECKSTONE NURSERY PLACES 2025/26

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2027
Children born between 1st April - 31st Aug 2024

Children can attend 'Afternoon Nursery' as soon as they turn 3 (They must be toilet trained)
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!

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 (as long as they are toilet trained) 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. **Parents MUST sign their child in**.

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 only 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

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

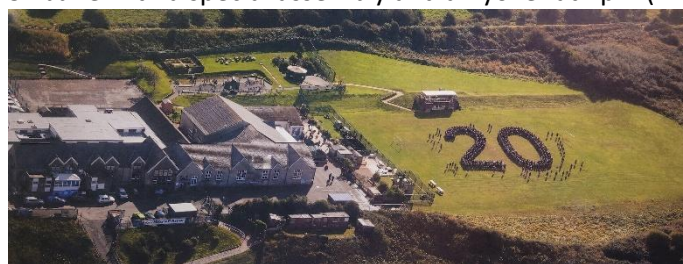
****** Please also note that children need to be booked into Beckstone Xtra by 12pm. If a booking is cancelled after 12pm on the same day you will be charged *****

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.

20 Year Celebrations

The school will be marking 20 years since it opened on the 9th June with a special assembly and a flyover at 2pm (Mr



Fleming will be the pilot and he will take a photo of the school forming a '20' for display in the Office. There will be many other activities too on that day and then there will be a whole school 20 year commemorative photo on the morning of the 11th June. We have not had a whole school photo for over a decade so it will be a true collector's piece to cherish and keep. The whole scroll will cost £23.50 and further details will go out later in June.

Class Photos



You can still order class photos and the 10% discount window is still open but not for long. The links to see the photos are below:

Nursery -

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RJT -

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RHW -

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Y1/2AF -

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Y1/2LJ

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Y3/4LS -

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Y3/4LB

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Y3/4SF -

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Y5RM -

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Y5/6CC -

<https://heidibeaphotography.gotphoto.co.uk/gc/oBOQfKL1yFfV0Hp9soPh>

Y6JM -

<https://heidibeaphotography.gotphoto.co.uk/gc/tKpztUqotMunYGnZ7O5n>

Ducklings

The pupils really enjoyed seeing the ducks hatch just before the Easter holidays and then seeing them close up and handling them after the holidays. Our thanks go to the Forsyth family for enabling the pupils to have this worthwhile experience.



Lamb Visit



Following on from the duck experience the children then learnt all about lambs and were able to hold them and ask any question they liked. Our thanks again go to the Forsyths and in particular Mrs Forsyth who gave up a day to provide the pupils with this farming experience.



There are photos of this day in our film and photo gallery. https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2025-2026/lambs-visit/index.html



Father's Day

This takes place on Sunday 21st June. In advance of this date the News & Star are producing a souvenir supplement in the week beginning 15th June to celebrate Father's Day this year. Our school agreed to take part and children have written a message to their Dad or significant adult. These will be listed in class groups and the messages are heartwarming. Details of the exact day the supplement is published will be released nearer the time.

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 for Year 5 children who can attend one or both. The sessions are designed to consolidate learning and will run up to SATs when they are in Year 6.



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

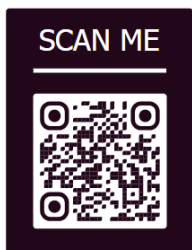
costs £5 a month, goes to at least 500 local households (parents, staff etc.) and also provides much needed funds for the school. Adverts are subject to the approval of the Governing Body.

Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome

- Spare clothes for EY & KS1 children
- Spare underwear for Early Years children
- **Board Games & Fidget Toys**

Holiday Activities



In the run up to the Summer holidays we will be adding any information or flyers we receive about Easter 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.
https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/holiday_activity_ideas.html

Of note are the 10p swims and other Cumberland holiday sponsored activities. Over recent holidays the school has only received the information after the school has broken up so please do check the site as if that happens again, we will upload the information after school has broken up.

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).



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 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.

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 are on Tuesday 16th June at Lakes College from 3pm to 7pm or Monday 22nd June from 3 to 7pm at Energus.

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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

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

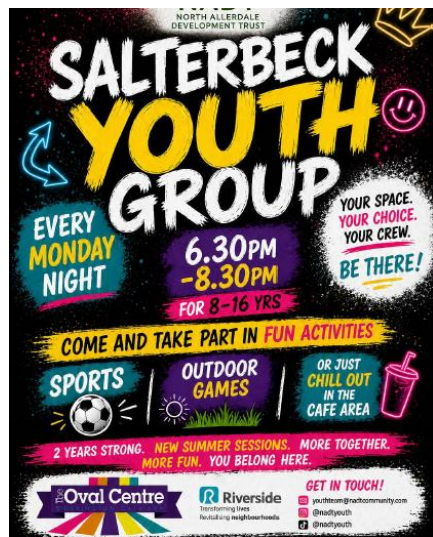
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Term Dates

The County have recently released term dates up to the end of 2029 (!). These are on the following page for your information.



Our good wishes go to Mrs Chambers, our school sport guru who has recently undergone knee surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery and even on sick leave and on crutches she is continuing to attend sporting events to support our teams and continue their success...amazing!



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Term Dates until Summer 2029

	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Autumn 2027	Spring 2028	Summer 2028	Autumn 2028	Spring 2029	Summer 2029
Start of Term	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	Monday 6 th September	Wednesday 5 th January	Tuesday 18 th April May Day - Mon 1 st	Wednesday 6 th September	Thursday 4 th January	Tuesday 17 th April May Day - Mon 7 th
Half Term	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	Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October	Monday 14 th February - Friday 18 th February	Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June	Monday 30 th October - Friday 3 rd November	Monday 19 th February - Friday 23 rd February	Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June
End of Term	Friday 17 th July	Friday 18 th December	Thursday 25 th March	Friday 16 th July	Friday 17 th December	Friday 31 st March	Thursday 20 th July	Wednesday 20 th December	Thursday 29 th March	Friday 20 th July

June

2 weeks from week beg. 1st - Y4 Times Table Check
 Weeks beg. 1st & 8th June - UKS2 Intensive Swims
 Week beg. 8th - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Tue 2nd - LKS2 Football tournament @ St Joseph's
 Wed 3rd - Sports Day
 Fri 5th - UKS2 Girls' Football Tournament at Whitehaven.
 Tue 9th - Governor Challenge Day
 - Reception Multi Skills 9.30-12
 - 20 years celebrations including flyover
 Thu 11th - Whole School Commemorative 20 Year photo
 Fri 12th - UKS2 Boys Football tournament @ Harraby
 Mon 15th - Border Embroideries Uniform Sale
 Tue 16th - UKS2 Football 9.30-12 @ St Joseph's
 Wed 17th - EY & KS1 & parents Sand Creation Workshop 3.15 - 4pm
 Thu 18th - Y6 Leavers' Photos
 - KS2 Sand Creation Workshop 3.15 - 4pm
 Sun 21st - Father's Day
 Mon 22nd - Y6 Transition with Barnados -Parents invited
 Tue 23rd - Thu 25th - UKS2 Newcastle residential trip
 Fri 26th - Non Uniform Chocolate Day for Bingo Night
 - UKS2 Girls Football Competition @ Harraby
 Mon 29th - Musical Monday
 Tue 30th - Nursery Trip/Fun Day
July
 Wed 1st - Cockermouth & Keswick Transition Day
 - Y2 party night
 Thu 2nd - St Joseph's & Workington Academy transition day
 - Y6 Party night
 Fri 3rd - Year R Trotters Trip
 - LKS2 trip to Mabie Farm Park
 - KS1 trip to Walby Farm Park
 Week beg. 6th - Summer Party nights; Mon: YR; Tue: Y1; Fri; LKS2.
 Tue 7th - KS1 Football tournament at St Joseph's 9.30am to 12pm
 - Governor Main Meeting 4.30pm
 Wed 8th & Thu 9th - Meet new classes mornings
 Wed 8th - Bingo Night
 Fri 10th - UKS2 trip to Beamish
 Mon 13th - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
 Tue 14th July - Y6 Graduation
 Wed 15th - Duck Race
 Thu 16th - Y6 trip to 'The Levels' & FUN Day
 Fri 17th Jul - Beckstone's Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Educare



Diary Dates



Dates for Next Year Already

Thu 3rd Sep - Children start back
 Fri 4th Sep - new Nursery Starters taster session
 Mon 7th Sep - New Nursery Starters start
 Thu 17th Sep - Gurning Final
 Fri 18th Sep - Individual & family photos
 Mon 21st Sep - FAB AGM
 Fri 25th Sep - Macmillan Coffee Morning
 Tue 6th Oct - Governors' AGM 4.30pm
 Week beg. 12th Oct - Nursery & Reception Come & Play Week
 Mon 12th Oct - Harvest at School & KS1 at Church at 2pm
 Tue 13th & Wed 14th Oct - Parents' Evenings & YR Phonics Workshops
 Mon 19th Oct - R & KS1 Cinema Night
 Wed 21st Oct - KS2 Cinema Night
 Fri 24th Oct - Halloween Themed Day
Week beg. 26th Oct - Half term
 Mon 2nd Nov - Poppies on sale
 Sun 8th Nov - Remembrance Parade
 Wed 11th Nov - Remembrance Silence 11am
 Fri 13th Nov - Poetry by Heart Showcase
 Tues 24th Nov - Governor Challenge day, Finance & Main Meeting
 Tue 1st Dec - Nursery Nativity for Parents 9.30am
 Wed 2nd Dec - Nursery Nativity for Parents 2.15am
 Tue 8th Dec - Reception Nativity for Parents 9.30am
 Wed 9th Dec - Reception Nativity for Parents 2.15am
 Thu 10th Dec - Christmas Dinner day
 Fri 11th Dec - YR Christmas Party Night
 Week beg. 15th Dec - Party Nights; Y1- Mon; Y2 - Tue; LKS2 -Wed; UKS2 - Thu
 Thu 17th Dec - Christmas Party Day
 Fri 20th Dec - Carols in the Square 10.30am
 - No Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery, Break up for Christmas
21st Dec to 4th Jan - Christmas Holidays
 Tue 5th Jan - Children start back
 Tue 27th Jan - Young Voices Trip (Y4+)
 Tue 2nd Feb - Governors' meeting 4.30pm
 Wed 10th Feb - KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Thu 11th Feb - KS2 Cinema Night
Week beg. 15th Feb - Half term
 Thu 4th Mar - World Book Day
 Sun 7th March - Mother's Day
 Week beg. 15th March - Nursery 'Come & play' week
 Tues 17th & Wed 18th March - Parents' Evenings
 Thu 18th YR Party Night & Fri 19th Mar Y1 Party night
 Week beg. 22nd March - Egg & Bonnet Design Week
 - Easter Party Nights Y2- Mon; LKS2 - Tue; UKS2 - Wed
 Tue 23rd March - Governors' Meeting & Challenge Day
 Thu 25th March - Egg Dumping Final
 - No Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery, Break Up for Easter
26th Mar - 9th Apr - Easter Holidays
 Mon 12th April - Children start back
May - KS1 Optional SATs Month
Week beg. 10th May - KS2 SATs
 Fri 14th May - Y6 children can wear the hoodies
 Thu 20th May - Takeover Morning
 Tue 25th May - Challenge Day Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors
 Wed 26th May - KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Thu 27th May - KS2 Cinema Night
Week beg. 31st May - Half term
 2 weeks from week beg. 7th June - Y4 Times Table Check
Week beg. 14th Jun - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Week beg. 14th Jun - Nursery 'Come & play' week
 Weeks beg. 7th, 21st & 28th June - UKS2 Intensive Swims 9.30-10.30am
 Sun 20th Jun - Father's Day
 Wed 23rd Jun - Sports Day
 Tue 29th Jun - Governor Challenge Day
 Week beg. 6th July - Party nights; YR Mon; Y1 Tue; Y2 Wed; LKS2 Thu & UKS2 Fri
 Thu 8th & Fri 9th July - Meet new classes mornings
 Mon 12th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
 Tue 13th July - Governor Main Meeting
 Wed 14th July - Graduation
 Thu 15th - FUN day
 Fri 18th Jul - Beckstone's Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or afternoon Nurseries

