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Dear Parents,

I hope and trust your child(ren) have settled back into school routines well or for new starters are adjusting to life at school, something that will be part of their life for many years to come.

In the middle of the month, you will have the opportunity to hear from your child's teacher's side how well your child has settled. These will take the form of 'Come & Play' sessions for Early Years children and meet the teacher evenings for main school children. For the latter, please make sure you make and attend your appointment, more details in the newsletter.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep every single family up to speed as to what is happening in school and what the current issues are at school level, locally and nationally. If there is ever anything you want covered please contact me and I will endeavour to put an article about it in the next newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely half term when it comes and enjoy Halloween. Please ensure your children are looked after and safe if 'Trick or Treating' at the end of the half term holiday.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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Harvest

On Monday 12th October KS1 classes will be performing Harvest Songs for the school pupils in the morning and then will be in Church from 2pm celebrating Harvest with families. Parents are welcome to attend and children can be taken home afterwards if wished. We are supporting the local foodbank for Harvest this year and would welcome any donations of non-perishable food on the morning of the 12th of October. Please see Foodbank article and poster below/alongside.

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.



**HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
WITH A FOOD HARVEST COLLECTION**

PLEASE HELP
Our school appeal this year is called
SHARING Together
Nothing makes a community stronger when we look out for one another.
Please help by donating any of the food items listed.



HARVEST SHOPPING LIST

Milk UHT full fat
Fruit Juice UHT 1 litre
Tinned Meat
Dried Pasta (500g)
Dried Rice (500g)
Sponge Pudding
Tinned Tuna
Tinned Fruit
Jam
Tinned Veg
Tinned pasta e.g. Ravioli
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Custard
Tinned Rice Pudding
Baked Beans
Cereals (300 to 500g)
Instant Mash (single packets)

North Lakes Foodbank, Lorton Street Methodist Church, Lorton Street, Cockermouth CA13 9RH.
For more information contact Stuart Christian
email: stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk Tel: 07733338352
Charity Number: 1067541
Need help with food? Go to www.thefoodbank.org.uk/get-help



Halloween

The last Friday of this half term (23rd October) will be a Halloween, spooky themed day (Halloween itself is on the last Saturday of half term) and your child is invited to come to school in costume and everyone who comes in a costume will be able to parade for the school.

(Costumes can be sourced at competitive prices from supermarkets nearer the time e.g. £4.99 at Aldi).
There will be a Halloween themed lunch and parties with refreshments for all year groups.

In addition, there is a Halloween Children's Raffle (£2) which will be on ParentPay and drawn on the assembly on the last day.

There will also be an Afternoon Nursery Halloween dance for parents and a date and time will be sent out via Tapestry.

FAB are funding many of the festivities but a £1 donation towards costs would be most welcome and this can be paid through ParentPay as well

HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA
PARENTPAY - £2

1ST PRIZE



2ND PRIZE



DRAWN FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER





Transition

This is the time of year when many families need to make decisions about the future schooling of their children. The information below will hopefully help those of you that need to take actions in the coming weeks.

The key documents to all transitions can be found in the admissions area of our website. The screen grabs below are all from the page that can be found at:

SCAN ME



https://beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/statutory_info/admissions/index.html



Nursery

Forms are available from the School Office or by clicking on this lozenge on the Admissions page shown below. The school deals with Nursery admissions, the other transitions have to go through the County Council.

Downloadable application form for a Nursery place to be handed in when completed.

Nursery Application Form

Reception

The start of the autumn term sees the beginning of the process for admission to the Reception Year in September 2027.

The closing date for applications is the 15th of January 2027. You need to apply even if your child is already in Beckstone Nursery, this sometimes catches parents out so please note this.

All the information you need is a click away on the admissions page:

Reception Admissions September 2027



Applying for Reception - Letter to Parents

Starting School in Cumberland Parental Booklet

Leaflet - Reception Admissions

Citizen Portal Link

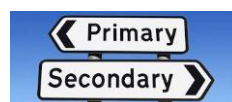
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Starting School
Children born between
1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023
can start school in **September 2027**

You can apply online at: www.cumberland.gov.uk
or contact: 01228 221582
or email school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk

Parents/carers are responsible for applying for a school place by **15 January 2027**

Secondary



Please can all Y6 parents note that the deadline for secondary applications is **31st October**.

You must submit your application by 31 October 2026. If your form is late, it may seriously affect your chances of being allocated a place at one of your preferred schools.

Secondary Admissions September 2027



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Y1 –Y6 Meet the Teacher – Wellbeing & Progress Update



**Tuesday 13th &
Wednesday 14th October
2026**

Please make a note of the dates for the 'Meet the Teacher Wellbeing & Progress' update meetings at school. These appointments will allow you to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and how they are progressing towards their projected end of year outcomes at this stage of the year.

Also within this time there will hopefully be an opportunity to try some small tasters of the new school meals and discuss them with canteen staff. Our aim is to get as many children back on to school meals as possible as they fully comply with Government nutritional advice.

Please Note: There is one time slot per child so where there is split parenting there needs to be agreement on attending together.

Details on how to book appointments was sent home earlier this week and it is via **your Arbor App**. There were details on how to reserve your time slot sent, it is not complicated!



It is very important all children have an appointment with a parent as all educational research shows children do much better when home and school work together.

You will receive a report that looks like this:

Autumn Term Progress Update			
Class:	Name:	SEND Status:	Attendance:
Well - Being & Learning Behaviour	☐ Happy	☐ Attentive	☐ Reserved
	☐ Settled	☐ Focused	☐ Uncertain
	☐ Diligent	☐ Calm	☐ Distracted
	☐ Unsettled	☐ Inattentive	☐ Disruptive
Attainment & Progress:		Areas for Improvement:	
Maths	☒ Currently exceeding expected standard.	☐ Place Value	
	☐ Currently meeting expected standard.	☐ Addition	
	☐ Currently working towards expected standard.	☐ Subtraction	
	☐ On track to meet personal targets.	☐ Multiplication	
Writing	☐ Currently exceeding expected standard.	☐ Division	
	☐ Currently meeting expected standard.	☐ Presentation / Formation	
	☐ Currently working towards expected standard.	☐ Reasoning	
	☐ On track to meet personal targets.	☐ Problem Solving	
Reading	☐ Currently exceeding expected standard.	☐ Handwriting	
	☐ Currently meeting expected standard.	☐ Spelling	
	☐ Currently working towards expected standard.	☐ Punctuation	
	☐ On track to meet personal targets.	☐ Coherence	
		☐ Grammar	
		☐ Vocabulary	
		☐ Homework	
		☐ Fluency and Pace	
		☐ Segmenting	
		☐ Blending	
		☐ Comprehension	
		☐ Inference	
		☐ Deduction	
		☐ Home Reading	

There will be a creche on both nights so your child can have time with you without any siblings, if they have any, listening in.



Early Years' Come & Play Sessions

Nursery & Reception will have their 'Come & Play' sessions in the week beginning the 12th October. This will give Early Years' parents the opportunity to see their child in their learning environment and talk to their teacher.

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Financial Literacy to Support Pupils

FutureJam & The Cumberland are offering a training session for parents of UKS2. The session will guide parents on how to make their children financially aware, astute and budget their money. The session is at 2.10pm on Wednesday 14th October and a booking link was sent out on Seesaw on Tuesday. The deadline for booking is the 8th October. The session will have a presentation and refreshments!

Remembrance Day



Like last year we are hoping to decorate the school hill with poppies and weather permitting have the whole school out on the hill for the silence at

11am on Wednesday 11th November. Parents are welcome



to join with us on the steps of the road hill or at the bottom of Eadie Street.



Poppies and other items will go on sale immediately after half term



Remembrance Parade

The school will also be joining in the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of Sunday 8th of November. The Parade will leave the British Legion at 9.15am and arrive at Church at 10am for a service and then a commemoration at the Cenotaph afterwards. We will soon be looking for



pupil volunteers to represent the school on this historic occasion. Mrs Beecroft, Ms McKeating and Mrs McAdam have all kindly volunteered to lead the Parade.

Information will go out soon to book your child a place on the Parade and to represent Beckstone Primary.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



This took place on Friday 25th September. The event raised over an amazing £1,053 which has all been donated to this worthwhile charity. Thank you to all who supported it and a BIG thank you to Mrs Chambers for organising the event and to all the Year 6 helpers as well as all who donated cakes and raffle/tombola prizes.





Governors' Board

Chair of Governors Blog

The first month of the new academic year is almost complete and Octobers' half term is quickly approaching. Days are drawing in and bonfire night is just around the corner. Where is time going?!

Octobers blog is always a difficult one to write, so I'll keep it short 😊

From the few times I've managed to visit school in the last month it is apparent that the children are settling back into schooling after the summer holidays. It's always good to see new friendships being forged while your children settle into their new classes with new teachers.

The Governing body at the school doesn't always know what challenges are going to be laid before it during the year, however, we always strive to find a balance that supports the school, the staff, the pupils and their families. It goes without saying that we will continue to do the same this year.

Thank you all for your continued support of Beckstone Primary School

Simon

Mr Simon Turk,
Chair of Governors



Governor



Gallery

						
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From: N/A To: N/A David Warbrick Headteacher	From: 12.07.25 To: 12.07.28 Hayley Wells Staff	From: 10.06.25 To: 10.06.29 Mrs Needham Co-opted	From: N/A To: N/A Claire Tuck Clerk	From: N/A To: N/A Philippa Vaughan Staffing & Finance Associate	Vacancy Co-opted	From: 26.11.24 To: 26.11.28 Fiona Grierson Parent



Gurning

Classes took part in a 'Gurning' (face pulling) contest in the week beginning the 14th of September culminating in 'Gurn Off' finals on Thursday 17th September. All the children pulled amazing faces and made everyone laugh, congratulations to them all. The Gurning competition is an ancient local competition with the world championships held in Egremont at the 'Crab Fair' in September. Our Early Years & KS1 winner was Aria from Nursery Giraffes, pictured below.



Our KS2 winner was Lincoln from 6JM.



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ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

Arbor App

It is so important that parents do the following with their Arbor app



- Check the app regularly &
- Turn notifications on.

**Please can all ensure they are accessing
the Arbor App.**

You are able to check the details we have stored for you and your child on the Arbor App. Please check they are correct and let the school office know immediately if they are not. This is particularly important if you have changed your phone number or wish to change the emergency contacts for your child.

You will need to use the App to book your parents evening appointments. There will be instructions on what to do and if you have any problems at all please contact the School office.



Beckstone Babies Club

The new 'Beckstone Babies' has had a great start with many attending. The club is a new parent/carer toddler group for families with children from birth to three years old. The group aims to provide a welcoming space for families to connect, play and learn together while supporting children's early development and familiarising them with the school environment.

Beckstone Babies will be planned for using development matters birth to three guidance and will include a range of age-appropriate activities, including sensory play, tuff trays, stories, songs, messy play and opportunities for social interaction.

- The club runs from **1.45 to 2.45 every Monday.**
- Venue: School Hall
- Cost: £3.50 per family

What families can expect:

- Story of the week
- Song of the week
- Themed tuff tray activities
- Sensory and messy play opportunities
- Free-flow play
- Refreshments and parent/carer social time
- Activities linked to children's development and school readiness

The programme covers:

- All About Me
- Exploring Through the Senses

- Autumn Explorers
- Little Readers
- Halloween Celebration

Please let families with pre-school children know about this club.

Bright Stars Club

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The Bright Stars Club is a school fund raising enterprise run by the children. They have organised the following events for this term, they can all be booked via ParentPay...you will be texted when the bookings become available.

Halloween sweet cones - To go on sale on ParentPay from Monday 12th October to Wednesday 21st October – the cost is £2 for this spooky sweet treat.



Pumpkin decorating workshop - Wednesday 21st October (3:15-4:00pm in 5RM classroom). The cost for this is £4, this included a drink and a biscuit too and is for KS2 children

Festive bag decorating workshop - Wednesday 25th November. There are fabric bags and fabric pens for bag decorating where children can design and create their own fabric bags - this is for KS2 children, as it will require a bit of patience and persevering! (£5 per child, will include a drink and a biscuit) - limited to 20 spaces.



Cracker workshop - Wednesday 2nd December 3:15-4:00pm (£4 per child) again this includes a drink and a biscuit. Further details

will go out nearer the time.





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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.

It is of the utmost importance to your child's education that they attend school consistently as learning is planned in a progressive way and one day follows on from the next in each subject. Of course, there will be times when a child is too poorly to come to school and this can't be helped but this should be a rarity.



Attendance and the Law

The Government's policy on attendance is much stricter now. Families who have children with 5 days or more on holiday in a year will face a fixed penalty notice. Action will be taken by the County not the school and they now have access to your child's attendance data. **Action is particularly harsh against term time holidays – please be aware of this.**



The Headteacher is not allowed to authorise absence and indeed any holiday absences in term time will be counted as 'unauthorised' (which equates to a truancy mark) and may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine.



Parents need to fill in a leave of absence form if their child is going to be missing from school (this is of vital importance as the school immediately chases up any unknown absences on the day itself and if the child's whereabouts is not known then staff are called out and the Police are notified – this is school policy). Parents can apply for 'exceptional circumstances' on this form if they so wish. It is imperative that school knows where your child is for safeguarding reasons.



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!

May 2027 – KS1 Optional SATs Month

Week beg. 10th May 2027 – KS2 SATs

2 weeks from week beg. 7th June 2027 – Y4 Times Table Check

Week beg. 14th June 2027 – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations took place Tuesday 22nd September for all years and for most of the pupils from Reception upwards. We were very proud of how brave they were and the Nurses were impressed too. Hopefully this will protect your children from the winter flu viruses that otherwise could affect their attendance at school.

Vaccination against flu not only protects your child but also all family members from transmission and particularly elderly relatives. We understand there is a misleading belief that it is harmful but the nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and has a strong safety record after being given to millions of children worldwide.

If your child missed the vaccination or consent was not given you can get your child vaccinated at a Pharmacy. **Harrington Pharmacy offers this service and is very handy for school.**

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



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 is on Monday 12th October from 11am to 3pm at Energus.

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life.

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

Non-Uniform Days



The first non-uniform day of the year is on Friday 9th October, donations of £1 would be most welcome to support the school.

There will then be a FREE non uniform day on the 23rd of October for Halloween where costumes are welcome but not compulsory.

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 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:



Food & Drink



We will be visited by our MP, Josh McAllister at lunchtime tomorrow to review our healthy food policy and talk to the children about their lunches and packed lunches

- **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:
In simple terms **the following are not allowed:**
Crisps ; Peanuts or products containing peanut s including Nutella; Chocolate (in any form); Sweets; Cake & Fizzy drinks

In addition hot food cannot be sent in as there are risks associated with burning, scolding and the potential of food poisoning plus the practical issues of leaking, spillages etc



- **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 (Autumn 2) for those that want it is **£15** and needs to be paid by **Friday 6th November 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 6th November 2026**.



- Fruit is **£15.00** for next half term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 6th November 2026**. This is for playtime snacks.

Peanut Free School

We have a child with a severe nut allergy and as a consequence ask families to ensure children do not bring peanuts or peanut butter to school in any form, products that 'may contain nuts' are ok.

Nursery Intakes

If you know of any children with birth dates between the times shown on the flyer on page 3 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 (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



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

Unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.

5-19 Emotional Health and Resilience Service

Ring or email to book a consultation
0300 304 9029
hdft.spoc0-19cumberland@nhs.net

Anxiety

Building Emotional Resilience

Self Esteem

As a service we are visible, accessible, and confidential and work to build resilience among children and young people.

We can provide you with the tools to cope in challenging and difficult times, to reduce the risk of poor mental health.

Worry

Low Mood

Anger

Please note that we offer a tier 1 brief intervention around emotional health.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis please contact NHS 111 option 2

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Your journey starts with us listening to your voice leading to an assessment of your needs and agreed goals.

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 ******

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

Please note after school learning/sport clubs cost £20.00 per half term.

Cinema Nights



These take place each term. The ones planned for this half term take this month (see dates on the back page).



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



The film being shown for both nights is Tim Burton's 'Nightmare before Christmas' which is a perennial favourite linking Halloween in to the Christmas season.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Bench was full within a couple of weeks of starting term!! All clothing items containing a child's name were returned to the child...**it is so important you write in their clothes and coats!**



Revisewise



REVISE WISE CLUBS

The Revisewise clubs are now on a Wednesday or a Thursday morning from 8.15am until the start of the school day and are now for **ALL UKS2 Pupils**. Children who can attend one or both.



Virtual Clinics for children aged 5-11 Years



Emotional Health & Resilience Clinic

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School Nurse Clinic

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



We're here to help with any concerns about your child's sleep, toileting, diet, or development—supporting them to grow feeling comfortable, confident, and happy



Strive for Five

Finally, 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' draw. Each year group winner will receive a book and chocolate for the parent(s) who have supported at home. Please use this as an incentive to read regularly with your child 😊



Times Tables



The Mathematics National Curriculum for England expectations for children to learn their times tables is shown below. Please can all parents help support their child(ren) in learning their times tables. **This would be a great daily half term activity.** This can be by learning them by heart and using the grid below to quiz each other, watch musical YouTube videos to help learn or use Times Tables Rockstars or other times table testing quizzes that can be found easily on the internet. All children will be tested on their knowledge in year 4 and need constant recall thereafter.

Tapestry/Seesaw



The importance of all families having access to Seesaw and Tapestry cannot be understated. The platforms are used or homework, to track your child's learning journey. Share photos and it is also a conduit for sending messages to parents. If you do not have access, please make sure your child's teacher knows immediately. Details of parents' evenings and indeed reports are posted to these sites so access is essential!

Facebook & Instagram

The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



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



Instagram



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

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



Multiplication Tables

1 times table

1x1= 1
2x1= 2
3x1= 3
4x1= 4
5x1= 5
6x1= 6
7x1= 7
8x1= 8
9x1= 9
10x1=10
11x1=11
12x1=12

2 times table

1x2= 2
2x2= 4
3x2= 6
4x2= 8
5x2=10
6x2=12
7x2=14
8x2=16
9x2=18
10x2=20
11x2=22
12x2=24

3 times table

1x3= 3
2x3= 6
3x3= 9
4x3=12
5x3=15
6x3=18
7x3=21
8x3=24
9x3=27
10x3=30
11x3=33
12x3=36

4 times table

1x4= 4
2x4= 8
3x4=12
4x4=16
5x4=20
6x4=24
7x4=28
8x4=32
9x4=36
10x4=40
11x4=44
12x4=48

5 times table

1x5= 5
2x5=10
3x5=15
4x5=20
5x5=25
6x5=30
7x5=35
8x5=40
9x5=45
10x5=50
11x5=55
12x5=60

6 times table

1x6= 6
2x6=12
3x6=18
4x6=24
5x6=30
6x6=36
7x6=42
8x6=48
9x6=54
10x6=60
11x6=66
12x6=72

7 times table

1x7= 7
2x7=14
3x7=21
4x7=28
5x7=35
6x7=42
7x7=49
8x7=56
9x7=63
10x7=70
11x7=77
12x7=84

8 times tables

1x8= 8
2x8=16
3x8=24
4x8=32
5x8=40
6x8=48
7x8=56
8x8=64
9x8=72
10x8=80
11x8=88
12x8=96

9 times tables

1x9= 9
2x9= 18
3x9= 27
4x9= 36
5x9= 45
6x9= 54
7x9= 63
8x9= 72
9x9= 81
10x9= 90
11x9= 99
12x9=108

10 times tables

1x10= 10
2x10= 20
3x10= 30
4x10= 40
5x10= 50
6x10= 60
7x10= 70
8x10= 80
9x10= 90
10x10=100
11x10=110
12x10=120

11 times tables

1x11= 11
2x11= 22
3x11= 33
4x11= 44
5x11= 55
6x11= 66
7x11= 77
8x11= 88
9x11= 99
10x11=110
11x11=121
12x11=132

12 times tables

1x12= 12
2x12= 24
3x12= 36
4x12= 48
5x12= 60
6x12= 72
7x12= 84
8x12= 96
9x12=108
10x12=120
11x12=132
12x12=144

Early Years Open Morning

We have an Open Morning on Saturday 17th October. It is a great opportunity for existing parents and particularly prospective parents to see what is on offer in our Early Years Department. There will be opportunities for children to explore many activities and parents to talk to staff.



Sport in the Community

Street Cricket Club

Cumbria Cricket, through the Chance to Shine Street programme, is running a weekly Street Cricket Club at:

- 📍 Moorclose Community Centre, Workington
- 📅 Every Thursday (starting 15th October)
- 🕒 5:00pm–6:00pm
- 👶👦 Ages 8–15
- 💰 Completely FREE

The sessions are designed to show that cricket is a game for everyone, providing children with the opportunity to get involved in a fun, informal and welcoming environment.

There is no cost to attend, thanks to funding from Chance to Shine and the UK Government.

Half Term Sports Camp

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
(JUNIOR & SENIOR & LAMINGTON)

A colorful poster for 'October Half Term Activities' at St Joseph's Catholic High School. The poster features a large orange and red background with a soccer ball icon. The text 'October HALF TERM ACTIVITIES' is prominent, followed by '26TH - 29TH OCT 2026' and 'HARRINGTON ROAD, WORKINGTON'. It specifies 'FOR AGES 4-16'. Below this, there are three circular icons representing 'DODGEBALL', 'SPORTS', and 'ARTS & CRAFTS'. A section titled 'A fab 4 days of creativity activity, friendship and fun!!' mentions wraparound care from 09.00 to 10.00am and 2.00-3.00pm at a cost of £4.00 per hour. A 'Dates' section lists: MON 26TH - RACKETS & BATS, TUES 27TH - TEAM GAMES, TUES 27TH - HALLOWEEN ARTS & CRAFTS, WED 28TH - MULTI SKILLS, and THURS 29TH - DODGEBALL. At the bottom, it states the cost: 'Cost: 10am to 2.00pm is £14.00 for children attending qualifying schools* (£17 if not) see form for details'. Contact information includes 'To book a place Call: 07508063430' and 'email: david.wise@sjchs.uk'.



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.

Class Assemblies

The dates for these are on the back page of the newsletter. Please note that Mr Fleming's class assembly has now moved from this term to Friday 19th March.



No Mobile Phones in School – A REMINDER

Phones (& smart watches) are NOT allowed in school (turned off and in a bag is also a breach of policy) and any found (schools have the right to search for them if they so wish) will mean the pupil has seriously breached the behaviour policy with strict sanctions. If there is an exceptional reason for a child having a phone then a form needs completed and if the reason is deemed 'exceptional' in line with guidance a phone can be deposited in the Office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. This would be a very rare thing.

Many people assume a child having a phone is keeping them safe however carrying/using a phone by an unaccompanied child makes them a target for thieves. Mobile phone theft, particularly "snatch thefts" from children, has more than doubled in parts of the UK, with 78,000 incidents reported as thieves target young people for high-value devices. Children are often targeted for being distracted, making devices easy to grab and these crimes are close to schools in the main.

Reception Photos



The 2 Reception classes have had their photos taken for a 'New Starter' supplement in the News and Star. This goes out on the 23rd of October and hopefully you will receive a flyer from the paper reminding you about it if you are a Reception child parent.

The photos are at the top of the next column.



RHW – Mrs Well's Class



RJT - Mrs Trotter's Class

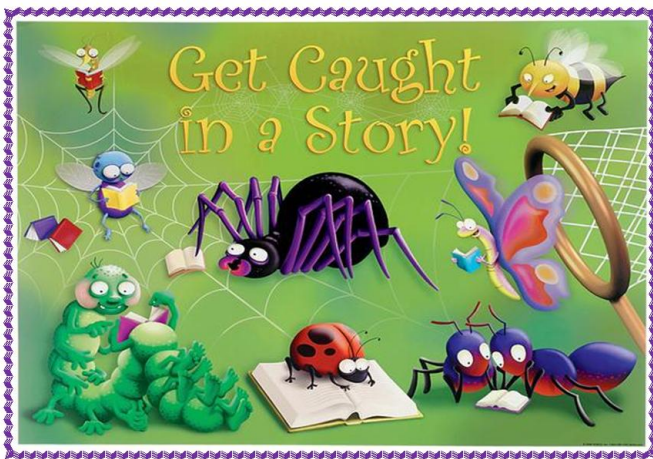


Sessions start 6pm on Monday 5th October at Workington Academy sports hall with 'Cricket Chris'.



All at school would like to wish you a wonderful half term when it comes and a ...





Term Dates until Summer 2029

	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	Autumn 2027	Spring 2028	Summer 2028	Autumn 2028	Spring 2029	Summer 2029
Start of Term	Thursday 3 rd September	Monday 4 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 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 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

October

Fri 2nd – Josh McAllister M.P. visiting at lunchtime.
 Wed 7th – UKS2 Science Show at Lakes College
 Fri 9th – Non-Uniform Day
 Week beg. 12th – Nursery Come & Play sessions; Giraffes on Mon; Elephants on Tue & Monkeys on Wed
 Mon 12th – John Crouch, chef, visiting Y5 to make gingerbread buildings.
 - Harvest at School & KS1 at Church at 2pm
 - Halloween sweet cones go on sale
 Tue 13th – UKS2 Benchball 9.30-12 at St Joseph's
 - NSPCC workshops- 2 KS1 classes & Y5
 Tue 13th & Wed 14th – Parents' Evenings & Reception Come & Play sessions
 Wed 14th – Financial literacy lessons for UKS2
 - KS2 parent workshop on teaching finance to children 2.10 – 3.00pm
 Thu 15th – UKS2 Lantern Workshop Part 2
 - NSPCC workshops- 2 KS1 classes & Y5
 Fri 16th – KS2 Cinema Night
 Tue 20th – Food Development Officer visiting
 - Governors' AGM 4.00pm & Workington Governor Training 6-7pm
 Wed 21st – KS2 Pumpkin decorating workshop
 - R & KS1 Cinema Night
 Fri 23rd – Halloween Themed Day

Week beg. 26th Oct – Half term

November

Mon 2nd – Poppies on sale
 Sun 8th – Remembrance Parade
 Mon 9th – Y5 attending a STEM event at Lakes College
 Tue 10th – LKS2 Benchball 9.30-12 at St Joseph's
 Wed 11th – Remembrance Silence 11am
 Thu 12th – Poetry by Heart Showcase
 Fri 13th – Children in Need FREE non uniform day
 Fri 20th – Chocolate Non Uniform Day
 Tues 24th – Governor Challenge Day, Finance & Main Meeting
 Wed 25th – KS2 Festive bag Decorating Event
 Fri 27th – Y6 attending a 'Victorian Christmas' at the Helena Thompson Museum

December

Tue 1st – Nursery Nativity for Parents 9.30am
 - KS2 Boccia Tournament 9.30am – 12pm
 Wed 2nd – Nursery Nativity for Parents 2.15am
 - Cracker workshop
 Thu 3rd – Christmas Bingo Night
 Mon 7th – NISCU Puppets visiting – 'A Very Merry YouTube'
 Tue 8th – Reception Nativity for Parents 9.30am
 Wed 9th – Reception Nativity for Parents 2.15am
 - KS1 singing at The Galloping Horse
 Thu 10th – Christmas Dinner Day
 - EY trip to Rosehill
 Fri 11th – YR Christmas Party Night
 Week beg. 15th Dec – Party Nights; Y1- Mon; Y2 – Tue; LKS2 -Wed; UKS2 – Thu
 Tue 15th – LKS2 Carol Service 2pm
 Wed 16th – UKS2 Carol Service 2pm
 Thu 17th – Christmas Party Day
 Fri 18th – Carols in the Square 10.30am
 - No Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery, Break up for Christmas

Diary Dates



Dates for 2027

Mon 4th Jan – Children start back
 Tue 12th Jan – KS1 Dodgeball Competition
 Fri 22nd Jan – 3/4LB Class Assembly
 Tue 27th Jan – Young Voices Trip (Y4+)
 Fri 29th Jan – 5RM Class Assembly
 Tue 2nd Feb – Governors' meeting 4.30pm
 Fri 5th Feb – 1/2LJ Class Assembly
 Wed 10th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Thu 11th Feb – KS2 Cinema Night
 Fri 12th Feb – 1/2AF Class Assembly
 Week beg. 15th Feb – Half term
 Tue 23rd Feb – Table Tennis Tournament
 Thu 4th Mar – World Book Day
 Sun 7th Mar – Mother's Day
 Fri 12th Mar – 5CC Class Assembly
 Week beg. 15th Mar – Nursery 'Come & play' week
 Tues 16th & Wed 17th March – Parents' Evenings
 Thu 18th YR Party Night & Fri 19th Mar Y1 Party night
 Fri 19th Mar 3/4SF Class Assembly
 Week beg. 22nd Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week
 - Easter Party Nights Y2- Mon; LKS2 – Tue; UKS2 - Wed
 Tue 23rd Mar – LKS2 Football Tournament
 - Governors' Meeting & Challenge Day
 Thu 25th Mar – 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
 Wed 21st Apr – Class Photo Day
 Fri 23rd Apr – 1/2DT Class Assembly
 Tue 27th Apr – KS1 'Rainbow' Kicky Rounders
 Fri 30th Apr – 1/2TM Class Assembly
 Tues 4th May – LKS2 Rounders Competition
 Week beg. 10th May – KS2 SATs
 Fri 14th May – Y6 children can wear the hoodies
 Tue 18th May – KS1 Football Competition
 Wed 19th May – School Sports Day
 Fri 21st May – Takeover Morning
 Tue 25th May – LKS2 Tag Rugby Competition
 - 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
 Tue 8th Jun – Reception Multi Skills Tournament
 Week beg. 14th Jun – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Week beg. 14th Jun – Nursery 'Come & play' week
 Tue 15th – UKS2 Football Competition
 Weeks beg. 7th, 21st & 28th June – UKS2 Intensive Swims 9.30-10.30am
 Sun 20th Jun – Father's Day
 Tue 22nd Jun – UKS2 Tag Rugby
 Wed 23rd Jun – Workington Football Tournament
 Tue 29th Jun – UKS2 Tennis Tournament
 - 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 16th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or afternoon Nursery

