

# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays. We hope also that all the pupils are rested and ready for a hardworking and crucial term which features end of year assessments and pupil reports amongst many exciting and engaging activities.

We are already well halfway through April, but it is still a busy month in school with sporting value trophies being awarded in an assembly, the new April Nursery starters starting school following home visits, 3LS parents' Evenings, a Quiz Night and sports vents amongst many other things.

We do hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful and we extend a warm welcome to the parents of the new Nursery children who start next week.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the non-uniform days and the Foodbank collection point. There is further information in this newsletter for those who may wish to contribute in some way.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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### Pupil Numbers in the Town

#### **Y6 Secondary applications**

Due to increased pupil numbers Workington Academy was over-subscribed which meant 19 of our Y6 pupils who wanted to go there were not offered a place. This is pending appeal outcomes. They were offered places at St Joseph's school although a significant number are now going to Cockermouth. The school is doing all it can to lobby on behalf of future years for an extension to the Academy so it can accommodate the pupils in the town. If you feel strongly about this please write or email your local County Councillor, you should be able to find contact details on the internet.

#### **Reception Intake**

As hinted at in the last newsletter we are also over-subscribed with a larger than normal number of applications to Reception (more than we have in Nursery). In order not to have similar disappointments and to ensure all our Nursery children can indeed stay at the school we have applied to the County to accept all the applications and we will need to secure funding to extend some areas in the near future. This has taken a lot of work and financial modelling and we hope that all parents will be relieved and proud we are doing our utmost to support them.

### St Joseph's Information



The Headteacher, Mr Nevitt has visited the school since the Year 7 allocations were made. He said he was happy to deal with any queries from parents and can be contacted at [hello@sjchs.uk](mailto:hello@sjchs.uk). He said he is very much looking forward to meeting you and your child in the very near future.

During the summer holidays there will be a special four-day summer school for the new Year 7 pupils. This is a brilliant opportunity for your child to take part in various fun activities, get to know the school site and get to know their year group. Previous pupil and parent feedback has highlighted how much this has helped with transition and made children feel more confident in September. The school recommend that all new pupils attend all days but understand that this may not be possible. This will take place towards the end of the summer holidays from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th August. The school will be in touch closer to the time to give more details to all the Year 7 starters.

### Nursery Request

To raise awareness of the world of work and to raise aspirations the Nursery would very much like parents/relatives to come in and talk about their interesting jobs to groups of the children. If you feel this is something you could do please contact Miss Horsburgh via the School Office to arrange a time and date. Thanks in advance if you can do this.

### Allotment

We have been very kindly offered an allotment area in front of the Key Stage 1 Yard. This will enable us to extend the play space for our Key Stage 1 children into the future and we are blown away by the land owner's generosity. There will be further information in subsequent newsletters.

### Politeness to Staff

Very disturbingly we are still getting some abrupt responses from parents verbally and on the phone, often regarding unpaid items.



The school has clear behaviour policy that is on our web site. Section 12 applies to parents. Any parent that

disrespects staff will be subject to sanctions from the school which at its extreme will result in a ban from the premises and limited communication with the school to protect staff and their wellbeing.

It is less than 1% of our parent population that can cause upset in their attitude on the phone, in writing or in person. This will NOT be tolerated and action will be taken.

All we ask is that you treat all staff with respect. School staff strive hard to do their best in supporting your child with their personal and academic development. They do this in an ever challenging job. All staff do this with good heart as they find their roles rewarding in supporting children. They should NOT face disrespect in any form from a parent and this will not be tolerated and is grossly unfair when all are committed to provide the best service they possibly can.

We are very pleased that the 99% of you reading this do treat staff with respect and many are often praising the good work staff do.



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## Poetry by Heart

The 'Poetry by Heart' showcase in assembly made everyone who was in the hall very proud. All



winners received a certificate, it is no mean feat to stand in front of a huge audience and recite a poem. The competition was extremely close but the children who were filmed and have been entered into the national competition were:

### Freestyle event:

Olivia from Y6  
Harrie from Y6  
Gracie & Dylan from Y6  
Levi from Y5  
Lilly from Y4  
Classic event:  
Jasmine from Y5  
Marnie from Y4



## Summer Camp



We are intending running a summer camp for the first 2 and last 2 weeks of the Summer Holidays. You will receive a hyperlink to a 'Google Questionnaire' by text this week. Please complete and answer questions on when you would like to use it so we can finalise details our end.

It is hoped the cots will be a very competitive £20 for half a day or a bargain £25 for a whole day.

The camp has themed weeks and has been greatly enjoyed by pupils in the previous years it has a run. To get a flavour of it you can view photos from last year here:

[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil\\_zone/film\\_photo\\_gallery/2022-2023/summer-camp/index.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2022-2023/summer-camp/index.html)



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# Governors' Board

## Chair of Governors Blog

Welcome back,

We hope you've had a nice break over Easter whether you've been relaxing at home, been away on holiday or taking advantage of some of the activities that have been running in the local area, regardless of how interchangeable the weather has been.

The lead up to half term, unfortunately, wasn't all good news.

The school Governors share Mr Warbrick's concerns over the recent announcement of secondary school places and this is something that is high on the agenda for the next time we meet.

As a governing body, we all agree that we must contact Cumberland County Council, to have these concerns recorded, in a hope that others have done / are doing the same.

To date, there seems to have been little consideration for the pressures that are being put on local infrastructure (and the lack of investment) as a result of approving more new housing developments.

We were saddened to learn that our crossing patrol officer had resigned on the grounds of the impact that the behaviour of a minority of road users had on her health. The employment of a crossing patrol took several years to gain approval and as a local resident, I know that there were a lot of people involved in trying to make this happen.

Having stayed in touch with Shelley, I'd like to reiterate that this was absolutely nothing to do with any children or families from Beckstone.

We will continue to engage with the council in search of approval for a more permanent solution.

On a more positive note, there was a good atmosphere in the school on the run up to half term due to the various events that were taking place and this is set to continue with the upcoming quiz night, that has been organised by the PTA for Wednesday 24th April.

These events wouldn't be possible without your participation or investment so, thank you for your continuing support of the school.

The teachers and staff are looking forward to welcoming your children back and we hope everyone is looking forward to the new school term.

On behalf of the Governors, Thank you

Simon Turk



## Governor



## Gallery

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

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### KS1 Multi Skills



1/2AF took part in a multi skills festival. They experienced a variety of sports. It was a non-competitive event but they were praised highly for their sporting prowess and sporting behaviours.

## LKS2 handball



Our Lower Key Stage 2 Handball team won their tournament against other schools in the area. They are pictured above with their trophy.

## Gymnastics



Our Gymnastics team as you may recall won the area competition. The team has now taken part in the County finals against many schools who won from their areas and they came third. They received bronze County medals and we are very proud of them.

**LKS2 Football**



Finally in this sporting update our LKS2 football team took part in a competition in the week before the Easter holidays and they won the tournament.

The school's sporting success continues!

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**Egg Dumping**

All the children took part in an egg dumping competition in the last week of the Spring term in their classes. Each class winner went through to the 'Grand Final' in the assembly on the day we broke up. The finals were



keenly contested and very much enjoyed by all in assembly. Each class champion received an Easter egg and the eventual champion also received a trophy which doubles as an egg cup. The champion, Paige from Year 5, is pictured below with her trophy, winning egg and large chocolate egg.



Alongside the children's egg dumping the staff had their own competition with the final being played out in front of the assembly. The finalists were Mrs Yoxall and Mrs Greenhow.



versus



The winner was Mrs Yoxall pictured below with her prize.



### The Marie Wright Kindness Cup

Tyga from RJW was a deserving winner of the Kindness Cup. He was chosen as he always goes out of his way to support his classmates and check that they are happy and looks after them if they are upset.



### Creativity Cup



Jasmine from Year 5 won the trophy. Jasmine is an amazing artist, a fabulous story writer and an all-round creative thinker. Her amazing workbooks were shared with the school in assembly and all were very impressed with her work.

### Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy



The trophy was awarded to Zac. He was chosen as the sports trophy winner for Y3.

He was chosen as he is quietly confident, always ready to take on any challenge and is a very talented young sportsman. He possesses all of our sporting values: Teamwork, Self-Belief, Passion, Determination, Honesty & Respect.

### Community Champions Cup

The winner for this half term was Holly from Y6. Holly taught herself how to crochet and now gives freely of her time to run a crochet club for fellow pupils. They are creating all sorts of wonderful items.



## Health

Following on from the NHS stall at the recent Parents' Evenings the following are further information flyers on some of the issues that were discussed.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators DEVELOPING HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping – potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

## 1 MINDFUL TECH USE

Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed. These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

## 2 EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES

Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which they add to each evening, for example – or they could use up excess energy by exercising during the day.

## 3 HYDRATION HABITS

Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night: it's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toilet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them back up.

## 4 CONSISTENT BEDTIME SCHEDULE

Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth – to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

## 5 OPTIMAL SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

## 6 RELAXING EVENING ACTIVITIES

Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind – such as reading or gentle stretching – in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.

## 7 PRIORITISING ADEQUATE SLEEP

Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing. It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives: during the exam season for children and young people, for instance.

## 8 NUTRITIONAL BALANCE

Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lean towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable in bed.

## 9 PARENTAL SUPPORT

Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of self-care.

## 10 MILITARY SLEEP METHOD

Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel natural – and the results are often extremely impressive!



# Bedwetting - Online supportive presentation for all Parents & Carers



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm-2.30pm

Is your child still wet at night?  
If yes, don't worry, this is quite normal.  
Many children become dry at night soon after they  
become dry in the day but for others it can be much  
later.



Join the Public Health nurses to get some top tips  
on getting your child dry at night.

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To book an appointment ring

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If you would like more information or be emailed the meeting link please email:  
E-SchoolNurse@nhs.uk

## Subtitles Research



Outcomes of research on learning to read as featured  
recently on BBC Radio stated that if subtitles are on  
when children are watching their programmes can  
help improve reading skills – comprehension and  
speed.

A summary of the research can be found here:

<https://my.chartered.college/research-hub/can-turning-on-the-subtitles-really-improve-the-literacy-levels-of-millions-of-children/>

It may be something worth thinking  
about it!



## Seesaw/Tapestry Notifications

School data is showing that there is a sizeable  
minority of parents who are not accessing



notifications from their  
class teacher. This  
clearly has issues for  
parents as you may miss  
out on details of events/activities etc that affect your  
child. Please can everyone check their settings that  
notifications are turned on. If you need help with this,  
please contact your child's class teacher.

## Y2 SATs

National Tests for Year 2 children  
have been phased out. The Year 1  
Phonics check continues but all  
Years now apart from Year 6 will  
be subject to internal testing, the  
outcomes of which will be  
reported to you in the end of Year report. There are  
some Y2 SAT materials for internal use which schools  
may use and we are going to do this but the results are  
used in exactly the same way as per every other year  
group.



## Y6 SATs Revision

The 'revision' zone for pupils to use on  
the web site is being updated and is  
available to support your children to get  
ready for the end of Year 1 (phonics – this also applies  
to Year 2 children who did not achieve  
the pass mark of 32 out of 40 last time  
and will be sitting it again), Year 4 for  
their times table check and at the end  
of Key Stage 2.



[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/home\\_learning/revision\\_zone/resources/index.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/home_learning/revision_zone/resources/index.html)

To access the area you will need to use the user name:  
**bps** and the  
password; **home** .  
Do have a look and  
encourage your  
children to use it.  
Of particular note  
is the Year 6  
Revision Zone as  
their tests are  
really close now.  
There are a lot of  
resources to help  
them revise.

MAY 2024	
MON MAY 13TH	English Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling papers 1 + 2
TUES MAY 14TH	English Reading
WED MAY 15TH	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Paper 2 (Reasoning)
THUR MAY 16TH	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

**SATs & Anxiety plus  
General Mental Health  
Issues**

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You are receiving this letter as school will be attending a webinar to talk about managing anxiety around SAT's and how Kooth provides resources to provide support.

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people. Funded and endorsed by public health and the NHS, our services remain available 365 days a year, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-



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



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With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people, can receive support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) using non-identifiable information.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device. If you have any questions regarding the service, please contact Kooth directly, simply email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com).

**Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all who attended the recent parents' evenings, there was an amazing turn out which is very re-assuring as research shows children do better at school when school and home collaborate on

supporting the child. We hope and trust you found them informative and useful.

There are still the postponed meetings for 3LS to come. These take place next week on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Film Opportunity**

**Would you like your child to be in a locally made film?**



Local filmmaker Denis Devlin is filming part of his new film in Workington and would like to use local school children in a scene where the Prime Minister visits Workington.

Your child may be asked to be dressed in their school uniform and will be needed to line the entrance and wave a flag as the PM and his family arrive.

Your child will need to attend for the full day and will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian all day.

There will be refreshments will be available on the day.

Filming will take place in, Workington at a venue tba,  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

You can view the trailer for the film here:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtCV9GuLXs0>

If you would like your child to be included, please complete the consent forms here in pdf or Word format and email to [denisdevlinfilms@gmail.com](mailto:denisdevlinfilms@gmail.com)

<https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/info-links/2023-2024/ddf-consent-form.pdf>

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## Assembly

### Class Assembly

The final class assembly of the year is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and is for 3LS, Year 6 will perform their graduation performance for parents in July.



### Bingo Night

The Easter Bingo Night was a huge success and the 120 tickets sold out in record time, apologies to those that wanted to come but only to find the event was sold out. We are running another

night on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and will let you know as soon as tickets become available.

A HUGE thanks go to Mrs Cunningham for working so hard to stage the event and raising £635 for the school's children!

### Quiz Night

We have a Quiz Night next Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm (doors open at 5.30pm). The quiz is aimed at families. There will be a picture round, music round and general questions round for all the family. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a half time stand up Bingo. The prize will be a £50 Asda voucher for the winning team so well worth having a try.



Tickets are available on Parent Pay priced at £3.50 per person including quiz sheets, a drink and a hot dog.

### Living Eggs

The school again incubated eggs this year and the hatchings were streamed live to classrooms. The resultant chicks were ever so cute and went on tour of the school, so all the children had close first hand experience of the chicks. They have now left the school and gone to a local farming family whose children go to the school so we will be kept in touch of their development.

### Lambing Season

The same farming family, the Forsyths, are hoping to bring some lambs in to school soon so the children also get first-



hand close-up experience of lambs. If you think your child may be allergic, please let school know. The visit last year was a huge success.

### Food & Drink

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



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

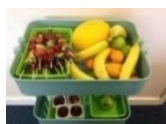


**Milk for NEXT half term costs £7.00 payable by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

**Milk** is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for the first half of the spring term is **£7.00** and

needs to be paid by **Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2024** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.

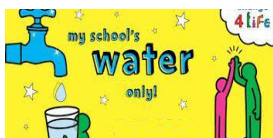
**Snack money** for Nursery and Reception is **£12** for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.



**Fruit** is **£7.00** for the second half of spring term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. This is for playtime snacks. Children in EY & KS1 also get fruit free during the day.

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

### Water



A reminder to all families that **ONLY** water is allowed as a rehydrating drink during the school day. This can be brought in via water bottles. Squash is available at lunchtimes for those that want it then. Please do ensure compliance as any squash/juice being drunk outside lunchtimes will be confiscated.

### School Meal Menu

The menu for this term is on our web site and is reproduced on the next page. The menu is very much based in the children's choices but also complies with



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### Workington Academy Award Winners

Jasmine & Niall received awards for their English work, they are pictured below with an explanation of the work they were involved in.



**Workington Academy**







12 h ·

A round of applause for our fantastic Year 5 English Enrichment Group!

This week, our brilliant Year 5s have been immersed in the world of Shakespearean comedy! They've explored all the hilarious features that make the Bard's plays so enduringly funny, from wordplay and slapstick to mistaken identities and witty one-liners.

But the session wasn't just about learning – it was about putting their newfound knowledge into action! The group even wrote and performed their very own parody of Macbeth, with a healthy dose of comedic twists of course!

We're so proud of their creativity, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout the session. Well done, Year 5 Enrichment Group!

Summer 2024	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 09/09/2024 30/09/2024	<b>Option One</b> Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad Jacket Potato with choice of filling Vegetables of the Day Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Perre Bolognaise Vegan Perre Bolognaise Vegetables of the Day Apple Crumble with Ice Cream	Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetables of the Day Berry Mousse	Chicken Nuggets & Tattie Tots Quorn nuggets with Tattie Tots Vegetables of the Day Iced Vanilla sponge	Fishfingers, chips & beans BBQ Quorn with Chips Vegetables of the Day Vanilla shortbread
	<b>Option Two</b> Pasta Kitchen Tomato Pasta OR Meatballs with Pasta Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce Vegon Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Chocolate Brownie	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy Vegetable Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Medley	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Vegetable Curry with rice Vegetables of the Day Jelly with Mandarins	Fishfingers or salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegon Sausage Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables of the Day Oaty Cookie	
	<b>Option One</b> All-Day Breakfast Quirky Bird Chicken with Potatos Bravos Roast Gammon, New Potatoes & Gravy Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fruit Platter Chocolate Shortbread	Vegon Chert's Special	<b>NEW</b> Picnic day Choice of sandwich, savoury & crisps Chocolate Shortbread	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips Vegetables of the Day Summer Lemon Coke	
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024 16/09/2024 07/10/2024	<b>Option One</b> All-Day Breakfast Jacket Potato with choice of filling Vegetables of the Day Fruit with Ice Cream	Quorn Fillet with Potatos Bravos Vegetables of the Day Syrup Soap Biscuit	Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf with New Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Vegetables of the Day Fruit Platter	Choice of sandwich, savoury & crisps Chocolate Shortbread	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips Vegetables of the Day Summer Lemon Coke
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## Non- Uniform Day



The non-uniform day for this half term is on the last day of this half term, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, as well as non uniform pupils will be encouraged to wear a hat. Donations would be welcome to support Brain Tumour Research in solidarity with one of our pupils. This is a very worthy and meaningful cause.

## Easter Competitions

The standard of bonnets and eggs were amazing this year. The ideas for these creations were ingenious, clever, in many cases humorous and they were enjoyed by all and really brightened up the school.



Winners received recognition and Easter eggs in the final assembly of last term. The job of the judge, our cook Christa, was very hard this year and took ages to decide.



Photos of the bonnets and eggs are in the film and photo gallery of our web site, The eggsellent entries are well worth a look.

[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil\\_zone/film\\_photo\\_gallery/2023-2024/easter-eggs-and-bonnets/index.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2023-2024/easter-eggs-and-bonnets/index.html)

## Holiday Activities

In the run up to the Summer half term holidays we will be adding any



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



A good local example is the Harrington Youth Club's 'Flower Bed Project'...see flyer at the top of the next page.

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AND



Join us FREE for the  
Harrington Youth Club  
Flower Bed Project

10am-3pm

Mon May 27<sup>th</sup>-Fri 31st

Sign-up the kids (Age 6 and up!) to learn about nature, create flower beds, plant fruit, plus activities, games and Pokémon hunting.

(Packed lunch required each day)

Email [jo@theharringtonyouthclub.co.uk](mailto:jo@theharringtonyouthclub.co.uk) for more info

## Attendance

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.



**Planning holidays in term time is to the detriment of your child's education.**

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



Test dates this year are:

KS1 Optional SATs – The month of May 2024

KS2 SATs - Week beg. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

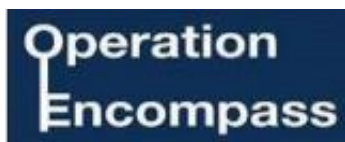
## Safeguarding/Child Protection

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](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) the site also has a parental information zone.

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

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



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



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



### **Domestic Violence**

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

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

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

### **WhatsApp & Ongoing Concerns**

WhatsApp has featured regularly in these newsletters as the minimum age is above Primary age and so technically no child at our school should be using it. Recently Meta dropped the minimum age to 13, still well above our top age of 11.



Now on at least a weekly basis there are items in the news concerning WhatsApp and its detrimental effect on children, particularly their mental health.

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

Of huge concern is the news last Friday that in the North East a number of pupils at Primary schools have been added to malicious WhatsApp groups promoting self-harm, sexual violence and racism. Northumbria Police has issued warnings to thousands of parents. Of equal concern is that 'strangers' setting up these groups then have access to the children's WhatsApp groups and can target them individually.

The news article can be read here:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy0l4z8n1p9o>

It is well worth a read if your children have a WhatsApp account as what happens in the North East can very easily happen here. It makes sobering and very concerning reading.

### **Do you know your child is safe?**

The solution is simple, please, please, please DO NOT let them have a WhatsApp account...check their phone very regularly and discuss dangers with them. Preserve their childhood and their childhood innocence and help them develop into the well balanced and thoughtful adults we all want them to be.

## Messy Mary's at St Mary's Harrington

Messy Church is held on the third Saturday of every month in St Mary's Church Hall from 4pm to 6pm. The next one is on the 18th of May.

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

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



## Y4 & Y5 Bikeability



The Year 4 children had a great training day on their bikes and the instructors were very impressed with them with every child achieving their level 1 certificate and badge, congratulations to them all.

Year 5 children will have their Bikeability sessions in the week beginning Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and information went out last term to book your child.

Children can bring their bikes into school and leave them in front yard – bikes are NOT to be ridden on site due to so many little children in the area. Bikes can be left at school and we will put them inside over the course of the training.

Further information on Bikeability is available for parents via the displayed QR Code.



## Supporting your child with Phonics

### **REMINDER:**



There is FREE training available aimed at parents of children in EYFS and primary school.

Learning to read and enjoying reading is fundamental to children's life chances. Phonics is key to decoding and parental support is a crucial factor in ensuring success in reading progress. The aim of this session is to give parents the confidence to support developing readers and writers, so they make great progress in reading...and love it!

In this free 1 hour session they will explore:

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

Date:

**Friday 26th April 2024 10am – 11am**

**Monday 17th June 2024 7pm – 8pm**



To book follow the link or the QR Code.

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

## Beckstone's Extended Services



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

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





Beckstone Xtra runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm (the cost is £4 per hour)



with an earlier pick-up time of 4.15pm if required. Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm **for anyone who books in advance** at the Office or via [bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk) or simply use the QR code.

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

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

### Carer & Toddler Club

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



### REVISE WISE CLUBS

#### Revisewise

Free revision classes for Year 6 children now take place weekly on **THURSDAY** at 8.15 – 8.45 and again on a Wednesday lunchtime 12.15 – 12.45. Y6 pupils have the choice to attend either club.

**All Year 6 children should be attending one of the sessions.**

These sessions end on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** and begin for Year 5 after half term. Further details will be in the June newsletter.



#### 30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:45 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)

11:45 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

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

Please contact the office for further details.

#### NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:45 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£10.00**

11:45 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£14.00**

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

**£2.20 per day**

Please contact the office for further details.

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



#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Oval Centre from 10am to 2pm, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the same place from 3pm to 7pm or on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 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](http://www.blood.co.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.



## Walk to School Week/Feet First



All children are encouraged to walk to school in the week beginning the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. This is a nationally and County backed week and children taking part will receive bookmarks and stickers to add when they have walked to school. We will text a reminder out about this.

## Nursery Intakes



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

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

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

## Facebook & Instagram



The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



Instagram

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



Facebook

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

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

## Class Photos



Class photos take place on Thursday 2nd May. Our new photographer, Heidi Bea, received positive feedback from the individual photos she took in September so we look forward to her class ones. You will receive proofs if you wish to order.

## Cinema Nights



These take place each half term. The ones planned for this half term take place next month on Monday 20th May (KS2) and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Reception & KS1). The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments. Details of the film(s) being shown will be released with booking details.



## **PARENTAL FEEDBACK**

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

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

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

**admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk**

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



## Circuits



'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be in the final week before a holiday (week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May) in the main and will take place on the day your child has their PE session. As they come to school in PE Kits on those days anyway there is no need for different clothing on these days.



## Foodbank Donations

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

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

## Easy Fund Raising

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

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

Go to

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more) and join for

**Thank you for your support.**

## Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Board games



Reg Charity No 1067541  
**Shopping List**

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

Thank you!

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



**No Low Calorie Foods**

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



## Year 6 Residential



Our Year 6 children are going to Edinburgh for a residential

from Tuesday to Thursday in the week after SATs. We will keep parents informed of their activities and will post photos on our web site as and when we receive them so you can keep in close touch with all that they are doing.

A BIG 'Thank You' in advance to all staff accompanying the trip who are giving freely of their time and staying away from their families for the benefit of the children.



## School Funds

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

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



**Please help if you can by donating to this fund.**



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



Don't forget there is a Bank Holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May and half term is the last full week in May. We hope you really enjoy these days and the weather is kinder to us all than it has been in recent holidays.

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MADE READERS  
ON THE LAPS  
OF THEIR PARENTS.

# Diary Dates



## April

- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> April – Children start back.
- 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Nursery New Starter home visits
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 3LS Parents' Evening
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April – Quiz Night
- Thu 25<sup>th</sup> April – 3LS Parents' Evening
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – Strive for Five Draw
- Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Apr – Y3&4 Rounders tournament



## May

- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Class photos
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- May – KS1 Optional SATs Month
- Week beg. 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 Bikeability Week
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May – 3LS Class Assembly  
– Strive for Five Draw
- Week beg. 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs
- Tue 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 Kicky Rounders – 12.15-2.45 –  
St Joseph's
- Week beg. 20<sup>th</sup> May – Circuits week  
– Walk to School Week
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Cinema Night
- Tue 21<sup>st</sup> – Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> May – UKS2 Residential trip  
to Edinburgh
- Tue 21<sup>st</sup> May – KS1 Football – 12.15-2.45 – St Josephs  
– KS1 Pantathlon  
– Governors & Staffing & Finance meeting
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – KS1 Football – 9.30 – 11.45 -Lakes College  
– R & KS1 Cinema Night
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – Non Uniform Day – Brain Tumour Research  
– Strive for Five Draw  
– KS2 Athletics Event
- Week beg. 27<sup>th</sup> May – Half term



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# Term Dates until Summer 2026

	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Start of Term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
End of Term	May Day – Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>			May Day – Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>			May Day – Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
End of Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

## Dates for rest of the year.

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Athlete Circuit morning
- Thu 6<sup>th</sup> June – NHS visiting Y6 – Teenage Brain presentation
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June – Chocolate non-uniform day
- 2 weeks from week beg. 10<sup>rd</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests
- Week beg. 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
- Week beg 10<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery 'Come & Play' week 2-3pm
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> -& Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June – YR 'Come & Play' 2-3pm
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
– Reception Multi Skills event
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Kinder Cricket – 9.15 – 12 – Workington C.C.
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup> & Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June – Planetarium Visit
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup> June – UKS2 football 12.15-2.45 – St Joseph's
- Thu 20<sup>th</sup> June -Summer BINGO night
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – UKS2 attending 'Shakespeare in the Park'
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> June – LKS2 Sumer Trip to Mabie Farm Park  
– UKS2 Cricket 9.30 -2.45 – Workington C.C.
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June – UKS2 Trip to Beamish
- Thu 27<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Superhero Summer Day  
– Reception Summer Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Summer Trip to Walby Farm Park
- Week beg. 1<sup>st</sup> July – Olympics focused week.
- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Tennis – 12.15-2.45 – St Josephs
- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> July – Workington Academy & St Joseph's induction Day
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Kinder Cricket 9.15 – 12.20 – Workington C.C.
- Week Beg 8<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Party Nights; YR-Mon; KS1-Tue; LKS2-Wed & UKS2-Thu
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July – Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> & Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes mornings.
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Wheelchair Basketball Day
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jul – Swimming Gala Practice Session  
– Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming Gala
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Graduation
- Thu 18<sup>th</sup> – FUN day
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent  
– No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today  
– School Year Ends

