

BECKSTONE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024! I hope and trust you all had a great holiday and Santa was kind to you all and that 2024 will be a wonderful year for all associated with the school.

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

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

Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick

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Harrington Pharmacy



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- ❖ Regular promotions throughout the shop
- ❖ Selection of household, baby and toiletry products. Plus, perfumes and gifts
- ❖ Free repeat medication check-up service

Opening hours

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



Ofsted Inspection

The school finally had its Ofsted inspection after a 6 and a half year wait! We have been thinking they will be coming every week for the last 18 months at least so it is good that they have now been.



At the time of writing we are not able to share the final report or judgement with you but this should be available by the next newsletter.

The inspection was very thorough and your children very much impressed the inspectors with their behaviour, learning attitude and their articulate answers to questions.

The inspectors also commented on the amazing response to their questionnaire, many more responses than they usually get and with overwhelmingly positive responses to all questions. The Governors also received praise for their knowledge of the school and the positive challenge they give to school leaders.

One child described our school as 'one big happy family' which the inspectors appeared to agree with.

Sporting Success

Last term ended with further sporting success.



Indoor Athletics

Our indoor athletics team won the Workington inter school competition. The teams are pictured below with the very small trophy (at that size we can squeeze it into our cabinet 😊)



KS2 Boccia Competition

Our Boccia team took part in a Boccia festival and were awarded 'Outstanding' for their play. We are very proud of them.





Christmas 2023

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



The end of term assembly was a lively event. As well as saying goodbye to Mrs White and to Ms Ferris (as she is now on maternity leave) 2 special helpers helped with the raffle draws. The naughty elf even covered Mr Warbrick in glitter and stars! A big thank you to Mrs Fleet for the loan of

costumes for this event.

There were children and staff raffles and also the main Christmas raffle. The raffle prize winners were;



Main Raffle

£100 cheque – Tommy 6CC
Harvey Nichols Hamper – Sophie-Mae 4KB

Armathaite Hall Afternoon Tea voucher – Jake 1/2DT
Maryport Aquarium family pass – Joseph Nursery
Keswick Museum voucher – Niall 5RM
Lake District Wildlife Park family pass – Jonah 3/4SF
M&S voucher – Emilia 1/2AN
Alhambra Cinema family pass – Jai 1/2DT
Lakes Escape voucher – Wyatt RJWh
The Ritz Cinema tickets – Logan 6JM
Theatre by the Lakes voucher – Logan RJWh
ETL Gym 30 day free trial – Neil
Harvey Nichols Wine – Ella 3/4SF
The Metal Chef voucher – Joseph Nursery
Dixons voucher – Ella 3/4SF
Tesco Hamper – Mrs Byers-Hall
Clip & Climb – Isabelle 5LJ
Hamper/wine – Tommy RJT
Hamper – Jai 1/2DT
Hamper – Mrs Cunningham
Hamper – Miss Braniff
Hamper – Eileen Byrne
Hamper – Wyatt Millar RJWh
Wine – Dotty 3LS
Wine – Max 4KB
Wine – Tommy RJT
Wine – Charlie 1/2AF
Wine – Ella J 3LS

Wine – Evie 6JM
Wine – Emilia 1/2AN
Wine – Oliver 1/2AF
Wine – Ollie 6JM
Wine – Amelia 3/4SF
Advocaat – Charlie 4KB
Drambuie & Chocolate – Felix 3LS
Rum – Ellis Nursery
Gin – Sol 1/2AN
Gin – Ian 5RM
Dairy Milk – Oliver 1/2AN
Chocolate – Sophie-Mae 4KB
Roses – Miss Byers-Hall
Chocolate – Alice 4KB
Dairy Milk – Lorelai 6JM
Ferrero Rocher's – Jensen 6JM
Chemistry Set – Greyson 1/2AF
Candles – Oliver 1/2AF
Chemistry Set – Oliver 1/2AF
Milk Tray – Neil
Candles – Miss Jackson
Bubble Bath – Miss Jackson
Chocolate & Biscuits – Mrs Vaughan
Milk Tray – Maisy 1/2DT

Children's Christmas Raffle

Teddy & Chocolate Basket – Heston 4KB
Chocolate – Wyatt RJWh

Staff Christmas Raffle

Drink Hamper – Mrs Cunningham
Hamper – Miss McAdam
Hamper – Mrs Vaughan

All prize winners have their prizes. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the following businesses who provided prizes, please support them in return if you can:

FAB (PTA) for £100 cheques
BBJ & K Ltd
Armathwaite Hall
The Ritz Cinema, Workington
Alhambra Cinema, Keswick
Lake District Wildlife Park
Lakes Escapes
West Coast Aquarium
Clip and Climb
Theatre by the Lake
Dixons
Tesco
M&S
ETL Gym
The Metal Chef

Santa Visit



Santa visited all the children on Christmas Dinner Day. He arrived and settled into the outdoor classroom where he met every class and gave them a selection box for Christmas. He is pictured below and there are many more photos in the class zones of the web site.



Christmas Performances

There were a number of Christmas performances for families. These were all well attended and very much enjoyed, we have received a lot of positive feedback. The younger children performed nativities at the school and the older ones performed at the Church. They also performed their productions for the rest of the school and we all enjoyed watching them.

Taking Christmas into the Community

LKS2 sang at the local old people homes, The Moving Minds Club and LKS2 performed for the Harrington Over 55's club, a Year 4 class sang for locals at the Galloping Horse, Year 2 performed for the Allerdale Disability Association and the whole school sang with

the Community in Victoria Square on the last morning.

Workington M.P.'s present to all pupils – A Christmas Carol

Mark Jenkinson M.P. visited school on the Friday before it broke up for Christmas. He very kindly gave every pupil an early Christmas present, the gift of Dickens 'A Christmas carol' in versions appropriate to their age. He is pictured with the books below.

Community Champions Cup



The initial winner is Bella from Year 5. She was chosen because she goes the extra mile to try and raise money for their chosen charity. She gives freely of her time to create goods to sell and is an integral member of the



'Bright Stars' club. She always thinks of others and strives to look after everyone and is very kind. A worthy first winner



2024 School Calendar

Calendars for the year ahead are still available to be ordered through ParentPay costing £3...there is an EY, KS1, LKS2.





Governors' Board

New Parent Governor Blog – Zoe Hannah

Welcome back to a new school term as we enter 2024. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break celebrating with family and friends. Although I have been on the governing body for only two months it has been a busy 2 months indeed!

School Crossing Patrol Officer

Following our last AGM in November, we had concerns about vehicles not recognising the School Crossing Patrol Officer on the Main Road at Harrington. We wrote to the council regarding this and spoke to the local PCSO who came to patrol during school runs. The PCSO and a PC conducted several patrols in the area, to identify any cars not obeying traffic laws and to assist in ensuring the safety of children. Hopefully, with these patrols taking place people will continue to follow the patrol officers' signals which will further improve the safety of our children on the way to school.

Ofsted inspection

In December the school had its Ofsted inspection, the inspectors met with the governing body to discuss our roles, responsibilities and the impacts we have made within school. We look forward to the full report getting issued to help us set some development goals as a governing body.

During the meeting we also received some excellent feedback about the children. The inspectors said the children were well behaved and showed pride in their school.

December Festivities

The end of last term seen many great nativities and carol singing events. Which as a parent I was lucky enough to attend a few. The children were all well behaved and put on a great show for not only parents but for some of our local communities. They are a credit to the school.

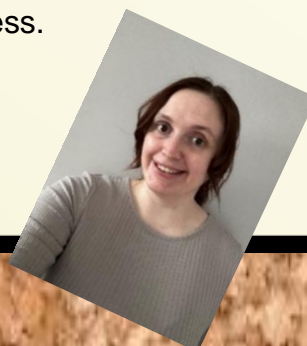
The governors also got an invitation to enjoy Christmas Dinner at school. The staff all worked hard to get meals out to children, tidy up and get ready for different sittings. The children had a great time getting to enjoy crackers, bad jokes and wear party hats with each other. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the kitchen staff who came in extra early to help prepare.

I look forward to developing my role as a parent governor and working with the rest of the governing body to help shape the school.

Thank you to the all the staff, pupils and parents of Beckstone for a great 2023. Here is to 2024 and the school continuing to achieve greatness.

Kindest regards,

Zoe Hannah



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Fab Meeting 8th Jan

The next meeting of the 'Friends at Beckstone' (our Parent Teacher Association) is on **THIS** coming **Monday 8th January at 3.30pm** in the staff room. The meeting will focus on events for families into 2024 and new members are more than welcome. If parents want to attend they can book **FREE** places in Beckstone Xtra for the meeting.



YOUR PTA



Next Meeting : Monday 8th January at 3.30pm
Make a date in your diary!

Workington Academy Super Six Winners

Recent winners of the 'Super Six' awards for excelling in English at Workington Academy went to 2 of our Y6 pupils, Lara and Oliver – well done.



Kitchen Assistant Needed

There is a 10 hour/week Kitchen Assistant vacancy at school. It is from

Monday to Friday 11.45am to 1.45pm and is paid at a rate of £10.42 per hour pro rata. If you are interested please email Christa Lofthouse clofthouse@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk



Non-Uniform Days



The school is actively reducing the number of non-uniform days to support everyone during the cost of living crisis. The school is very short of funds too and would like to do more in developing the outside areas for the children. As a result there will be one non-uniform day this half term on the very last day, Friday 9th February. All money raised will go to this cause but donations will be totally optional and as they will be through ParentPay there will be no knowledge of how much or if anyone donated.

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 session



Site Safety

The gates at the top of the road hill are only closed when there are pedestrians and children

**PLEASE
DO NOT
OPEN
THE GATE**

using the areas. The separation of cars and pedestrians is a very important safety measure. Recently there have been parents opening these gates and driving in or out. This is HIGHLY DANGEROUS. Please do not open the gates. There are staff deployed to open the gates and they do this once these areas are free of people.

In addition please can Nursery parents who are collecting at lunchtime please DO NOT drive up the school hill and collect on foot, this is a health & safety matter (those with health needs please contact the School office)

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Young Voices 2024

The school choir will be travelling to Manchester Arena on Tuesday 6th February to attend the Young Voices 2024 concert. Choirs from



across the North of England will gather for this musical spectacular which is greatly enjoyed by all who take part.

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

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.



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 **THIS Friday, the 5th January 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 5th January.**



Fruit is **£7.00** for the second half of autumn term, again payable on ParentPay by **THIS Friday, 5th January 2024.** This is for playtime snacks.

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

Canteen Inspection

During the Ofsted inspection we also had an environmental health inspection. We are pleased to report our canteen got a 5 star rating 😊

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.



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
- * Tinned or Carton
- * Pasta
- * Biscuits
- * Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- * Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)



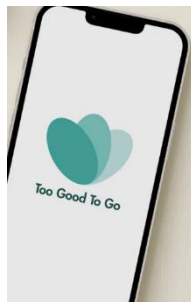
No Low Calorie Foods



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.

Too Good to Go

There is a useful app called 'Too Good to Go'.



It is designed to stop good food going to waste as it approaches sell by dates etc. At a time when the cost of living is putting a squeeze on everyone's finances

this app can really help with food costs. Full details are on their web site which can be visited here or by using the QR code <https://toogoodtogo.co.uk/en-gb/consumer>

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ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

Names in Clothing

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



Coats



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



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Safeguarding Children – A Place of Safety

Running after school clubs and after school care requires robust systems to ensure safety at all times.

Any system however is subject to human error either by an adult who in the highly busy end of the day time forgets to give out a lanyard or a child forgetting a club or a number of other factors. We do try to impress on all the children in assemblies that if they realise something is amiss e.g. a parent is not in the place they said they would be then they MUST come back to school and we will help them from there. The front of the school is ALWAYS open even if the back gates get locked. Please stress this to them if they use clubs/care after school.

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



Safeguarding/Child Protection

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



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



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

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



0333 240 1727

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



0808 800 5000



Operation Encompass

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.

Christmas Technology

We understand some children, as a result of Christmas, now have access to phones/tablets. We strongly urge you to please keep your child away from social media apps. They have a minimum legal age for a reason. These apps can cause upset when being used at such a young age and children can type things out of context and without thinking that can cause upset and also could haunt them in later life as once posted the messages are always there.

Please note: **Social media sites have a legal MINIMUM age for a reason, children's brains are not mature enough to understand texts out of context or share things that are inappropriate.**

We strongly urge you not to let your children use these sites.



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter	17+	18+
TikTok	Kik	Sarahah	MeetMe
YouNow	Yubo	YOLO	LiveMe
House Party	Monkey		

Please protect their childhood and innocence. There is a minimum age for a reason. Please blame the school and if they say "Everyone is on them" then that is certainly not true!

There is a parental guidance video presented by our own Ms Gorman on our web site which is well worth a watch. It is in the 'Parent Info' zone or follow the QR code.



Police Advice for parents and carers on the use of technology.

The advice below is directly from CEOP, the Police's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency. Please use the links to familiarise yourself on the steps you can take to protect your child. Lots of us will continue to rely on technology over the winter break, for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family.

The following articles (they are hyper linked) are from the Police to help parents and carers keep their children safer online:

1. [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)
2. [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)
3. [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)

Nursery Intakes



Children born between **1 January 2021** and **31 March 2010** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2024**.

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**.

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.

Beckstone's Extended Services

Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.50 from 7.30am, £4.00 from 8am) Last entry is at 8.30am but the last time for breakfast food is 8.25am. Educare (our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table below – 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




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.

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 or simply use the QR code.

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

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

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.



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://arco.de/minfec>.

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. Of course there will be times when a child is too poorly to come to school (there is guidance on illness related absence at the top of the page which we hope you will find useful) or they have to isolate (the latter does not count as an absence on their attendance records). However these should be **rare events** as prompt regular attendance will really help your child do well at school.

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. 13th May 2024
- Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 10th June 2024
- Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 3rd June



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 Friday 12th January from 3 to 7pm at the Oval Centre or Tuesday 23rd January at Energus 3 to 7pm.

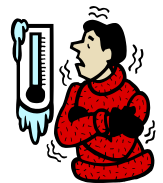
Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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



Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

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



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



Gritting!!!!

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

Scooter Safety

If your child comes to school on their scooter, please provide them with a helmet for their own safety.



Bright Stars Club



Energy Coast UTC
15 Dec 2023 · 🌐

Our Bright Stars challenge with [Beckstone Primary School](#) through the [Centre for Leadership Performance](#) have finished their trading stage, selling sweet cones, hot chocolate cones, bracelets and baubles raising an amazing £283.27!

These funds will be split between the Red Cross and Beckstone Primary to purchase some new resources for the school.

Well done to our Sixth Formers for being involved in this project and supporting the Beckstone students through this process! 🍌🍌



Strive for Five

As a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five' draw which will now precede the singing sessions on a Tuesday. 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.



Cinema Nights



These take place every other half term. The ones planned for this half term take place next month on Wednesday 7th (Reception & KS1) and Thursday 8th February (KS2).

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

Circuits



'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be in the final week before a holiday 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.

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.

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.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.



- After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Beckstone Primary School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations that will enrich your child's experiences at school.

Thank you for your support.

Donations Needed

Nursery would like any unwanted everyday items made out of metal, wood or wicker to reduce the use of plastics.

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

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



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.



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>

3LS Ms Strong will be off work for much of January so we will be sorting out cover until she returns and will do our utmost to ensure continuity of teaching and learning for the children in that class. **Please note the class assembly will be postponed.**



The following events are available for FREE at Workington Library

Regular events at Workington Library

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| <p>Monday
Mindful Mondays
3pm - 4:30pm
Colour yourself to calm. Join us every Monday for the soothing art of colouring.</p> | <p>Tuesday
Hospice Craft Group
1pm - 3pm
A social group for crafts and card making in aid of Hospice at Home West Cumbria</p> |
| <p>Tuesday
Story Tots
10:30am - 11am
Fun interactive session for under 5s and their grown-ups</p> | <p>Tuesday - by appointment only
Carer Support Clinic
If you care for someone who couldn't manage without your support you may be eligible for benefit payments.
To book call: 01900 821976</p> |
| <p>Tuesday - Fortnightly
Loose Ends
11:30am - 1:30pm
Do you have a visual impairment or sight loss? Come along and join the group for social connection and support</p> | <p>Wednesday
Databank Drop-in
10:30am - 12pm
If you're struggling to afford an internet connection or to top up your mobile phone, then the National Databank can help you.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday
Intergenerational Chess Club
4pm - 5:30pm
Come and play chess in a friendly atmosphere. Boards and pieces are provided, and all ages 8+ and abilities welcome</p> | <p>Friday
Piece and Quiet
All Day
Join us for a full day of putting together jigsaws</p> |
| <p>Thursday
English Cafe
10am - 12pm
A friendly environment to practice your English, play games, have a coffee and explore our resources.</p> | <p>Friday
Rhyme Time
11am - 11:30am
Fun interactive session for babies and toddlers</p> |
| <p>Thursday
Board Games
All Day
Join us for some fun and competitive board gaming</p> | <p>Saturday 6 January
Winter Fun & Games
Join us for some Winter Mini Challenge crafts and activities.</p> |
| | <p>Baby Weigh Station
Check the weight of your baby/toddler anytime. Just ask a member of staff for the self-weigh scales.</p> |

Scan this QR code to book on to our current events and see what else is on offer



CHILDREN ARE
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ON THE LAPS
OF THEIR PARENTS.

Diary Dates

Term Dates until Summer 2026

	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Start of Term	Wednesday 3 rd January	Tuesday 16 th April May Day – Mon 1 st	Wednesday 4 th September	Tuesday 7 th January	Tuesday 22 nd April May Day – Mon 5 th	Wednesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 7 th January	Monday 13 th April May Day – Mon 4 th
Half Term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
End of Term	Thursday 28 th March	Friday 19 th July	Friday 20 th December	Friday 4 th April	Friday 18 th July	Tuesday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July

January

Wed 3rd – Children start back

Thu 4th & Fri 5th - January new starter home visits

Fri 5th – Zoobidoo visiting KS1

Mon 8th – Nursery starters 8.45 -10am

Tue 9th – Strive for 5

- Nursery starters 8.45 – 11am

Wed 10th – Nursery starters 8.45 -11.45am

- LKS2 Indoor Athletics 9.20-12.30 – Lakes

Thu 11th – Nursery starters in all session

Fri 12th – 5LJ Class Assembly

Tue 16th – Healthy Eating Presentations

- KS1 Dodgeball, St Josephs, 12.15-2.45
- Tue 23rd – Strive for 5

Tue 30th – Peter Nutsford visiting – talks on Africa

- Governor Challenge Day & Main Governors

February

Fri 2nd – Cross Country Event

- - NSPCC Times table Rockstars Challenge

Week beg. 5th – Circuits week

Tue 6th – KS2 Dodgeball

- Young Voices Trip
- Strive for 5
- - Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

Wed 7th – R&KS1 Cinema Night

Thu 8th – NHS ‘Sleep’ talk to UKS2

- KS2 Cinema Night

Fri 9th – 1/2AF Class Assembly

- Non-Uniform Day to support school outdoor development fund

Week beg. 12th – Half term

Mon 19th - Children start back

Tue 20th Feb – Strive for 5

- UKS2 Table Tennis St Josephs 12.15-2.45

March

Fri 1st– 4KB Class Assembly

Tue 5th - Strive for Five

Wed 6th – KS1 Multi-Skills Festival 9.20-12.30

Thu 7th – World Book Day

- ‘Poetry by Heart’ Showcase
- Fri 8th – National Girls’ Football Day

Sun 10th – Mother’s Day

Tue 12th – Incubating Eggs arrive

Thu 14th – Y6 Athletics Event

Fri 15th – 1/2DT Class Assembly

Week beg. 18th – Nursery ‘Come & Play’ 2-3pm

- Easter Party Nights; YR-Mon; KS1-Tue; LKS2-Wed & UKS2-Thu

- Hatched chicks on tour

Tue 19th – Strive for 5

- Governors meeting

Wed 20th – LKS2 Handball – 9.15-12.30 – Lakes

Fri 22nd – KS1 Parent Easter Crafts

Week beg. 25th – Egg & Bonnet Design Week

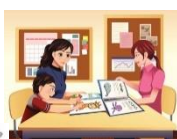
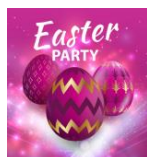
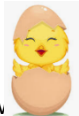
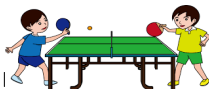
- Circuits week

Tue 26th – LKS2 Football – 12.15 – 2.45 – St Josephs

Tue 26th & Wed 27th – Parents’ Evenings

Thu 28th – Egg Dumping Final

- No Educare
- No Beckstone Xtra
- Break up for Easter



Dates for rest of the year.

Tue 16th April – Children start back

Tue 23rd April – Wheelchair Basketball

Tue 30th Apr – Y3&4 Rounders tournament

Thu 2nd May – Class photos

Mon 6th May – Bank Holiday

May – KS1 Optional SATs Month

Week beg. 13th May – KS2 SATs

Tue 14th May – KS1 Kicky Rounders – 12.15-2.45 – St Joseph’s

Mon 20th May – KS2 Cinema Night

Tue 21st –Thu 23rd May – UKS2 Residential trip to Edinburgh

Tue 21st May – KS1 Football – 12.15-2.45 – St Josephs

- Governors & Staffing & Finance meeting

Wed 22nd – KS1 Football – 9.30 – 11.45 -Lakes

- R & KS1 Cinema Night

Fri 24th May – KS2 Athletics Event

- Early Years Colour Run

Week beg. 27th May – Half term

2 weeks from week beg. 10th June – Y4 Times Table tests

Week beg. 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

Week beg 10th June – Nursery ‘Come & Play’ week 2-3pm

Tue 11th June – Sports Day

- Reception Multi Skills event

Wed 12th -& Thu 13th June – YR ‘Come & Play’ 2-3pm

Sun 16th June – Father’s Day

Mon 17th June – KS1 Kinder Cricket – 9.15 – 12 – Workington C.C.

Tue 18th June – UKS2 football 12.15-2.45 – St Joseph’s

Tue 25th June – LKS2 Sumer Trip to Mabie Farm Park

- UKS2 Cricket 9.30 -2.45 – Workington C.C.

Wed 26th June – UKS2 Trip to Beamish

Thu 27th – Nursery Superhero Summer Day

- Reception Summer Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park

Fri 28th June – KS1 Summer Trip to Walby Farm Park

Week beg. 1st July – Olympics focused week

Tue 2nd July – Tennis – 12.15-2.45 – St Josephs

Thu 4th July – Workington Academy induction Day

Fri 5th July – KS1 Kinder Cricket 9.15 – 12.20 – Workington C.C.

Week Beg 8th July - - Summer Party Nights; YR-Mon; KS1-Tue; LKS2-Wed &

UKS2-Thu

Tues 9th July – Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting

Thu 11th & Fri 12th July – Meet new classes mornings

Mon 15th Jul – Swimming Gala Practice Session

- Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 16th July – Swimming Gala

Wed 17th July - Graduation

Thu 18th – FUN day

Fri 19th Jul – Beckstone’s Got Talent

- No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today
- School Year Ends

