

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope and trust you all had a fabulous half term and you enjoyed family Halloween festivities. With Bonfire Night coming up please follow the advice towards the end of this newsletter to keep your children and pets safe.

Please can all parents note the article on attendance on page 9. There have been major changes in rules with regards to holidays in term times and there are further details to be found there. Please can all note it is not the school that will be fining parents, it is a County/National decision and the money does not come to school.

For me this is the most magical term of the school year. As Christmas begins to appear on the horizon the excitement in the children and in the staff grows. Before the month is out the school will begin to sparkle and glow with Christmas decorations.

November is a very busy month and there are lots of things happening so please read the newsletter carefully. Indeed this half term is jam packed with many enriching and exciting activities. Please check the dates on the back of the newsletter so you don't miss out on anything.

If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact school as we will do our utmost to help.

Best wishes,
 Mr Warbrick

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Remembrance Day



Like last year we are hoping to decorate the school hill with poppies and weather permitting have the whole school out on the hill for the silence at 11am on Monday 11th November. Parents are welcome to join with us on the steps of the road hill or at the bottom of Eadie Street. Alongside is an image from last year:



Remembrance Parade



The school will also be joining in the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of the 10th November. The Parade will leave

the British Legion at 9.30am and arrive at Church at 10am for a service and then a commemoration at the Cenotaph afterwards. We will soon be looking for pupil volunteers to represent the school on this historic occasion. Mrs Beecroft, Ms McKeating and Mrs McAdam have all kindly volunteered to lead the Parade. A photo of last year's silence is at the top of the next column.

Poppies and other items



These go on sale from Monday 4th for the week. Poppies require a minimum donation of 20p. Other items such as pencil sharpeners, zip tags, bracelets and slap wrist rulers are all £1. Year 6 children will go round with them each day next week.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

This took place on the first on the first Friday of October. The event was extremely well attended and benefited from the generous donations of cakes from many of you. The morning resulted in a huge £1,173.20 being raised for Macmillan Nurses. An amazing outcome. Huge thanks go to Mrs Chambers who is the driving force of this event. There are



photos of the event below and also below here and many more can be found at: https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2024-2025/macmillan-coffee-morning/index.html or follow the QR code on the tea cup.



Harvest

Key Stage 1 hosted a Harvest performance for parents on Monday 14th October at the Church. It was a lovely service, very much enjoyed by those who took part as well as those that watched. There is a photo of the event below and more on the web site, follow this link or the QR code.



https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2024-2025/ks1-harvest-service/index.html



Thank you to all who donated Harvest items on the day. These have been sent to the Foodbank to support local families.



Please note we collect for the Foodbank all year round and there is a collection bin in the green shelter in front of school. Donations are welcome at any time of year not just Harvest.



NORTH LAKES foodbank
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Shopping List

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

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

No Low Calorie Foods

Workington November Light Festival

Workington shines bright this winter with a magical light festival for all the family

This winter, Workington is set to dazzle residents and visitors alike with Hall Park Light Works - a spectacular new Cumberland Council Light District event bringing seasonal sparkle to West Cumbria.

Taking place on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December, this enchanting event for all ages will transform the heart of Workington into a glittering wonderland after dark.



Supported by the UK Government and Arts Council England, the event is free to attend - no ticket is required, just turn up. It will run each night from 5.30pm to 8.30pm, the event will be fully accessible.

Asda Cashpot!

Asda's 'Cashpot' for schools scheme as detailed in the last newsletter will continue until the last day of this month. If you haven't done so already you just need to download the Asda app and choose 'cashpot'. You can then nominate our school and a 0.5% of your bill will be donated to school. This does not affect your own personal awards, it is in addition to it. We have already raised the following so a huge thanks to those parents who are already taking part. A HUGE thank you to all who have done so this far, this is our current total 🥰



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<small>Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started. Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.</small>		

Sporting Success



The inter-school sporting season has now started. Our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Workington area Benchball competition which they won! The winning team is pictured at the top of the next column.



We then entered our Netball team into the Workington 'High 5' competition in the week before half term and the team emerged victorious. The school has actually won this tournament every year since the school opened nearly 20 years ago thanks to the superb coaching of Mrs Chambers.



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.



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PE Day Reminder

PE DAYS

Nursery	N/A
Reception	PE Kit to be left in school & will be sent home every half term to be washed
1/2AF	Wednesday & Friday
1/2AN	Wednesday & Friday
1/2DT	Wednesday & Friday
3/4LS	Monday & Tuesday
3/4SF	Monday & Tuesday
3/4LB	Monday & Wednesday
5RM	Monday & Thursday
5LJ	Monday & Thursday
6CC	Monday & Friday
6JM	Monday & Friday

Food & Drink

School meals - £14.50 per week payable on ParentPay – Menu on page 16.

The following need to be paid by **THIS** Friday, again on ParentPay:

- Milk - £11
- Fruit- £11
- Early Years (N & R) snack - £14



Takeover Morning

The Children's Commissioner encourages schools to allow its pupils to 'run' their establishments to give a taster of responsibility and accountability.

These sessions give Y6 children an exciting insight into the working life of adults at the school. On Thursday 28th November the Year 6 children will take over the running of the school for the morning. This will involve children welcoming EY & KS1 children, taking assembly, taking lessons, working in the Office, working in the Canteen etc. Historically it has been a very exciting, stimulating and enjoyable time for our Year 6 children.



Reading with Your Child

We want to promote 'Share a book every day' with children at home with their family and friends.



Sharing books with children is fun, it can be a time for closeness, laughing and talking together and it can also help your child to become a lifelong reader and have a love of books.

There is no right or wrong way of doing it and it is never too early to start reading to your child

Tips for sharing a book

- Try and find somewhere away from noise and television and make sure you are not using your mobile phone
- Make sure you take time to look and talk about the pictures on the pages
- If your baby chews books to start with, it doesn't matter. They will soon enjoy helping you to turn the pages
- The use of sound effects for example animal noises will help to bring the story to life and make you both laugh
- Encourage family members such as siblings to join in and share a book with your child
- For older children, ask some questions when reading together, for example; what can you see on this page? How do you think Goldilocks felt when she saw the bears? What do you think is going to happen next?
- As your child's language develops encourage your child to tell the story. They can read the pictures to you and talk about what's happening on the page
- If you think you are not a brilliant reader it doesn't matter because just hearing and listening to your voice is comforting for your child.

How to read aloud to older children

1. **Keep it fun**
Reading shouldn't be a chore! When children's experiences are pleasant they are more likely to develop a life-long love of reading
2. **Read with energy**
Use lots of energy! Using facial expressions and emotion: different voices for different characters; and varying the tempo and volume that you read with will help to create an immersive storytelling experience your children will love.
3. **Ask questions**
Asking questions as you read can improve understanding and get the child to be an active participant in the reading experience
4. **Explain as you go**
Explaining what is happening on the pages and allowing time to talk about it as you go through the book can deepen your child's understanding and expand their vocabulary
5. **Point out words**
Pointing out words can really help younger children when it comes to learning to read. Scanning from left to right, as well as showing what a letter and a word is, has been shown to help develop advanced reading skills.
6. **Look at the pictures/illustrations in the book**
Talking about the pictures in the book is just as important as reading the words
7. **Get them to read along with you**
This would work especially well with your favourite rhyming books that you have read so many times with them that they can remember parts
8. **Reread the same book**
This is linked to the above point as it will give them the confidence to join in and helps build fluency and a better understanding of rhythm and language
9. **Encourage the child to retell the story to you**
When they are confident with the story see if they can recite parts of it to you or someone else on their own. This will improve their confidence and help develop their memory and speaking skills.

Reader Teacher



A really great web site is 'The Reader Teacher'. This can be a valuable resource in the lead up to Christmas as it

suggests what it thinks are the best high quality reads for children at age appropriate levels.

Simply click on the Year Group and browse all the titles. Clicking on the book cover takes you to

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Amazon to read more about the book and to order it if you wish. **If you do please use Amazon Smile and select our school – see later article.**

The site also has reviews, book listings by author, genre and details of new releases.

The site is well worth a look and can be found at <https://www.thereaderteacher.com> or by following the QR code on the last page.

Writing Hall of Fame

Mrs Turk is the school's new leader for Writing and she wants to encourage the next generation of authors and to stimulate imagination and writing. As a result, each year group is on the lookout for pieces of writing that show great progress, composition or imagination. The impact of this initiative is:

- Every 2 weeks, 1 pupil will be chosen from each year group to have their success in writing celebrated.
- The pupil's work will be displayed on the wall outside of Mr Warbrick's office for all to celebrate.



Coats

All children now need to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes. Please ensure they come to school with a coat and **one that has their name in** – thanks!

School coats which are fully waterproof and have a hood and reflective strips are available online from Border Embroideries.... <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html>



There are also some coats available for free via our uniform exchange. To enquire simply email



uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or use the QR code

Names in Clothing

We are not long into the school year and we already have lots of lost property. Please, please, please put your child's name in their clothing. When this happens their clothing is easily returned.



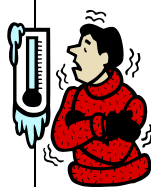
Walk to School

The school is taking part in the national 'Active Travel' walk to school initiative. Children log their travel on an interactive screen in school and receive badge rewards. They will receive monthly badges for walking to school at least once a week. Please support them in this and encourage them to walk.

Each class has a 'Walk to School' Ambassador who will remind them to log their journeys. The badges to collect are shown below:



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
- CFM and 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

Governor



Gallery

Governors' Board

 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



Governors Blog

Dear Parents / Guardians,

In this month's blog we feel it is important to briefly explain the 'role of a school governor' and the aspects the team are responsible for.

We as governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of a school. We focus on strategy, policy, budgeting, and staffing, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to children at Beckstone School.

Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing board meetings which consider issues such as setting the school vision, mitigating financial risk and scrutinising educational outcomes. School governors are also involved in the school community, acting as critical friends to the headteacher and senior leaders, as well as supporting with challenge days throughout the academic year.

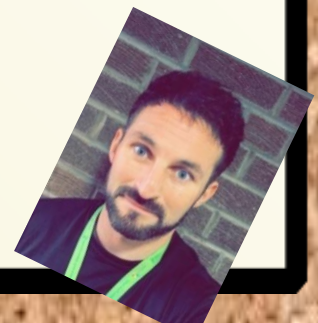
Governors are also part of a professional development programme, which enables them to build on current knowledge, keep up to speed with changes in processes and any changes to education nationally. The main responsibilities of a school governor include:

1. Ensuring the strategic direction, vision and ethos of a school.
2. Holding executive leaders within a school to account on various issues.
3. Overseeing financial performance and ensuring money is well spent across a school.

As a governing board we are all fully committed to support all students, staff and members of our Beckstone community, to ensure all who are part of the community, have a solid foundation to be successful moving through our school journey and in the wider world.

We thank you for your continued support.

Thanks and kindest regards,
Laurie Black
Parent Governor



Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for 2 Parent Governors. Further details are on page 16. If you are interested please complete and submit the form. The Board is looking for someone with an active interest in influencing life at school.





Attendance

There are major changes nationally that have been in force since 1st September. Collectively the Workington Schools will be issuing a letter to all parents after half

term that will inform them that any absence of 5 days for a holiday will be referred to the Attendance Officer backdated to the start of September. If there are falsehoods e.g. claiming to be ill when on holiday then there will be further consequences. The Officer will make the decision on fines and can issue 'Fixed Penalty Notices' (see below). Attendance at school is statutory.

The new powers show the DfE is really meaning business on attendance:

The Council can give each parent a fine of £80, rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days.

Each parent will only get up to 2 fines for the same child in a 3-year period.

If they get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If they do not pay the fine in 28 days they may be taken to court for keeping your child out of school.

If the child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years they will not be fined but may be taken to court where they could get a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months. The court could also issue a Parenting Order.

If you are thinking of holidaying in school time this will affect you!

It is not a school decision but now County and National policy.



Term Time Holidays & Tests

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

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

If you are planning trips next year please avoid the following dates in 2025:

KS1 Optional SATs – The month of May 2025

KS2 SATs - Week beg. 12th May 2025

Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 9th June 2025

Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 2nd June

Nursery Intakes



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**.

Children born between **1 April 2022** and **31 August 2022** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2025**.

Children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 December 2022** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2026**.

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/childrenservices/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.

** Please note that a child can attend 'Educare' (afternoon Nursery) as soon as they turn 3 so can settle in prior to starting properly in the term after their 3rd birthday. Further information is available from Nursery or the School Office.



Beckstone's Extended Services



Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£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 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.



Non-Uniform Day

Our next non-uniform day is on Friday 6th December when we will be asking for donations of chocolates or bottles



towards Christmas hampers, raffles and the Bingo Night.

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>



Y1 –Y6 Meet the Teacher – Wellbeing & Progress Update

We hope you found the recent parents' meetings useful and informative. We also hope you found the booking system easy to use. Thank you to all who attended, 94% of *our children had* parents attending on the nights which is a great turnout. Those missed will be chased up. We would welcome your feedback.

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

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 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





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Wobbly Wand's Page



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.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult

For more information on Messy Church, please have a look on St Mary's Facebook page.

Parkway Cinema Visits

Each Stage has a special trip to the Cinema this month. Payments are on ParentPay. On Wednesday 13th November Year 3 & 4 are going to the Parkway cinema to see 'The Wild Robot' – a live action remake of the classic animation. The cost for this trip is £6 including transport and refreshments.



On Monday 18th of November Year 5 & 6 are going to see 'Kensuke's Kingdom' at the Parkway Cinema The cost for this trip is £6 including transport and refreshments.

Key Stage 1 are also going to the Parkway Cinema, their visit is on Tuesday 26th November to see 'Trolls'. The cost for this trip is £6 including transport and refreshments.



Year 3 Dictionaries

Workington & Derwent Rotary have very kindly donated a dictionary to every child in Year 3 to use throughout their school career. This is a very generous gesture and very much appreciated. The Year 3 children are pictured below with their dictionaries.

FREE WINTER COAT EXCHANGE

- This year Parton Village Hall is doing a FREE Coat Exchange
- Ok So how does it work?
- If you have a coat or jacket or even hats and scarves you no longer need or no longer fits why not bring them down to Parton Village hall .
- You could either donate or exchange for another one free of charge.
- OR If you or your little ones need a coat or you know of anyone who needs one Please come help yourself.

We are also looking for blankets to give away to the Elderly. If any one would like to donate a new blanket or any of you fabulous knitters would like to make one it would greatly appreciated .

NO ONE SHOULD BE COLD THIS WINTER

Any Coats left will be donated to Firefighter Charity

SUN 10th NOVEMBER
1 to 5pm



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 17th of November.

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.



The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Tyga from Year 1 was chosen for the Marie Wright Kindness Cup as he is the personification of kindness and looks after everyone around him. He was a unanimous choice and a highly valued member of the Key Stage 1 family.

Creativity Cup



Nursery decided to give Allie the creativity cup as she is never far away from our writing table – Allie is only 3 years old and she can colour perfectly in the lines, draw fantastic pictures of rainbows and very detailed faces, she can even write her first, middle and last name. Allie also loves to dance; she can remember all our routines and never misses a beat – well done Allie

Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy



Alfie & Peyton from Year 6 were chosen for this trophy as they are a fantastic sportsman & a good all rounders. They are polite, kind, helpful, always listen and support their classmates. They take winning & losing either way and have a wonderful attitude. They show all our sporting values and are well deserving of this award.

Community Champions Cup

Our Chair of Governors, Mr Simon Turk, was chosen by the FAB Committee for the amazing fund raising work he has done for the school over the past year with Christmas trees, decorating rabbits for Easter and the fun packed duck race. All are very appreciative of his wonderful efforts to support the school. He is pictured at the top of the next page.



Christmas 2024

Christmas time is a key fund raising time for the 'Friends at Beckstone'. The group however is aware of the financial pressures on families in the lead up to Christmas so the fund-raising activities will be mainly online allowing families to

spend as little or as much as they like outside of public view. Each Stage will be putting a large hamper packed full of goodies together so there will be 4 hampers altogether. As a result, we would very much welcome a donation to these hampers e.g. chocolate, a bottle of something, toys etc. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December to support this.



Nearer the time we will also be selling reindeer dust and hot chocolate stocking fillers amongst other things.

Finally, every Stage is producing a 2025 Calendar which will include your child in their birthday month. They are great fun and would make lovely Christmas presents for friends/relatives etc. They will be available to order on ParentPay soon and cost £3 per calendar including a



hanging clip. The choices are Early Years, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 or a whole school one.

All items will be available through ParentPay, please support them as best you can. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

In addition, there are many other events and performances, all listed on the dates page at the end of this newsletter.

Christmas Party Nights



These take place in the week beginning 16th December. More information will go out nearer the time, please do take note of the deadline for booking to avoid disappointment.



Christmas Bingo

There is a Christmas Bingo Night planned for Wednesday 11th December. Bingo events are very popular and due to size constraints we are limited to 100 tickets for the night. Details will go out soon and tickets will be on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment please book early.

Christmas Crafts/Keepsakes

Mr Turk has shaped wooden Santas and wooden elves that would make wonderful keepsakes or presents for family members. The templates can be painted by your child to make them really memorable. When ordered the child will also receive a wooden tree bauble they can also paint for FREE. Full details are on the flyer below:

CHRISTMAS Craft afternoon



£4 via Parentpay includes:
 Attending the craft afternoon
 to paint a wooden figure of
 your choice -

- Santa
- Female Elf
- Male Elf

Also a wooden Christmas Bauble

Mon 2nd Dec - KS1, a parent must attend. Older siblings in school can also come on this night.

Wed 4th Dec - KS2 only. Parents can attend if they would like, it is optional.

Both sessions will run 3:15pm - 4pm in the hall.

If your child would like to attend please pay £4 by Monday 18th November and state which wooden figure they would like to paint.

Please note there will be limited stock.

Health Advice Posters

The County Nursing Team offer FREE support to parents. These are detailed in the following flyers:



NHS
North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

**E-School Nurse
Video Clinic**

(by appointment only)

Twice weekly online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.

Tuesday and Thursday

You can telephone for an appointment Mon-Fri 8-4pm

01228 603973

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using MS Teams. The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient, your appointment link will be sent by email on the day of your appointment.

In consultation with you, the nurse will discuss the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the E-School Nurse video clinic please visit our website <https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/services/healthy-child-hub-0-19/public-health-five-nineteen-school-nurse-video-clinics>

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Integrated Care

Healthy Habits 4 Life

- Are you worried about your child's diet & lifestyle?
- Are you concerned about your child's weight?
- Do you struggle to get your child to eat healthy choices?
- Would you like support to help make healthy lifestyle changes as a family?
- Is your child aged 5-12?

Healthy Habits 4 Life is a FREE programme run by the Public Health 5-19 team for families in Cumbria.

Healthy Habits 4 Life Family Resource Book
Healthy Habits 4 Life Parent & Carer Activity Book

To find out more please contact us at E-SchoolNurse@ncic.nhs.uk



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www.inourplace.co.uk
Solihull Approach

For technical support contact solihullapproach-parenting@heartofenglandnhs.uk or 0121 296 4448 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Halloween



The last day of last half term was a

Halloween themed day; the costumes on display were fantastic as well as terrifying!! The quality, design and ingenuity that clearly went into the costumes were the best ever! The children were very proud of their outfits and enjoyed spooking each other. Pictures of the children in costume and in assembly are on our web site in the Halloween zones of our 'Film and Photo Gallery' (or follow the QR code).



https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/index.html

The school staff also made a great effort this year...a spooky day was had by all!



The **Strive for Five** winners on the day are shown in the photo.



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Class Assemblies Date Changes



Please note that 1/2AN's assembly is on the 9th May and 5LJ's is on the 2nd May. The dates are on the back page.



Bonfire Safety

The Police and Ambulance Services are hoping for an injury free bonfire night on Tuesday (5th) and indeed the weekends before and after.

The firework code is reproduced at the bottom of this page for your information and will be shared with the children this week.

Please do not let your children set off fireworks. For their own safety, they need to be standing well back to enjoy the view and to ensure they return to school after any celebrations unharmed.

Communication & Children

5 USEFUL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDS COMMUNICATION

- 1 THE HANEN CENTRE**
LOTS OF PRACTICAL RESEARCH BASED INFORMATION
- 2 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE UK**
FREE RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO HELP WITH UNDERSTANDING WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR
- 3 TINY HAPPY PEOPLE**
IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES THAT ARE EASY TO BUILD INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE. SHORT INFORMATIVE VIDEOS.
- 4 WORDS FOR LIFE**
DESIGNED TO PROVIDE PARENTS AND CHILDREN WITH ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE AT HOME
- 5 THE NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST**
INDEPENDENT CHARITY THAT EMPOWERS YOUNG PEOPLE, CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO HAVE THE LITERACY SKILLS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

10 Tips for promoting communication with your child

- 1 FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S LEAD/INTERESTS**
Talk about what is catching their eye
- 2 BE AT THE SAME LEVEL**
Be face to face with your child to model eye contact, facial expressions and tone
- 3 EASY TO UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE**
Simplify words so your child understands
- 4 WAIT FOR UP TO 10 COUNTS**
Observe, wait and listen for up to 10 seconds whilst waiting for a child to respond
- 5 COMMENT RATHER THAN QUESTION**
"your car is shiny" rather than "what colour is your car?"
One question to every five comments
- 6 OFFER CHOICES**
"Would you like an Apple or a Pear for your snack?" If your child points then model the language "oh, you would like the Pear!".
- 7 MODEL**
If your child says something incorrectly, model the correct way to say it
- 8 EXPAND**
Try and add one word e.g. child says ball, you say "yes, red ball".
- 9 INTRODUCE NEW VOCABULARY**
Words your child might not typically hear e.g. "Look at these bubbles, they are so delicate"
- 10 HAVE FUN!**
Have fun with silly words - healthy interactions promote dopamine and serotonin. It feels good to communicate so children want to continue doing it!

Fireworks
Before they explode read the code!

- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.

Welephant says, "Read the Firework Code and use it!"

Stay safe this bonfire night by following Welephant's Firework Code.

Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome

- Barbie & Ken clothes
- Clothes for doll babies
- Hot wheels type cars
- Paw Patrol toys



Barbie



School Funds

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



Please help if you can by donating to this fund via ParentPay

Parent Governor Vacancies



The Governing Body of the school has vacancies for 2 parents. The Governors are looking for someone who will be committed to the role and are prepared to give time to make such a worthwhile community role an effective and rewarding one.

Applications are welcomed from anyone who has strengths to offer the Body. If you would like to be involved in shaping the policy and procedures of the school into the future then please email bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk to express your interest with the subject: Parent Governor and we will send an online form link and a role description.

The Chair of Governors is available to meet with any potential candidates if they would like more information, simply book an appointment through the School Office. The form needs to be completed by **Monday 18th November**. In the event of more than two applications there will be a ballot later in that week in order for the new Governor to attend the next Governors' meeting on Tuesday 28th November.

Please note details in the 'pen profile' on the application form will be published on the ballot paper if there is an election.

Any election will again be held online and parents will need to register their email addresses to vote – one vote per parent.



The menu for the winter is below and is on the web site. Children in Key Stage 1 have the choice of just the top meal on the list, cheese or ham sandwiches or a jacket potato with a filling.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	All Day Breakfast Tomato Pasta Hash Brown Marble Cake Custard	Cheese Pizza Ham Pizza Pasta Ice Cream	Ham Roast Mash/Roast Rice Pudding Apple Crumble Custard	Meatballs Quorn Meatballs Pasta Chocolate Muffin	Fish Fingers Cheese Pin Wheel Chips Ginger Cookie
Week 2	Chicken Snack With Wrap & Sauces Quorn Chicken Snack Rice/Pasta Vanilla Cupcakes	Spaghetti Bolognese Macaroni Cheese Pasta Doughnuts	Sausage Quorn Sausage Mash/Roast Ginger Cake Custard	Chicken Nuggets Quorn Nuggets Wedges Jelly	Fish Fingers /Breaded Fish Chicken Pasta Bake Chips Chocolate Cookie
Week 3	Chicken Tikka Quorn Tikka Rice Chocolate Shortbread Custard	Sausage Roll Quorn Roll Wedges Pancakes	Roast Chicken Quorn Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mash/Roast Flapjack & Custard	Savoury Mince Quorn Mince Mash/Pasta Iced Sprinkle Cake	Fish Fingers Cheese & Tomato Flan Chips Chocolate Vanilla Swirl Biscuit

Term Dates until Summer 2026

	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
	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 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	Friday 20 th December	Friday 4 th April	Friday 18 th July	Tuesday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July

November

Mon 4th – Poppies on sale
 Sun 10th - Remembrance Parade
 Mon 11th – Remembrance Silence 11am on the school hill
 Week beg. 11th – Multi Faith Week
 Tues 12th – LKS2 Benchball @ St Joseph's
 Wed 13th – LKS2 visiting Parkway Cinema – 'The Wild Robot'
 Fri 15th - **Class Assembly – 3/4SF**
 Week beg. 18th – Parliament Week
 Mon 18th – UKS2 visiting Parkway Cinema – 'Kensuke's Kingdom'
 Mon 25th – Hill path being resurfaced
 Tues 26th – Governor Challenge Day, Finance & Main Meeting
 - KS1 visiting Parkway Cinema – 'Trolls'
 Wed 27th – FAB meeting
 Thu 28th – Takeover Morning
 Fri 29th – Y6 visiting Helena Thompson Museum for a Victorian Christmas



Diary Dates



December

Mon 2nd – Christmas Crafts for KS1 children & Parents + KS2 siblings 3.15 – 4pm
 Tue 3rd – KS2 Boccia at St Joseph's
 - Nursery Nativity for parents 9.30am
 Wed 4th Christmas Crafts for KS2 children 3.15 to 4pm
 Thu 5th – NISCU Puppets visiting – 'Star Grazing'
 - Year 3 & 4 visiting Over 55's
 Fri 6th – Chocolate non-uniform day
 Tue 10th – Reception Nativity for Parents 9.15am
 Wed 11th – Reception Nativity for Parents 2.15pm
 - 6JM singing Carols at 'the Galloping Horse'
 - Christmas Bingo Night
 Thu 12th – Christmas Dinner day
 Fri 13th – Y1 Christmas party Night
 Week beg. 16th – Christmas Party Nights – Mon YR; Tue Y2;
 Wed LKS2 & Thu UKS2
 Mon 16th – LKS2 Carol Service at Church 2pm
 Tue 17th - Year 1 Parent Christmas Crafts pm
 Wed 18th – Year 2 Christmas Crafts
 - UKS2 Carol Service at Church 2pm
 Thu 19th - Christmas Party Day
 Fri 20th – Carols in the Square 10.30am
 - No Beck Xtra or afternoon Nursery, Break up for Christmas



Dates for later in the school year

Tue 7th Jan – Children start back
 Fri 10th Jan – New Nursery Taster session 1.30-2.30pm
 Tue 14th Jan – KS1 Dodgeball
Fri 24th Jan – Class Assembly 3/4LS
 Tue 28th Jan – Governors' meeting & Challenge Day
 Wed 29th Jan – Quicksticks Hockey tournament
 Wed 5th Feb – Key Steps Gymnastics Competition @ Netherhall
 - KS2 Cinema Night
 Thu 6th Feb – Young Voices Trip
 - KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Tue 11th – School Games Event
Fri 14th Feb – Class Assembly 1/2AF
Week beg. 17th Feb – Half term
 Tue 25th Feb – KS2 Table Tennis Tournament
 Wed 5th Mar – KS2 Sports Hall Athletics competition
 Thu 6th Mar – World Book Day
Fri 7th Mar – Class Assembly 5RM
 Thu 14th Mar – Poetry by Heart Showcase
 Tue 18th Mar – Incubating Eggs arrive
 Week beg. 24th Mar – Easter Party Nights – Mon YR; Tue Y1;
 Wed Y2; Thu LKS2 & Fri UKS2
Fri 21st Mar – Class Assembly 3/4LB
 Tue 25th Mar – Governors' Meeting
 Thu 27th Mar – NISCU Puppets visiting
Fri 28th Mar – Class Assembly 1/2DT
 Sun 30th Mar – Mother's Day
 Week beg. 31st Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week
 Tue 1st & Wed 2nd April – Parents' Evenings
 Tue 1st Apr – LKS2 Football
 Fri 4th April – Egg Dumping Final
-School breaks up for Easter, no Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery
 Tue 22nd April – Children start back
 Fri 25th Apr – Nursery new starter session 1.30 – 2.30pm
 Thu 1st May – Class photos
Fri 2nd May – Class Assembly 5LJ
Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday
 Tue 6th May – LKS2 Rounders
Fri 9th May – Class Assembly 1/2AN
May – KS1 Optional SATs Month
Week beg. 12th May – KS2 SATs
 Tue 13th May – KS1 Kicky Rounders
 Fri 16th May – Y6 can wear Leavers' Hoodies
 Mon 19th – Wed 21st May – UKS2 Kingswood Residential
 Tue 20th – KS1 Football Tournament
 - Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors
 Wed 21st May – KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Thu 22nd May – KS2 Cinema Night
Week beg. 26th May – Half term
2 weeks from week beg. 2nd June – Y4 Times Table tests
Week beg. 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Week beg. 9th June- Nursery Come & Play Week
 Weeks beg. 2nd, 9th; 23rd & 30th - UKS2 Intensive Swims (Y4 & Y5)
 Tue 3rd Jun – Water Workshops for UKS2 classes
 Tue 10th Jun – Reception Multi-Skills festival
 Fri 13th Jun – KS1 Kinder Cricket Competition
 Sun 15th Jun – Father's Day
 Tue 17th Jun – UKS2 Football Tournament
 Wed 18th Jun- Sports Day 1.30pm
 Tue 24th Jun – UKS2 Cricket Tournament
 Thu 3rd July – Transition days for Workington Academy & St Jo's
 Fri 4th July – KS1 summer Trip to Walby Farm Park
 Week beg. 7th July – Summer Party nights; Mon YR; Tue Y1;
 Wed Y2; Thu LKS2; Fri UKS2
 Tue 8th July – Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting
 Thu 10th & Fri 11th July – Meet new classes mornings
 Mon 14th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
 Tue 15th July - Graduation
 Thu 17th – FUN day
 Fri 18th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent
- School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery

