

# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

The monthly newsletter is packed with information on events that have either taken place or about to take place as well as advice and guidance from the County, National Research and other sources to assist parenting and keep you informed. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep every single family up to speed as to what is happening in school and what the current issues are at school level, locally and nationally. If there is ever anything you want covered please contact me and I will endeavour to put an article about it in the next newsletter.

Please make the time to read this newsletter. We received a large number of phone calls about aspects of school life in September where the answers lay in the September newsletter.

This month there is information on Halloween celebrations, routes to school, school meals and parents' evenings. Please ensure you attend the parents' evenings as it is so important for your child that school and home work closely together to support your child.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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### Opening hours

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



### Peanut Free School

We have a child with a severe allergy to peanuts and as a consequence ask families to ensure children do not bring peanuts or peanut butter to school in any form.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This will take place **THIS** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are more than welcome at the start of the day in the Sports Hall.

Donations of cakes would be very much welcome as we would like every child to have the opportunity of joining in and having a cake. Cakes cost 50p so please ensure your child has 50p with them on Friday. The Key Stage 2 children will visit the hall and the children younger than this will be able to choose a cake from a trolley that will visit their room.

All money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support - a very worthy cause.



### Harvest



On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October KS1 classes will be performing Harvest Songs for the school pupils and then will be in Church from 2pm celebrating Harvest with families. Parents are welcome to attend and children can be taken home afterwards if wished. We are supporting the local foodbank for Harvest this year and would welcome any donations of non-perishable food on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance for this.



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, Harvest is a special appeal in advance of winter for families in need.

## BEGINNERS CLASSES ENROLLING NOW

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LOSE WEIGHT  
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FOR MORE INFO OR TO ENROL CALL

**07543 876490**

(THIS NUMBER DOES NOT ACCEPT TEXT MESSAGES)

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

### Mental Health Support

We want to make you aware of a new initiative to support young people in Cumbria.

NHS 111 now has a new option for anyone wanting to access mental health support while in crisis.

If a child or family ring while in crisis they can select the mental health option (we believe this is option 2) to access help.



### Complaints Procedure Guidance



In order that we maintain our high standards we need constant feedback from parents on the quality of education. Please let us know, as soon as possible, any concerns you may have. A letter to, or meeting with, the class teacher often sorts out problems to the benefit of the home and the school.

If a concern persists then please contact, in the following order: the Class Teacher, the Head of the Stage, the Deputy Head, the Headteacher or finally The Chair of Governors. Obviously as a school we will do all we can to resolve your concerns and to ensure that you are happy with your child's education. However, if a problem regarding the Curriculum or indeed any other matter cannot be resolved in this way then formal arrangements exist for dealing with complaints of this kind. After having exhausted the procedures outlined above then it is possible to contact Cumberland Education Department (Tel: 0300 373 3730).

The full complaints procedure is available in the policies section of our web site.

With regard to complaints about behaviour of other children then . . .

**Please do not approach another person's child directly.**

If necessary we will set up a meeting where both sets of parents are represented. All such matters should be referred through the professional staff of the school.

### Secondary Transition



Please can all Y6 parents note that the deadline for secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October, You can download a copy of the booklet at [www.cumberland.gov.uk](http://www.cumberland.gov.uk) If you don't have access to a computer, you can also view copies of the booklet in local primary, junior and secondary schools as well as libraries.

**You must submit your application by 31 October 2024. If your form is late, it may seriously affect your chances of being allocated a place at one of your preferred schools.**

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### Asda Cashpot!

Asda have a new 'Cashpot' for schools scheme. If you download the Asda app and choose 'cashpot' you can 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.

**Beckstone Primary School**

You have helped raise

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Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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**Y1 –Y6 Meet the Teacher – Wellbeing & Progress Update**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



Please make a note of the dates for the 'Meet the Teacher Wellbeing & Progress' update meetings at school. These appointments will

allow you to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and how they are progressing towards their projected end of year outcomes at this stage of the year.

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

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

Details on how to book appointments will be sent home THIS WEEK.



Educational Research shows that where schools and families work closely together the child's performance at school is invariably improved. **As a result we would very strongly urge all families to make an appointment as soon as possible.**

There will be a crèche on these days as we would like your child to accompany you to the appointment so they are part of the discussions and siblings are out of earshot. The crèche will be in Nursery. **Please let us know if you have any difficulties booking your appointment and we will be happy to help once details have been sent out.**



**Gurning**



Classes took part in a 'Gurning' (face pulling) contest in the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup>

September culminating in 'Gurn Off' finals on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. A fun and exciting set of finals resulted in Louie from Reception being the EY/KS1 winner and Levi from Y6 the KS2 winner. The winners are pictured below in pose and with their well deserved trophies.



**Revisewise**



**REVISE WISE CLUBS**

The Revisewise clubs are now on a Wednesday or a Thursday morning from 8.15am until the start of the school day and are for Year 6 children who can attend one or both. The sessions are designed to consolidate learning and will run up to SATs in Year 6.

**Year 6 children will benefit enormously from attending at least one session.**

## Nasal Flu Vaccination

The vast majority of the pupils had a nasal flu vaccination a couple of weeks ago. We were very proud of how brave they were and the Nurses were impressed too. Hopefully this will protect your children from the winter flu viruses that otherwise could affect their attendance at school.



## A597 Road Crossing



Thank you to all those parents who completed the recent survey about the road crossing and added their comments. A summary of the findings and the comments can be found following the link below or the QR code. Well worth a look!

<https://beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/info-links/2024-2025/a597-safe-crossing-parent-summary.pdf>

The outcomes clearly show the huge need for a proper crossing for the safety of our pupils. If you wish to write in person or to notify the local Councillor of the dangers or 'near misses' then Councillor Denise Rollo can be contacted on email at

[denise.rollo@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:denise.rollo@cumberland.gov.uk)



## Mini Police

Year 5 children have been invited to apply to be 'Mini Police' and work with the Police in the area. This is a continuation from last year's cohort pictured below.

Relating to the previous article one of the first 'jobs' will be to use speed guns on the above road to check the traffic speeds in the area. They will also lead a poster campaign on road safety. We wish them every success and hope they will contribute to safer roads in our area.



## Route to School

Please can all families remember that, at the request of residents, Burnside is to be avoided and to walk round. Also, we have been informed there is a lot of dog mess on the route to school so please be careful.



## 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.

# Governor



# Gallery

# Governors' Board

 From 15.03.22 To 15.03.26 <b>Simon Turk</b> Chair & Co-opted	 From 07.12.21 To 07.12.25 <b>Kate Mahone</b> Vice Chair & LA	 From 08.02.22 To 08.02.26 <b>Andrew Kilgour</b> Parent	 From 19.10.21 To 19.10.25 <b>Laurie Black</b> Parent	 From 17.05.22 To 17.05.26 <b>Blain Rooney</b> Parent	 From 21.11.23 To 21.11.27 <b>Zoe Hannah</b> Parent	Co-opted Vacancy
 From N/A To N/A <b>David Warbrick</b> Headteacher	 From 12.07.21 To 12.07.25 <b>Hayley Gorman</b> Staff	 From 19.10.22 To 19.10.26 <b>Jude Yoxall</b> Co-opted & Deputy Head	 From N/A To N/A <b>Nichola Rosser</b> Clerk	 From N/A To N/A <b>Philippa Vaughan</b> Staffing & Finance Associate	 From 30.01.24 To 30.01.28 <b>Rev. Dom de Mattos</b> Co-opted	Co-opted Vacancy



## Chair of Governors Blog

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We (the Governing Board) hope that your children have all settled into / back into their school routine.

We're now 4 weeks into the term and already a lot has happened to share updates on. Some of you may have seen a couple of my social media posts in relation to these.

Sadly, the reading bus has been targeted by acts of vandalism where there are now 3 broken windows following 2 separate incidents. We strongly believe the projectiles are being thrown from the footpath behind the field or a catapult is being used. For those of you who are new to the school, the bus, which has sat on the school field since 2014, fell into an unusable state during covid. Following an inspection from Workington Transport Heritage Trust, it was decided that we'd try to give it a new lease of life on the provision that it didn't cost too much, so it could be used as a separate learning space for the children. While we achieved this, we didn't expect to have to regularly have to replace broken windows. Unfortunately, we cannot keep replacing them indefinitely. As such, if any further windows are broken, the schools' hand will be forced to looking into removing it.

On Saturday 14th September, the school grounds were broken into where several locks and a couple of the school sheds were damaged. Through the power of social media, the police were able to link pieces of evidence together and confirm who one of the individuals involved was. All the damage has now been repaired.

On Friday 20th Sept, members of the Governing Board along with Mr Warbrick and a guest from the local community met with Councillor Denise Rollo and Karl Melville – Assistant Directory of Highways and Transport. They have now agreed that there should be a crossing on the Main Road (A597) and are starting the process of 'making it happen'. They would not commit to timescales but were confident that it should take no longer than 12 months. The crossing plans must pass through several committees before work can start, so we're keeping our fingers crossed. The meeting was very positive. We have requested regular progress updates.

Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to complete the survey. Many of the final comments were very impactful and were useful in strengthening the argument for a permanent crossing. For those that answered 'no' to understanding why the crossing patrol officer left, Shelley became the target of verbal abuse from a minority of drivers, despite wearing a body worn camera and having the police present on several occasions. A number of drivers also refused to stop when she directed them to do so, to allow children and families to cross the road safely. This left her fearing for her own safety.

Finally, if you've ever considered becoming a school governor or would like to know more about what is involved, please get in touch via the school office where one of us will arrange a convenient time to give you a call. You don't need to have experience in the education sector and meetings are scheduled at the beginning of the school year, for the full year. You must attend at least one meeting in a 6-month period.

Thanks

Kindest regards,

Simon Turk

Chair of Governors.



**The Governors' Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

## Coats

We will soon be asking 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!

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](mailto: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.

## Times Tables

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

## Walk to School

The school will be 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. Further information will be in a subsequent newsletter.



# Multiplication Tables



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<b>7 times table</b> 1x7= 7 2x7=14 3x7=21 4x7=28 5x7=35 6x7=42 7x7=49 8x7=56 9x7=63 10x7=70 11x7=77 12x7=84	<b>8 times tables</b> 1x8= 8 2x8=16 3x8=24 4x8=32 5x8=40 6x8=48 7x8=56 8x8=64 9x8=72 10x8=80 11x8=88 12x8=96	<b>9 times tables</b> 1x9= 9 2x9= 18 3x9= 27 4x9= 36 5x9= 45 6x9= 54 7x9= 63 8x9= 72 9x9= 81 10x9= 90 11x9= 99 12x9=108	<b>10 times tables</b> 1x10= 10 2x10= 20 3x10= 30 4x10= 40 5x10= 50 6x10= 60 7x10= 70 8x10= 80 9x10= 90 10x10=100 11x10=110 12x10=120	<b>11 times tables</b> 1x11= 11 2x11= 22 3x11= 33 4x11= 44 5x11= 55 6x11= 66 7x11= 77 8x11= 88 9x11= 99 10x11=110 11x11=121 12x11=132	<b>12 times tables</b> 1x12= 12 2x12= 24 3x12= 36 4x12= 48 5x12= 60 6x12= 72 7x12= 84 8x12= 96 9x12=108 10x12=120 11x12=132 12x12=144

## Halloween



The last Friday of this half term (25<sup>th</sup> October) will be a Halloween, spooky themed day (Halloween itself is on the Thursday of half term) and your child is invited to come to school in costume and everyone who comes in a costume will be able to parade for the school.

*(Costumes can be sourced at competitive prices from supermarkets nearer the time).*

There will be a Halloween themed lunch and parties with refreshments for all year groups. In addition, there is a Halloween Children's Raffle which will be on ParentPay and drawn on the assembly on the last day. There will also be an Educare Halloween dance for parents at 2.45pm. FAB are funding many of the festivities



but a £1 donation

towards costs would be most welcome and this can be paid through ParentPay as well.



## 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 and this can't be helped but this should be a rarity. We have a new Attendance Policy that will go to Governors at their next meeting and is aimed at complying with the new legislation. A summary poster of the new rules is displayed in the next column.



## 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. 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

### ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

**1** I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week. Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

1

**2** FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640  
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

**3** IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

**10 IN 10**

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

**1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS**

**4** FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280  
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**5** If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

No discount for early payment

**2ND TIME**

2 parents and...

1 child = £320  
2 children = £640  
3 children = £960  
4 children = £1280

**3RD TIME**

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000  
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

**i** FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)



## 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/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.

\*\* 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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.

### 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.



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

**There is a new menu after half term. This is reproduced on the next page.**

**Packed Lunches** If you are providing your child with a packed lunch they need to comply with the Government nutritional guidelines to prevent childhood obesity and maintain good health, these are national guidelines not set by the school. The school meals are subject to nutritional assessment over the course of week and many ingredients, e.g. for cakes on occasion are low sugar. Nutritional compliance also applies to packed lunches. The poster at the top of the next page was circulated on Seesaw a couple of weeks ago. It gives clear ideas of what complies with the policy and what doesn't, please ensure your child's packed lunch complies. If you are giving your child crisps please think of using other less harmful things such as crackers, breadsticks, cold pasta etc. Where there are concerns a slip will be put in your child's packed lunch box. Please note that no peanuts or peanut butter is allowed AT ALL or any hot goods e.g. soup.



Half of UK children "drink" almost five litres of cooking oil every year as a result of their pack-a-day crisp habit, experts warn.

# Healthy Packed Lunch Choices



**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 first half term after the holidays is **£11**



and needs to be paid by **Friday, the 8th of November 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 **£14** for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 8th November 2024**.



**Fruit** is **£11** for the second half of the summer term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 8th November 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!**

### Route to School

Please can all families remember that, at the request of residents, Burnside is to be avoided and to walk round. Also we have been informed there is a lot of dog mess on the route to school so please be careful.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	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	Sausage Roll Quorn Roll Wedges  Chocolate Muffin	Fish Fingers Cheese Pin Wheel Chips  Ginger Cookie
<b>Week 2</b>	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
<b>Week 3</b>	Chicken Tikka Quorn Tikka Rice  Chocolate Shortbread Custard	Meatballs Quorn Meatballs Pasta  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



### Non-Uniform Day

Our first non uniform day of the year is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. It is at the end of 'Kindness Week'

and money raised from any donations will be given to the NSPCC.



### 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>



### 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



**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.

## APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

<p><b>13+</b></p> <p>TikTok</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>Instagram</p> <p>House Party</p> <p>WhatsApp</p> <p>Snapchat</p> <p>Twitter</p> <p>Now</p> <p>YouNow</p> <p>Kik</p> <p>Yubo</p> <p>Monkey</p>	
<p><b>17+</b></p> <p>Sarahah</p> <p>YOLO</p>	<p><b>18+</b></p> <p>MeetMe</p> <p>LiveMe</p>

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

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. 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.

### Adult Learning

The County are offering a raft of FREE courses for parents covering a variety of subjects and topics to help families support their children's education and development.

- For parents, carers and close family members of a child in primary school or early years.
- Face to face courses (some courses can be offered online) tailored to meet individual and group needs. A great chance to meet others and network.
- Delivered by friendly, qualified and experienced tutors with a background in primary or early years education.



The booklet with all the information you need can be found following this link or the QR code.

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKCUMBERLAND/2024/09/04/file\\_attachments/2986506/Adult%20Learning%20Family%20Learning%20Booklet%202024%202025.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/UKCUMBERLAND/2024/09/04/file_attachments/2986506/Adult%20Learning%20Family%20Learning%20Booklet%202024%202025.pdf)

### School Photos

We hope you approved of the school photos



**Adult Learning**

**Family Learning Courses**  
Free courses empowering parents to support their children

Family Learning  
Active Cumbria

adultlearningcumbria.org

Working for Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council

of your child(ren). Ordering was online and costs are comparable to or cheaper than other photographic providers. We would very much appreciate any feedback so we can tweak the service to you in the future if needed. Simply email [admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Reception Photos

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



Class RJT



Class RHG

### New Salterbeck Youth Group

**NEW SALTERBECK YOUTH GROUP**

**MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER**

FOR AGES **8+** — **FUN & SPORTS**

**6.30PM-7.30PM - JUNIOR SESSION**  
**7.30PM-9PM - SENIOR SESSION**  
**AT THE OVAL CENTRE, SALTERBECK**

### Cinema Nights



These take place each term. The ones planned for this half term take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> for Reception & KS1 and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for KS2. The film showing is Inside Out 2.





# The Wobbly Wand

Handmade, whimsical  
arts & crafts

www.wobblywand.co.uk



Wobbly Wand's Page



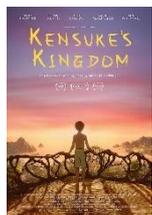
The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments.



## Parkway Cinema Visits

Each Stage has a special trip to the Cinema next half term (thanks to Mrs Potts for helping secure free tickets).

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> November to see 'Trolls'. The cost for this trip is £6 including transport and refreshments.



Payment for the trips will be on ParentPay and you will receive a text when this goes live.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> November. Parents are welcome to join



with us on the steps of the road hill or at the bottom of Eadie Street. Below is an image from last year:



## Remembrance Parade



The school will also be joining in the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Parade will leave the British Legion at 9.15am and arrive at Church at 10am for a service and then a commemoration at the Cenotaph afterwards. We will soon be looking for pupil volunteers to represent the school on this historic occasion. Mrs Beecroft, Ms McKeating, Mrs McAdam and Mrs Holliday have all kindly volunteered to lead the Parade.

**WARNING Misuse of Social Media**



**If you can't say anything nice about School ... don't say anything at all!**

Beckstone Primary and all schools in the Workington Consortium take abusive comments very seriously and if we find that individuals are posting defamatory or derogatory comments about the school, staff or volunteers the following action may be taken;

- Insistence on removal of any such 'posts'
- Sanctions as outlined in School Policy
- Contacting the Police
- The user will be reported to the relevant social media site and the closure of their account requested.
- Legal action

**Before You**



**THINK!**

T - Is it true?  
H - Is it helpful?  
I - Is it inspiring?  
N - Is it necessary?  
K - Is it kind?

## Pharmacy Advice

Got an itch?  
Tummy trouble?  
Tickly cough?

NHS



Head to your local pharmacy.

Did you know? Pharmacists across the North East and North Cumbria can offer advice and FREE treatment for a wide range of common conditions\* – just like having a prescription from your GP!

Please ask your pharmacy team for more details and eligibility.

UTI's non pregnant women 16–64 years

Shingles 18 years+

Impetigo 1 year+

Sore throat 5 years+

Sinusitis 12 years+

Infected insect bites 1 year+

Earache 1 to 17 years

Additional conditions can be treated, without the need to visit a GP. Ask a member of your pharmacy team about the minor ailments scheme.

### Step 1

Go to your local community pharmacy (chemist) about your illness and they will offer advice.

### Step 2

If needed, you will be offered treatment and if you qualify, this will be given free of charge.

### Step 3

A suitable medicine may be offered to you.\*  
\*You qualify for free treatment if you do not pay for your prescriptions.



Find further information at:  
[www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health](http://www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health)

HERE TO HELP

## To all local parents and schools in North Cumbria

Most pharmacies can help you with **severe chronic conditions** without needing a GP appointment.



Visit your Pharmacy First!

Did you know that pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available if required for four clinical conditions particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1–17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)

GP practices are busy and it can be difficult to get a same-day GP appointment. When your child is off sick from school with any of the above conditions, by going straight to your local pharmacy you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery and back at school as soon as possible.



Visit your Pharmacy First!

All North Cumbria community based pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service. Remember – if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or suspected infected insect bite think

Pharmacy First!



Visit your Pharmacy First!

## Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;



- Dressing Up Costumes e.g. Fairy tales, people who help us etc
- Board games
- Construction Equipment e.g., K'Nex,
- Meccano
- 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 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.



## Holiday Activity Ideas



## Half Term Activities

Please do make use of our 'Holiday Activity Zone' in the Parent



Information Zone on our web site. Whenever we get information about events and activities that take place in the school holidays, we post them to that zone.



## Class Assemblies Date Changes

Please note there have been 2 changes to the class assembly dates from the last newsletter. This affect parents in 3/4LB and 1/2AN. Please note the new dates in your diary.



The school wishes all our families a wonderful half term when it comes and a Happy Halloween. Please ensure your children know how to keep themselves safe if they are trick or treating.



# Term Dates until Summer 2026

	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Start of Term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April May Day – Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April May Day – Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>
Half Term	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 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



## October

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee Morning  
 Week beg. 7<sup>th</sup> – Kindness Week  
 Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – FAB Meeting 3.30pm  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – 6JM visiting St Joseph's  
 Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Over 55's for lunch  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC Non uniform day  
 Week beg. 14<sup>th</sup> – Nursery 'Come & Play'  
 Monday: Giraffes; Tuesday: Monkeys; Wednesday: Elephants



## Diary Dates

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Donations & KS1 Harvest in Church 2pm  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Benchball Competition  
 Tue 15<sup>th</sup> & Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evenings  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – R & KS1 Cinema Night  
 Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> – KS2 Cinema Night  
 - Governors AGM  
 Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bright Stars Club Halloween Craft Night  
 Thu 24<sup>th</sup> – Police in to talk to UKS2 about Road Safety and Halloween  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Themed Day  
**Week beg. 28<sup>th</sup> – Half Term**



## November

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Poppies on sale  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Parade  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Silence 11am on the school hill  
 Week beg. 11<sup>th</sup> – Multi Faith Week  
 Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – LKS2 Benchball @ St Joseph's  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – LKS2 visiting Parkway Cinema – 'The Wild Robot'  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – **Class Assembly – 3/4SF**  
 Week beg. 18<sup>th</sup> – Parliament Week  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 visiting Parkway Cinema – 'Kensuke's Kingdom'  
 Thu 21<sup>st</sup> – Takeover Morning  
 Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Governor Challenge **TAKEOVER DAY** & Main Meeting  
 - KS1 visiting Parkway Cinema – 'Trolls'  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Y6 visiting Helena Thompson Museum for a Victorian Christmas



## December

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



## Dates for later in the school year

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

