Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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

Very sadly we are yet again asking you to stop your children using WhatsApp. Firstly, they are too young and should not have access and secondly it is causing a number of upsets. Please take note of the article as it can affect your children's future and school record. The message is TAKE THEM OFF IT or NEVER LET THEM JOIN.

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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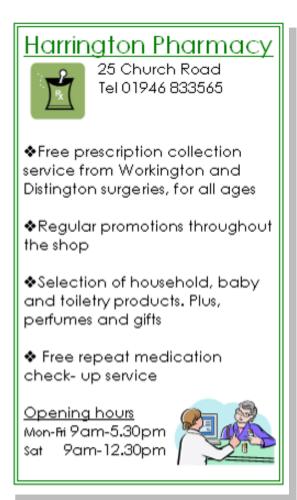


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Cumbria Education Golden Apple Awards

The Governors very kindly nominated Mr Warbrick for the award for the 'Best Education & Learning Leader' in the summer for a very prestigious award at this county wide event. The Golden Apples took place on Thursday October 9th at Carlisle Racecourse and we are pleased to let you know that Mr Warbrick actually won the trophy. A lovely accolade for him and also for the school.



Lovely Arabella and her key worker, Mrs Musgrave were also nominated for a 'Heart of Education' award. Their mutual care for each other and love of school life was recognised in a special award presented to Mrs Musgrave and Arabella's mother, Jess. This was very well deserved as well as heartwarming and we are thrilled for them.



WhatsApp & Social Media Concerns

This seems to be a common theme in newsletters and it is very concerning that it is seemingly falling on deaf ears.

There have been many recent upsets with children falling out over items written



out of context in WhatsApp groups and indeed we have reports of defamatory comments about adults.

The school will take such breaches very seriously and our new behaviour policy will reflect Governor decisions to apply suspensions and even exclusions for misuse of social media by pupils where upset is caused at school. There is a minimum age for WhatsApp and other media platforms as the children are not mature enough to cope with written text out of context and can say things they regret or don't realise the implications of what they have written.

Written material on the web can always be re-found even if deleted and could impact on your child's future life.

The solution is simple...DO NOT LET THEM USE WhatsApp...parents need to ensure that that children are not illegally accessing social media apps as they do not have the maturity to use them appropriately. The legal age limits are shown on the next page:

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS



It is your responsibility as parents to ensure your child is NOT using these apps to keep them safe.

The Governors have discussed WhatsApp on many occasions and have a clear policy that WhatsApp issues should not be deal with in school and if they spill into school then children will be suspended and there will be no investigation as they should not be on WhatsApp - you have been warned. Exclusions will go down on your child's record!

Even more concerning is that if there are defamatory remarks made about adults at the school then where a child is 10 years old this will be referred to the Police under defamatory laws. It is so easy to stop this ever happening which is to remove them from WhatsApp which they should not be accessing anyway.

It is your responsibility as parents to ensure your child is NOT using these apps to keep them safe.

Please protect your child.

Social media apps and smart phones are exposing your child to unnecessary risks, bullying, depression, misogyny, porn to extreme levels and self-harm or worse.

WHY LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR PRECIOUS PERSON OR EXPOSE THEM TO IT!



Sporting Success



UKS2 Benchball



Our UKS2 Benchball team recently took part in the first inter school competition of the year and emerged as champions. They are pictured here with their trophy and certificates.



Sports Team Selection

We strive hard to be an inclusive school and try to give every child an opportunity to take part in competitive sport at school level and when appropriate at local and County level. Picking teams to represent the school is a difficult thing to do and is heart wrenching for staff and children understand that there can't be a football team of 100 players and there will be tournaments when they are not selected.

Very disturbingly there has again been a recent complaint to staff about team selection. This is wholly inappropriate. The school does its utmost to give children sporting experiences and even organises intra school competitions so all children get experience of sporting events. As stated, it is not mathematically possible to pick every child and as it is competitive the school reserves the right to choose a team for an event that it thinks will perform the best. If your child is not selected, we urge parents to be positive and teach their child resilience and encourage them and say they will get a turn at competitive events at school or beyond.

Please think before upsetting staff and children!

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INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

Remembrance

Poppies go on sale from today for the week. Poppies require a minimum donation of 50p. Other items such as pencil sharpeners, zip tags, bracelets and slap wrist rulers are all £2. Year 6



children will go round with them each day this week.

Remembrance Parade



THE FORBIT

The school will also be joining in the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of the 9th of November. The

Parade will leave the British Legion at 9.15am and arrive at Church at 10am for a service and then a commemoration at the Cenotaph afterwards. We will soon be looking for pupil volunteers to represent the school on this historic occasion. Mrs Beecroft, Ms McKeating and Mrs McAdam have all kindly volunteered to lead the Parade.

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 Tuesday 11th November. **Parents** are welcome to join with us on the steps of the road hill or at the bottom of Eadie Street. Alongside are images from last year:

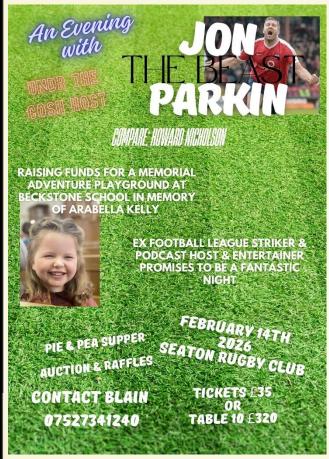






Covernors' Board

Hi All,



I hope everyone's had a great half term and feeling refreshed. I'm using my blog this month to unashamedly advertise a night in memory of Arabella. Below I've added the poster with all the details. It's sure to be a fantastic night with a very funny speaker, some great raffle and auction prizes. If anyone would like to purchase any raffle tickets then please contact myself or the front desk staff of school. Ladies, ideal present for your partners to give yourself a night of peace, fella's it'll be a great night to get all your mates out for a good cause. Again, back to ladies you're all welcome whether it be with couples or the girls it's sure to be a fantastic night for a great cause in memory of Arabella and to enrich your child's time here at Beckstone.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

Blain.



Community Champions Cup



Mrs Chambers is a most worthy winner of this trophy. She has raised thousands of pounds for Macmillan over the years as well as being integral to so many other community fund raising activities and events. She has such a big and generous heart and the school is so lucky to have her on the staff.

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Kani is very kind and caring. She always helps out in class, asking if there is anything she can do to help. She comforts others if they are upset or hurt. A worthy winner.

Creativity Cup



Kate has a wonderful gift for turning even the smallest idea into something magical. She makes entire worlds with the small world resources, brings books to life and draws amazingly with lots of colour. Well done Kate!

Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy



We had joint winners as both boys possess all our sporting values: teamwork, passion, self-belief, determination, honesty & respect. They both have such a positive attitude, a similar commitment in PE and have excellent sports skills that make them excel in a multitude of sports. Congratulations lads!



<u>Y1 – Y6 Meet the Teacher – Wellbeing & Progress Update</u>

We had 96% attendance at the Parents' evenings last month. Our aim is always 100%



as educational research shows that when school and home work closely together the child gets the best from school.

If you missed your appintment or didn't book (it is essential you have the parent log in to Seesaw not the child one) then your child's class teacher should have contacted you. If not please contact school to talk about your child.

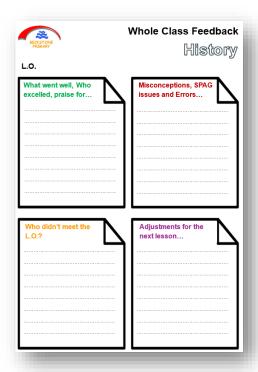
The first parents' evening of the year has a settling in/wellbeing focus. The next parents' evening next term will have focus on progress and attainment with a different format to the report.

Whole Class Feedback & Marking

Please don't worry if you noticed any <u>"unmarked"</u> books during the Parents' Evenings.

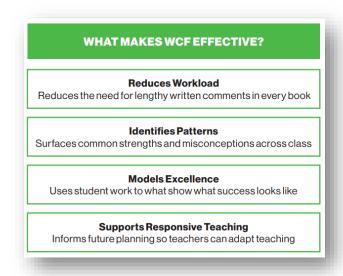
Our teachers at Beckstone are currently trialling a research based, evidence led technique called **Whole Class Feedback** (WCF). This is a new method which is proven to be more effective than traditional

<u>"marking"</u> of foundation subjects such as History, Geography etc.



Each teacher reads through all the students' work, makes a note of the things they did brilliantly and the areas where they could do with a bit of improvement and then shares this feedback with the entire class. They then also adapt their next lesson to address common mistakes or errors.

The students then get the **opportunity to respond** to this feedback in their books, usually in the next lesson. Empowering them as learners to grow!





Early Years Come & Play Sessions

We hope all parents enjoyed the Nursery and reception 'Come & Play' sessions and gave you a good idea of all the many learning opportunities your child receives in our setting.

Attendance across the various session was 97% for the week as a whole...amazing! Your children will have really enjoyed you coming.



'Open the Book' Assemblies

The school has really benefited from a series of assemblies this year from the 'Open the Book' group from Church. The team come and bring a Biblical story to life for the children. They visited recently and performed 'Daniel in the Lions Den'. This was really enjoyed by the children. The cast of actors is shown below.



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

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.

Strategies for when we are stuck:



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 Amazon to read more about the book and to order it if you wish.



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 in the last column.

Social Media & Parents

Please NEVER resort to social media to discuss school issues or indeed staff. There are clear



procedures in place if you have concerns about the school, resorting to social media is not one of these. Again, misuse will NOT be tolerated and action will be taken against 'keyboard warriors' who spread mistruths about the school (this can include a ban from site so you would miss children's performances etc) and comments on staff will be treated as defamation and the Police will be contacted. If you are witness to any of this please let us know and we can take appropriate action and we will keep your information/identity confidential.

20 Years!



Due to storm Amy our planned 20th celebrations and flyover had to cancelled. We will be postponing the celebrations now to the summer term when the weather is better. Hopefully the 9th June 2026.

The Arabella Adventure Area

The development is now at the planning stage and we have involvement from Atkins who have volunteered to project manage, SK



drainage, ETL Gym and many others offering help and support. Hopefully you will begin to see changes on the ground in the near future. There is currently a blue rope demarking the area of the proposed playground. The project is very exciting and hopefully will be a fitting memorial to Arabella.

One of Arabella's favourite things were butterflies which we will incorporate into the playground...of note was at the Awards ceremony mentioned earlier a butterfly flew down at 10.30pm in an indoor function room and landed on Arabella's trophy!

Facebook & Instagram

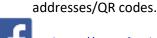


The school is on Facebook and Instagram.

Facebook

Instagram

You should be able to search for the pages or you can use these



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

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



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)
- 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

Coats

All children now need to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes. There is no rule on coats with regard to the uniform policy, just something to keep your child warm and dry 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-

<u>embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-</u>school.html



Harvest



Key Stage 1 hosted a Harvest performance for parents on Monday 13th 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_ph_ oto_gallery/2025-2026/ks1-harvest-church-

service/index.html



Thank you to all who donated Harvest items on the day (photo below).



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 at Harvest time.





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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



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/2025-2026/halloween-2025/index.html

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



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Christmas 2025

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 fundraising 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 5th 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.

Christmas Movie Nights

These take place on Monday 15th December for Reception & KS1 & on

Tuesday 16th December for KS2. 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 3rd 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 Discos

The Bright Stars Club are running 2 Christmas Disco Parties with a professional DJ with all profits going



Movie Night

to the Arabella playground. The cost will be £6 including refreshments. They will take place on Monday 8th December with Reception and Key Stage 1 after school from 3.15 to 4.15pm. The Key Stage 2 one will run after that from 4.30pm to 5.30pm...children can go straight from Beckstone Xtra or can go home, get changed and come back. Further details will be sent out.

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.





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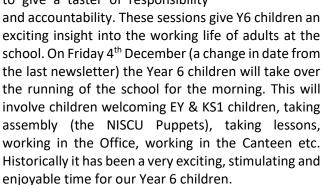
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Wobbly Wand's Page



Takeover Morning

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



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.

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.



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New A597 Crossing

The work is well underway for the new crossing. The pain of the traffic controls is well worth the long-term gain as the crossing will greatly enhance the safety of our pupils.

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 6th and Sunday 7th 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.



Our Key Stage 1 pupils will have designed some of the winter scenes that will be projected on to Curwen Hall and our UKS2 pupils will be making lanterns in November to parade on one of the nights.

Attendance



Please can all families ensure their child attends school as regularly as possible and on time – indeed this is a statutory duty on parents.



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 2026 KS2 SATs - Week beg. 11th May 2026

Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 8th June 2026

Y4 Times Table Check - 2 weeks from Monday 1st June

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Full details on the county's policies, procedures and processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis of outcomes of serious case reviews can be accessed through the Cumbria LSCB website at

<u>www.cumbrialscb.com</u> the site also has a parental information zone.

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

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

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



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



School Meal/Kitchen Update

The school kitchen will be back in action very soon which will be a

welcome return. We are awaiting the delivery of some units then all will be good to go. We are continuing to follow a temporary menu this week and will then move to the menu displayed below. We hope this will entice some of our packed lunch children back to school meals as a warm meal over the winter months is something very welcoming and special.

Food & Drink

◆ School Meals currently cost £15.50 per week (only £3.10 a

day) payable on ParentPay. This is great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches and the hassle of putting them together. We would recommend a hot meal for all the children, particulally as we return to school in the Autumn and would encourage those on packed lunches to make a change.

Menus are always on our school web site.

- *Milk* is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all Reception & KS1 children).
- The cost of milk for this half term is £15 and needs to be paid by **Friday** November 2025 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 £15 for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by Friday 7th November 2025.

Beckstone Lunch Menu

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Wook 1	Sausage roll Quorn sausage roll Wedges Veg of the day Cheese & crackers	Beef lasagne Quorn lasagne Garlic bread Veg of the day Oatie biscuit	Roast Chicken Quorn fillet Mash, stuffing & gravy Veg of the day Jelly	Meatballs Quorn meatballs Pasta & grvay Veg of the day Syrup Sponge & custard	Fish fingers Cheese & bean pasty Chips Veg of the day Ice cream Breaded fish Fish fingers Chips Veg of the day Shortbread	
Mook 2	All day breakfast Quorn breakfast Veg of the day Fruit salad	Spaghetti Bolognese Quorn Bolognese Veg of the day Chocolate brownie & chocolate custard	Roast Gammon & gravy Quorn mince Mash Veg of the day Vanilla sponge	Burger in a bun Quorn burger Tattie tots Veg of the Day Fruit salad		
Week 3		Tomato garlic pasta bake Mac & cheese Veg of the day Flapjack & custard	Sausage Quorn sausage Yorkshire & mash Veg of the day Melting moment biscuit	Chicken curry Vegetable curry Rice Veg of the day Ginger cookie	Fish fingers Cheese whirl Chips Veg of the day Chocolate cake sprinkles	

Sandwiches (ham, cheese, tuna & jam) and jacket potatos (cheese, beans & tuna)are available every day



 Fruit is £15.00 for this half term, again payable on ParentPay by Friday
 7th November 2025. This is for playtime snacks.

Nursery Intakes





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 Cumberland website for application forms:

https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form, we need to see the Birth Certificate and proof of address.



Beckstone Primary School Nursery

Morning nursery sessions run every day from:

8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. (3 hours)

If your child is staying in afternoon nursery after the morning session a charge of £4.00 per day will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and lunchtime care from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. payable via Parentpay. Unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches

for nursery children.

Afternoon nursery sessions run every day from:

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)

12:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

If you are entitled to 30 hours there will be no charge for these sessions.

If you are not entitled to 30 hours and your child attends afternoon nursery after the morning nursery session you will be charged as follows:

£4.00 per day will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and lunchtime care from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Afternoon nursery sessions run every day from:

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. = £10.00 (plus £4.00 for dinner & care)

12:15 p.m. — 3:15 p.m. = £14.00 (plus £4.00 for dinner & care)

There would only be a charge if you go over your 15 hours in the week.

15/30 hours can be used for Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra (after school care), with another setting or banked for Summer Camp.

Please inform the office if you are doing this.

Afternoon nursery places must be booked in advance either in person to the office or via email bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Bookings can be made in advance.

** Please note that a child can attend 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.

From January 2026 there will be some alterations to some aspects of the payments and timings, Nursery parents will receive a letter about this soon. It will not involve changes to overall timings and costs.

<u>Beckstone's Extended</u> <u>Services</u>

Our extended services include the Breakfast Club £5.50 from 7.30am and £5.00 from 8am. Last entry is at 8.25am. Prices have risen due to increased costs but are still very competitive.

eckstone Breakfast Club

Our popular afternoon childcare provision is afternoon Nursery – 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 £5 per hour). Beckstone Xtra is



available from 3.15 to 5.15pm
for anyone who books in
advance at the Office

bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

**** Please also note that children need to be booked into Beckstone Xtra by 12pm. If a booking is cancelled after 12pm on the same day you will be charged ***

Please be aware that Beckstone Xtra attendance is not logged on to ParentPay until the day after 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 cost £15.00 per half term.



Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

The next donor sessions are at the Oval Centre on Friday 7th November from 12pm to 3pm.

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



Term Dates 26-27

The term dates for next academic year, 26-27 were wrong on the back page of the last newsletter. Please note the school will have 2 INSET days for staff in September 26 meaning the children start back on Thursday 3rd September. The return from Easter 2027 will be Monday 12th April not Tuesday 13th too.

The dates on the back of this newsletter are correct.

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.



Messy Mary's at St Mary's Harrington

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

one is on the 18th of 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.

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



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 into 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.



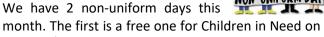
Revisewise

The Revisewise clubs are now on a Wednesday or a Thursday morning



from 8.15am until the start of the school day and are now for **Year 5 and 6** children who can attend one or both.

Non-Uniform Day



the 14th of November however voluntary donations to the cause will be passed on. The second one is a week later on Friday 21st November





with donations of chocolate welcomed to support the Christmas hampers for the raffle and the bingo night.

Donations Needed



The school would very much welcome

- Barbie & Ken dolls/clothes
- Clothes for doll babies
- Hot wheels type cars
- Wet playtime games

Class Assembly

Class Assemblies

Please note the dates on the back page in your diaries. The backdrop to all assemblies this year will be one to celebrate 20 years of the school.



Early Years Open Morning

The re-scheduled open morning for prospective parents to visit Nursery or Reception now takes place THIS Saturday from 10am to 12pm. Details on the poster below.



We have had a large number of visitors to the school recently who, to a person, have commented on the lovely atmosphere in school, the exemplary behaviour of the children and how hard they work. The school is a very special place and is recognised as those which is heartwarming and rewarding to staff and pupils alike.

Term Dates until Summer 2027

	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027	
Start of Term	Wednesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 7 th January	Monday 13 th April May Day – Mon 4 ^{th t}	Thursday 3 rd September	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 12th April May Day – Mon 3 rd	
Half Term	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	
End of Term	Friday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July	Friday 18 th December	Thursday 25 th March	Friday 16 th July	

Diary Dates

Mon 3rd – Poppies on sale

Thu 6th – 5RM visiting Walkmill Mining – Classroom Sec.

Sun 9th - Remembrance Parade

Mon 10th – 5RM visiting Walkmill Mining Site

- FAB Meeting 3.30pm

Fri 14th – 3/4LB Class Assembly

Tue 18th – Y5 visiting St Joseph's for Cookery & PE

Fri 21st – Chocolate Non-Uniform day

Week beg. Mon 24th – Parliament Week

Fri 28th – Josh McAllister MP visiting school

December

Tue 2nd – Nursery Nativity for parents 9.30am

KS2 Boccia tournament at St Joseph's

Wed 3rd – Christmas KS1 Crafternoon

Thu 4th – NISCU Puppets Visiting

- Takeover Morning
- Christmas Crafternoon

Sat 6th & Sun 7th – Workington Light Festival

Mon 8th – Christmas Discos: 3.15 - 4.15pm YR & KS1; KS2 – 3.15 - 5.15pm

Tue 9th – Reception Nativity for Parents 9.15am

Wed 10th — Reception Nativity for Parents 2.15pm

Nursery singing Carols at 'the Galloping Horse'

Thu 11th – Christmas Dinner Day

Mon 15th – Christmas Movie Night – Reception & KS1 3.15-5.15pm

Tue 16th – LKS2 Carol Service at Church 2pm

- Christmas Movie Night for KS2 3.15-5.15pm

Wed 17th – Y2 visiting Allerdale Disability Association

UKS2 Carol Service at Church 2pm

Thu 18th - Christmas Party Day

Fri 19th – Carols in the Square 10.30am







Dates for 2026!

Wed 7th Jan - Children start back

Tue 13th Jan - KS1 Dodgeball 9.30-12

Fri 23rd Jan - 1/2LJ Class Assembly

Tue 27th Jan - Governors' meeting

Fri 30th Jan - 3/4SF Class Assembly Fri 6th Feb - 1/2DT Class Assembly

Wed 11th Feb -KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 12th Feb - 3/4LS Class Assembly

Thu 12th Feb - KS1 & R Cinema Night

Week beg. 16th Feb - Half term

Tue 24th Feb - KS2 Table tennis 9.30-12

Thu 5th March - World Book Day

Fri 13th March - Poetry by Heart Showcase

Sun 15th March - Mother's Day

Week beg. 16th March - Nursery Come & paly week

Tues 17th & Wed 18th March – Parents' Evenings

Thu 19th March - UKS2 Party night

Fri 20th March - Year 5 Assembly

Week beg. 23rd March – Easter Party Nights YR- Mon; Y1 – Tue; Y2; Wed; LKS2 - Thu.

Week beg.23rd March – Egg & Bonnet Design Week

Tue 24th March – LKS2 Football Competition 9.30-12

- Governors' Meeting & Challenge Day

Fri 27th March - Egg Dumping Final

-School breaks up for Easter, no Beck Xtra or Educare

Mon 13th April – Children start back

Wed 22nd April – 5/6CC cooking experience @Pizza Express

Fri 24th April - 1/2AF Class Assembly

Tue 28th April – KS1 Kicky Rounders 9.30-12

Thu 30th April - Class Photo Day May - KS1 Optional SATs Month

Week beg. 11th May - KS2 SATs

Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday Tue 5th May – LKS2 Rounders competition 9.30-12

Fri 1st May - 1/2TM Class Assembly

Fri 15th May – Y6 children can wear their Leavers' Hoodies

School Swimming gala

Mon 18th May – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tue 19th May - KS1 Football 9.30-12

Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors

Thu 21st May - KS2 Cinema Night

Week beg. 25th May - Half term

2 weeks from week beg. 1st June – Y4 Times Table Check Week beg. 8th June - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

Weeks beg. 1st & 8th June - UKS2 Intensive Swims

Wed 3rd June - Sports Day

Tue 9th June – Governor Challenge Day

- Reception Multi Skills 9.30-12
- 20 years celebration

Tue 16th June - UKS2 Football 9.30-12

Tue 23rd - Thu 25th June -UKS2 Newcastle residential trip

Sun 21st Jun - Father's Day

Week beg. 29th Jun – Summer Trips week

Week beg. 6th July - Summer Party nights; Mon: YR; Tue: Y1;

Wed: Y2; Thu: LKS2; Fri; UKS2.

Tue 7th July - Governor Main Meeting

Thu 9th & Fri 10th July - Meet new classes mornings

Mon 13th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 14th July - Y6 Graduation

Thu 16th - FUN day

Fri 17th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent

School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Educare

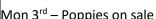












Tue 11th – Remembrance Silence 11am

- LKS2 Benchball competition @ St Joseph's

Thu 13th – Over 55's coming for lunch

Children in Need non uniform day

Mon 24th – Reception Whinlatter Visit

Tues 25th – Governor Challenge Day, Finance & Main Meeting

- Christmas Bingo Night

