

Beckstone Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope and trust your child(ren) have settled back into school routines well or for new starters are adjusting to life at school, something that will be part of their life for many years to come. For children from Year 1 up you have the opportunity to hear from the teacher's side how well your child has settled. Please make sure you make and attend your appointment, more details in the newsletter.

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 the newsletter is packed with information including information on Halloween celebrations, kitchen updates, the new playground area, the new pedestrian crossing, school meals and parents' evenings. Please ensure you attend the parents' evenings as it is so important for your child that school and homework closely together to support your child.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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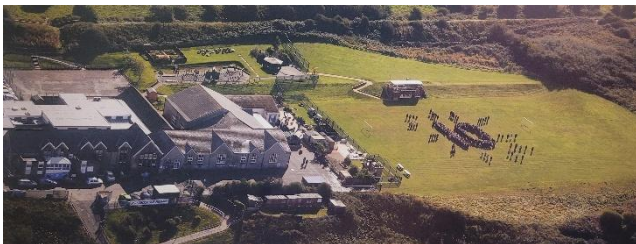
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Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm
Sat 9am-12.30pm



20 Years!



The school was technically 20 years old in September and we are celebrating this landmark with a special assembly and a flyover (by Mr Fleming!) who will take a photo like the one above (that is displayed in the School office) but with the number 20 made by the pupils of the school. It is hoped to put this photo on canvas above the one in the School Office.

The Arabella Adventure Area

SK Drainage have begun work, free of charge, landscaping the area for the new playground. With the vegetation gone it looks like a large space. There will be a meeting soon where all who have offered help and support will be asked to attend so we can progress this project as quickly as is possible. The total raised to date towards the Arabella Adventure Area is an amazing £22,365.



Harvest

On Monday 13th October KS1 classes will be performing Harvest Songs for the school pupils in the morning 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 13th of October. Please see Foodbank article and poster later in the newsletter.

Halloween



The last Friday of this half term (24th October) will be a Halloween, spooky themed day (Halloween itself is on the last Friday 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 Afternoon Nursery 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.

New A597 Crossing



The letter reproduced on the next page went home last month and is being reproduced here as a reminder that there will undoubtedly be traffic disruption during half term and perhaps in the week after due to the installation of a crossing.

12 September 2025

Dear Resident,

PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING – A597 CHURCH ROAD/MAIN ROAD, HARRINGTON

I am writing to notify you of the Councils proposed introduction of a new Puffin Crossing on the A597, Church Road/Main Road, Harrington. This proposed crossing aims to improve safety for pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren, addressing a longstanding concern in the area.

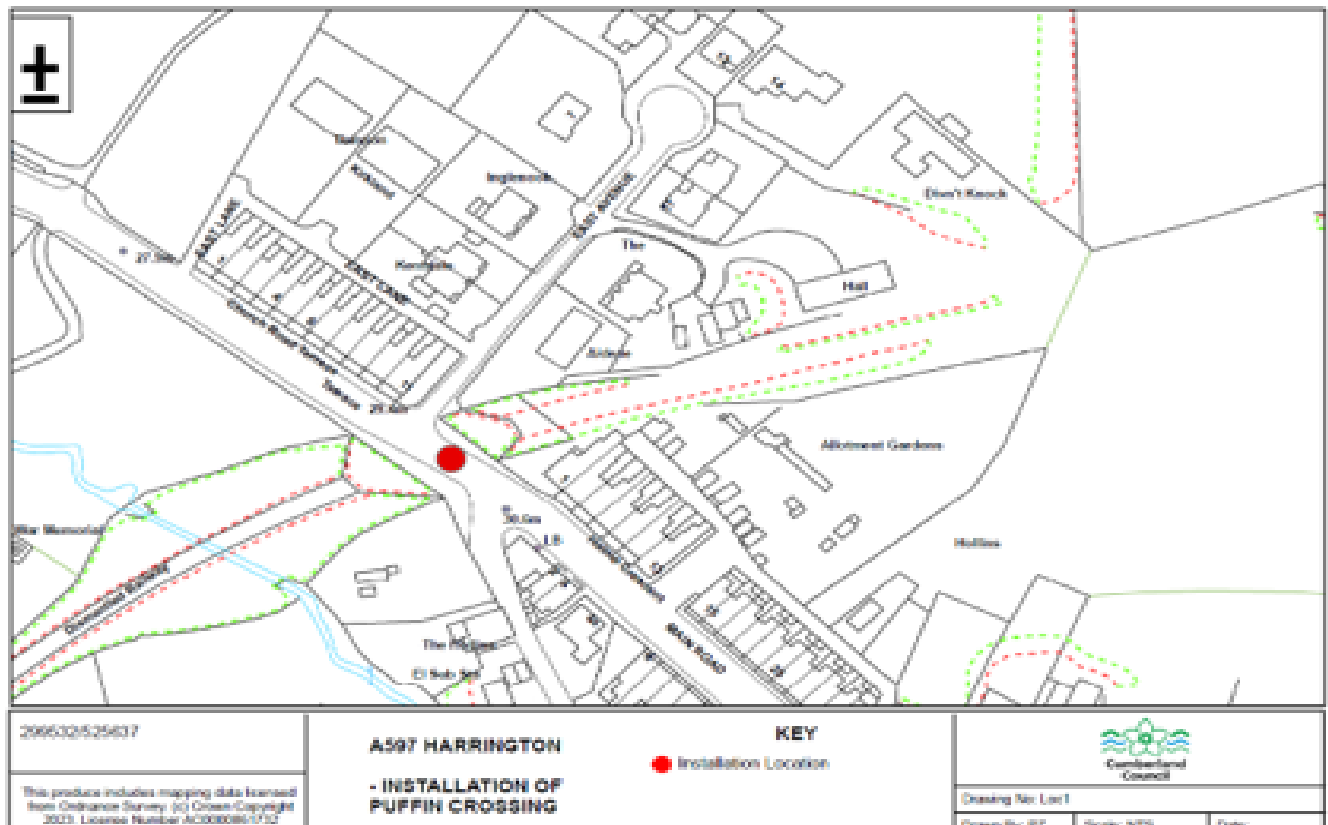
The installation is scheduled to begin on 26th October 2025, and to facilitate the work, temporary traffic signals will be in place for approximately two weeks.

If you would like further information about this scheme or have any feedback, please contact us via email at TrafficTeam@cumberland.gov.uk or by sending a letter to the address provided above before the 3rd October 2025.

Your input is important to us, and we welcome your thoughts before proceeding with the installation.

Yours faithfully

Peter Zajac
Traffic Management Officer



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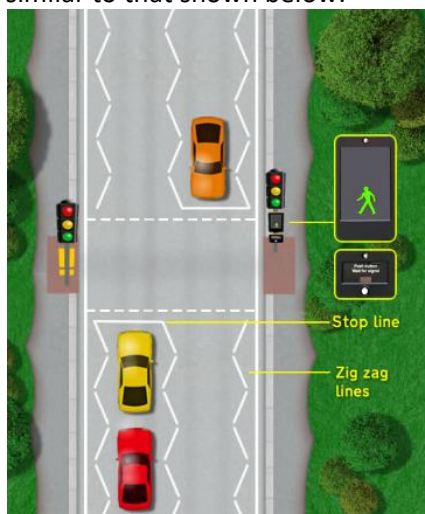
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The new crossing will be a light-controlled puffin crossing similar to that shown below:



It will line up with the back path and will make crossing the road for all our pupils who came that way so very much safer.

Please bear with the road works as there is no gain without pain and the result will be beneficial to pedestrians forever.

Cumberland Council have been very supportive and have worked closely with the school on this project and the Governing Body should be thanked for its consistent lobbying for a crossing that has finally come to fruition.

In addition to the above the new crossing will also have additional 'pupil bollards', similar to those shown in the next column but in Beckstone uniforms:



Secondary Transition

Please can all Y6 parents note that the deadline for secondary applications is 31st October, You can download a copy of the booklet at

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/statutory_info/admissions/index.html 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.



SCAN ME



You must submit your application by 31 October 2025. If your form is late, it may seriously affect your chances of being allocated a place at one of your preferred schools.

School Meal/Kitchen Update



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



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. Below are images from last year: **Poppies and other items will go on sale immediately after half term**





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Remembrance Parade



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.



Y1 –Y6 Meet the Teacher – Wellbeing & Progress Update

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th October 2025



Please look out for the booking form for these meetings that will be released by your child's class teacher today. We

are aiming and expect 100% of children to have at least one parent attending. 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.



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

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 the Rainforest Room.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties booking your appointment and we will be happy to help.



Coffee Morning

This took place on Friday 26th September. The event raised an amazing £1,009 which has all been donated to this worthwhile charity. Thank you to all who supported it and a BIG thank you to Mrs Chambers and Year 6 for hosting this worthwhile and successful event.





Governors' Board

For some, Autumn is a change in the seasons marked by colder and (even!) wetter weather, when the nights draw in and the fuel bills rise. For others, Autumn is a blaze of gold, amber, ruby and russet, when the trees hang low, laden with apples, pears and plums, and the morning chill freshen the warmth of the sun. To some extent it depends on whether you look to the future and see Autumn as a foretaste of the winter that is to come, or whether you live in the moment and look for the good that is all around us.

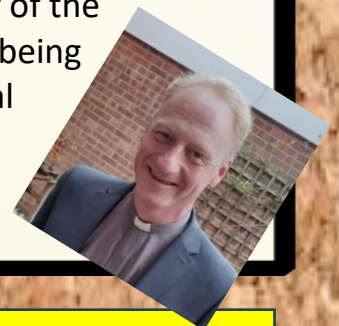
Our harvest festival is a time of looking back in gratitude for the good things in our lives. In ancient times the festival was at the start of harvest, when the first fruits were brought to God as an offering of thanksgiving. The harvest was not yet complete, so it was a mark of faith, because the full extent of the crop was not yet known. I look forward to Key Stage 1 coming to St Mary's church at 2pm on 13th October for their harvest thanksgiving, to hear their songs and poems, and see their enthusiastic delight in all the world has to offer.

It seems to me that teaching is about being in the moment, appreciating every small step that each child makes, but also planting seeds for our children's future. We tend to think of harvest as gathering the produce for our own benefit, but it's also about producing seeds for future growth. As a Governor, I love coming to Challenge Days when we have the opportunity to review the children's work and see the amazing progress they have made during the year; to see how the seeds planted at the start of the year are blossoming and bearing much fruit by the time they are ready to move on.

We all have a role to play in nurturing those seeds; teachers, governors and parents, working together to encourage our children, to create a positive environment where children are eager to learn, where their efforts are encouraged, and their achievements praised. We also need to nurture and protect those seeds when winter strikes, because sometimes children have a hard time and need extra love and care.

Harvest is a time for giving thanks, and I would like to thank, on behalf of the Governors, all the staff for their total commitment to the growth, wellbeing and support of all our children and for making Beckstone such a special place to learn.

Reverend Dom



New Parent Governor

We are please to let you know we have a new Parent Governor, Mr Ryan Close. He was elected unopposed and will attend the Governors' AGM on the 14th October.

Ryan has a lot of experience in engineering, construction, mentoring and professional development/ He has a lot of transferable skills that will be a valuable addition to the Board. We all look forward to working with him.

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Gurning

Classes took part in a 'Gurning' (face pulling) contest in the week beginning the 15th of September culminating in 'Gurn Off' finals on Thursday 18th September. The Gurning competition is an ancient local competition with the world championships held in Egremont at the 'Crab Fair' in September.

Our Early Years & KS1 winner was Arthur, pictured below.



Our KS2 winner was Rosanna, also pictured below.



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.

Again, sadly a number of our parents are receiving fixed penalty notices for holidays in term time. Please note repeat offences can lead to a criminal prosecution.

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.

Attendance and the Law

The Government's policy on attendance is much stricter now. Action against families who have children with poor attendance will be taken by the County not the school and they now have access to school data. **Action is particularly harsh against term time holidays – please be aware of this.**

The Headteacher is not allowed to authorise absence and indeed any holiday absences in term time will be counted as 'unauthorised' (which equates to a truancy mark) and may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine.

Parents need to fill in a leave of absence form if their child is going to be missing from school (this is of vital importance as the school immediately chases up any



unknown absences on the day itself and if the child's whereabouts is not known then the Police are notified – this is school policy). Parents can apply for 'exceptional circumstances' on this form if they so wish. It is imperative that school knows where your child is for safeguarding reasons.

County Attendance Letter to all Parents

We have been asked to distribute a letter to all parents about attendance by the County. This is reproduced on the next page for your information.



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

Nasal Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations took place early in the school year on Tuesday 16th September for all years from Reception upwards. The children were all very brave (in reality it feels like a tickle in the nose) and we were very proud of them. The uptake was 68.4%, a level down from last year. This will give these children protection from flu and their attendance and consequently their learning will not be impaired. It also helps to protect family members from the spread of flu. In addition, it provides additional protection with winter viruses as scientific research has shown that the body finds it hard to cope if trying to fight more than one viral infection at any one time.

If your child missed this valuable winter protection then please note that children aged 2 upwards and also in Nursery can receive their free vaccination through their GP or Pharmacies. **Harrington Pharmacy offers this service and is very handy for school.**



Flu vaccinations for adults are also available on request at Pharmacies or large supermarkets for an average £10 fee.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

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

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

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

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



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:



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September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parents have legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly. Regular school attendance is essential for every child and young person. It supports their learning, wellbeing, and future opportunities. Regular attendance means attending every day that school is open unless absence is authorised by the school (eg illness). As the local authority, we work closely with schools to ensure that all pupils attend regularly and punctually, and that families are supported in meeting their legal responsibilities.

Under the current national guidance, parents and carers are required to:

- Ensure their child attends school every day it is open, unless there is a lawful reason for absence (eg illness)
- Inform the school promptly if their child is absent unexpectedly and the reason for absence
- Schedule medical appointments outside of school hours where possible
- Request leave of absence only in exceptional circumstances and submit requests in advance

(Please note: family holidays during term time are not generally considered exceptional and are unlikely to be authorised)

In accordance with the Department for Education's National Framework for Penalty Notices (effective from 19 August 2024), schools are required to consider enforcement action when a child or young person has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence (equivalent to five school days) within a rolling 10-week period. While support will always be offered in the first instance, continued unauthorised absences or term-time holidays taken without permission may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), or lead to prosecution where appropriate.

In exceptional circumstances, the Local Authority may issue a FPN even if the national threshold has not been met. This may apply where there is evidence to suggest that a parent or carer is deliberately manipulating attendance patterns to avoid enforcement action.

In the last Academic year nearly 2000 FPNs were issued across Cumberland Local Authority for taking children out of school for holidays in term time.



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Key points regarding those Fixed Penalty Notices:

- Each FPN issued is a direct alternative to prosecution (so if the Penalty is not paid prosecution is likely).
- Each parent/carer may receive up to two FPNs per child within a three-year period.
- If a third occasion arises, further legal action may be considered, including a prosecution.
- FPNs are issued individually to each parent/carer.
- A number of prosecutions were brought against parents who did not pay the FPN, or FPNs if more than one child was concerned, resulting in criminal convictions and fines/costs of up to several hundred pounds.

We understand that circumstances can vary, and our aim is always to work in partnership with families to support good attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, we encourage you to speak with your child's school or contact our Access and Inclusion Team.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure that every child receives the full benefit of their education.

Yours sincerely,

Ed Strong
Senior Manager for Access & Inclusion

Nursery Intakes



BECKSTONE NURSERY PLACES 2025/26

JANUARY 2026
Children born between
1st Sept - 31st Dec 2022

APRIL 2026
Children born between
1st Jan - 31st Mar 2023

SEPTEMBER 2026
Children born between
1st April - 31st Aug 2023

JANUARY 2027
Children born between
1st Sept - 31st Dec 2023

Children can attend 'Afternoon Nursery' as soon as they turn 3 - further information is available from the school office.

Nursery application forms can be collected from the school office or found on the Cumberland website.

Please apply as soon as possible!

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.



** 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.



Food & Drink

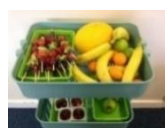
◆ **School Meals** currently cost £15.50 per week payable on ParentPay. This is great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches and the hassle of putting them together. We would recommend a hot meal for all the children, particularly as we return to school in the Autumn 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 next half term is **£15** and needs to be paid by **Friday 7th 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 next half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 7th November 2025**.



- Fruit is **£15.00** for next half term, again payable on



ParentPay by **Friday 7th November 2025**. This is for playtime snacks.

Beckstone's Extended Services

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.

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 Themed Days

Monday Art & Crafts	
	Tuesday Dancing
Wednesday Homework	
	Thursday Baking
Friday Computers	



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 or via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Please note after school learning/sport clubs cost £15.00 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.

****** 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 ******

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 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.



Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

The next donor sessions at Energus are on Monday 20th October from 3 to 7pm. Or 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.

Trolley

The trolley you can see in front of school was beautifully restored by our Chair of Governors, Mr Turk. It was found in the allotment at the front. Mrs Logan added all the lovely flowers.



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.



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

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Foodbank Donations/Harvest



EVERY DAY School Harvest Appeal 2025

Help transform people's lives **EVERY DAY**, with a donation to your local **FOODBANK**

Food items we would like you to donate:
Dried Pasta 500g, Rice 500g, Jam, Sponge Pudding, UHT Milk, UHT Orange Juice, Tea/Coffee, Cereals 350g-500g, Baked Beans, Tinned Soup, Tinned Meat, Tinned Veg, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Custard or Tinned Rice Pudding.

Please help! If you can

For more information
Contact: Stuart Christian, North Lakes Foodbank, Schools Worker
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In the midst of this cost-of-living crisis donations would be more than welcomed to help support the vulnerable families in the locality.

The school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. Donations continue to be very much welcome and

there is a collection bin in the green shelter at the top of the school hill.

The local Foodbank have asked schools for support during the Harvest season so we are asking for children to bring a donation to our Harvest assembly in school on Monday 13th October. The poster alongside shows the sort of donations that would be most welcomed and most useful for those that use the foodbank.

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.



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

Multiplication Tables

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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.



School Office

By the time you read this Mrs Rosser will have left the Office. We are sorry to lose her and she will be missed but wish her all the very best.

After a very competitive recruitment process, we are pleased to announce that Mrs Claire Tuck will be the Office Manager by the time of the next newsletter. We are looking forward to working with her and she will be an asset to the team.

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 6** children who can attend one or both.

The sessions will continue from September right up to SATs in Year 6.



Non-Uniform Day

Our first non-uniform day of the year will take place on Friday 10th October. It is aimed as a fund raiser for the Arabella Adventure Area which is beginning to take shape (see earlier article).

The next one will be a FREE one for Children in Need however voluntary donations to the cause will be passed on.



Cinema Nights



These take place each term. The ones planned for this half term take place on Monday 20th October for Reception & KS1 and on Tuesday 21st October for KS2. The film being shown is Hocus Pocus 2

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

Tapestry/Seesaw

The importance of all families having access to Seesaw and Tapestry cannot be understated. The platforms are used or homework, to track your child's learning journey. Share photos and it is also a conduit for sending messages to parents. **If you do not have access, please make sure your child's teacher knows immediately.** Details of parents' evenings and indeed reports are posted to these sites so access is essential!



Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome

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



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 23rd of October and hopefully you will receive a flyer from the paper reminding you about it if you are a Reception child parent.

Class Assemblies Date Changes

Please note there have been 2 changes to the class assembly dates from the last newsletter. This effects parents in 3/4LS and 1/2AF. 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 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	Thursday 3 rd September	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 12 th 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

October

Wed 1st – React Science Show 1.30pm for UKS2 at Lakes College
 - Sand Creation Workshop for KS2 3.15 – 4pm
 Fri 3rd – 20 Years of Beckstone Celebration Day
 Sat 4th – EYFS Open Morning – 10am to 12pm
 Week beg. 13th – Nursery Come & Play week
 Thu 9th – 6JM visiting Walkmill Mining – Classroom session
 Fri 10th – Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Arabella Playground
 Mon 13th – Harvest for School & Harvest Donations welcomed.
 - Harvest Festival for KS1 families at 2pm at Church.
 - 6JM visiting Walkmill Mining Site
 Tue 14th – Governors AGM 4pm
 Wed 15th & Thu 16th – Parents' Evening
 Thu 16th – KS1 visiting the Over 55's with Harvest at 2pm.
 Fri 17th – Non-Uniform day for the Arabella Playground
 Mon 20th – 'Open the Book' assembly performance
 - R & KS1 Cinema Night
 Tues 21st – 5/6CC visiting Walkmill Mining – Classroom session
 - KS2 Cinema Night
 Wed 22nd – United Utilities workshops for Nursery & Reception
 Thu 23rd – 5/6CC visiting Walkmill Mining Site
 Fri 24th – Halloween Themed Day

Week beg. 28th – Half term

November

Mon 3rd – Poppies on sale
 Thu 6th – 5RM visiting Walkmill Mining – Classroom session
 Sun 9th – Remembrance Parade
 Mon 10th – 5RM visiting Walkmill Mining Site
 - FAB Meeting 3.30pm
 Tue 11th – Remembrance Silence 11am
 - LKS2 Benchball competition @ St Joseph's
 Thu 13th – Over 55's coming for lunch
 Fri 14th – 3/4LB Class Assembly
 - Children in Need non uniform day
 Tue 18th – Y5 visiting St Joseph's for Cookery & PE
 Fri 21st – Chocolate Non-Uniform day
 - Y6 Takeover Morning
 Week beg. Mon 24th – Parliament Week
 Mon 24th – Reception Whinlatter Visit
 Tues 25th – Governor Challenge Day, Finance & Main Meeting
 Fri 28th – Josh McAllister MP visiting school

December

Tue 2nd – Nursery Nativity for parents 9.30am
 - KS2 Bocchia tournament at St Joseph's
 Wed 3rd – Christmas Bingo Night
 Thu 4th – NISCU Puppets Visiting
 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
 Week beg. 15th – Christmas Party Nights – Mon Y1; Tue Y2.
 Wed LKS2 & Thu UKS2
 Tue 16th – LKS2 Carol Service at Church 2pm
 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
 - No Beck Xtra or Afternoon Nursery, Break up for Christmas



Dates for next year already!



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
 Fri 13th 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 6th March – 1/2AF Class Assembly
 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
 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
 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 18th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Educare

