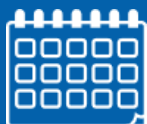




Dates for Your

DIARY



Thursday 12th December 24

Christmas Dinner & Christmas
Jumper Day

Monday 16th December 24

Yr5 & 6 Imperial war Museum
Duxford

Tuesday 17th December 24

EYFS Nativity at 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th December 24

Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert at
2:15pm

Thursday 19th December 24

Parents' Open Afternoon
2:45pm

Friday 20th December 24

Last day of Term

Monday 06 January 2025

Back to School

NEWSLETTER

A message from **Miss Minter**



Hello Parents, Staff and Students of Beck Row,

As we reach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the incredible dedication, hard work, and progress we have achieved together. It has been an absolute pleasure to join this wonderful school community and serve as your principal during the Autumn term.

The progress across the school has been nothing short of phenomenal. Year 1 has shown great determination in improving their phonics results, with children passing rising from 50% to 62%. Year 2 has been truly outstanding, with an increase from 44% to an impressive 78% passing. Our Year 4 students have made a remarkable leap in their MTC results, improving from just 6% to 42%. And in Year 6, the commitment to learning has shone through in their maths SATs performance, increasing from 57% to 72%.

These accomplishments are a testament to the relentless effort of our students and the unwavering support of the staff. But these are just a few highlights. Reception, you are the most well-behaved cohort I have ever known, setting an example for the entire school. Your strides in writing in Years 3 and 5, have been inspiring, with Year 3 even scoring above the national average – a truly fantastic achievement! And year 5, you are all so polite and respectful.

This term has been a time of growth, learning, and success, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together. To the staff, your passion and dedication have made all the difference, and to the students, your enthusiasm and hard work have brought our school community to new heights.



As we look ahead to the Spring term, I am filled with excitement and optimism for what we will accomplish next. For now, I wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas break. Take this time to relax, celebrate, and recharge.

Thank you once again for your outstanding efforts this term. Let's continue to build on this momentum as we move forward together.

Warmest wishes,
Charley Minter



Attendance

In the spirit of Christmas, and coming to the end of a really successful term, we are running a fun competition. If children attend school every day from the 4th December - 19th December (that's only 12 days) they will be put into a raffle to win either a £50, £30 or £20 WHSmiths voucher. A perfect treat just before Christmas!

Our current attendance is:

Whole School: 96%

Potter Class: 98%

Donaldson Class: 96%

Jeffers Class: 96%

Blake Class: 98%

Rosen Class: 95%

Morpurgo Class: 95%

Wilson Class: 96%

Dahl Class: 96%

Zephaniah Class: 94%

Elphinstone Class: 96%

The academy attendance policy is available on our website <https://beckrow.attrust.org.uk/> under Our Academy and the Policies tab.



SEND Supporting a child who find Christmas overwhelming

Christmas can be hard for your child if they struggle with crowds, noises and changes in routine. The festive period can be overwhelming for autistic children and children with ADHD, sensory issues or anxiety. It can help to plan and adapt your celebrations around your child's need.

Make a list

Make a list of what your child finds difficult. The list will be unique to your child because every child will cope with Christmas in different ways. Try to think about when they might experience these things. Think about whether you can avoid those situations or help your child prepare.

Prepare them for gifts

Some children find surprise gifts overwhelming. You might want to let them know what type of gifts they will open and when this will happen. For example, you could tell them you will give them a book and the surprise is which book you choose. It can also help to:

- Spread gift giving over the day or different days
- Give gifts with out wrapping
- Allow them to open gifts away from other people.
- Talk to friends and family to explain that your child's response to gifts may not be what they expect.

Involve your child in decisions

Involve your child in some decisions. For example, ask them to help you choose decorations they feel comfortable with. This could be lights, colours and textures.

Speak to their school

Find out what's happening at your child's school could this include shows, parties, lunches or Christmas jumper days.

This could become overwhelming for some children. If you feel your child may need extra support during these times, try to speak to the school before the event so they can plan to support your child.

Plan for visitors and outings

If your child struggles with people visiting your home or going out, think about how you can help. You could:

- see if your child wants to stay at home with another family member when you go out
- ask if they want to play in a different room
- let your child stay with you if they want to when at other houses




Create a safe space

Keep at least one room in the house free of decoration. Try to make sure it looks like it usually does. This can be a safe space for your child if they feel overwhelmed.

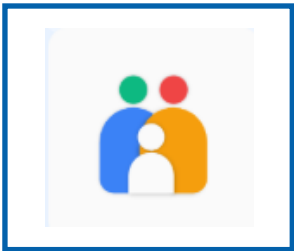
Manage change in routine

Prepare your child each day for what's coming the next day. Talk to them about who will be there, what they will do and what they'll eat. If your child uses picture cards or sign language to communicate, start using signs for the new activities ahead of time to help their understanding.

Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School					
		Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 Biscuit Booster		Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 Biscuit Booster	
Starting January	Lightwave KS1 & KS2				

APPS you need...



MyChildAtSchool
(MCAS)



Class Dojo



Tapestry
(Reception)



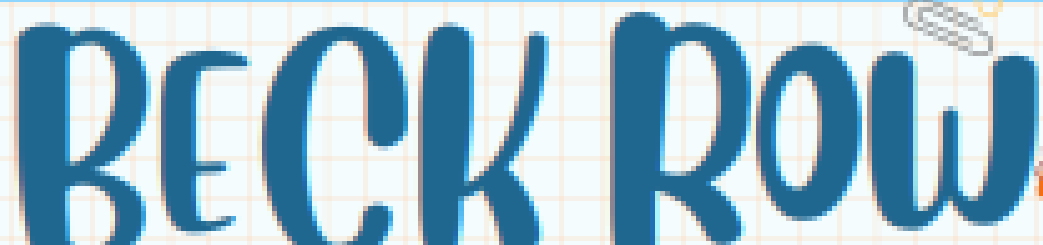
TT Rock Stars



The Gruffalo

On 27th November, Early Years and Key Stage 1 went to see The Gruffalo live on stage at Norwich Playhouse. The children all had a fantastic time and enjoyed joining in with the crowd participation parts of the show. Thank you to all those who volunteered on the trip to help it run smoothly, and to those who baked / bought from our bake sale earlier in the year to help reduce the cost for our children to be able to enjoy this great experience.





BECK ROW VALUES:



Bold

Expressive

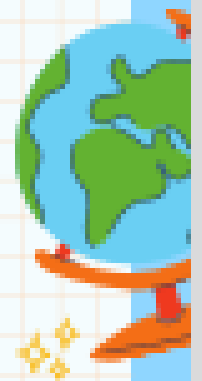
Creative

Kind

Respectful

Open-minded

Willing





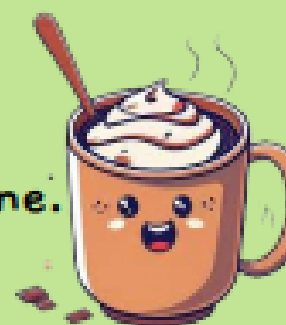
CLASS DOJOS

Receive Green Dojos and turn them into rewards!



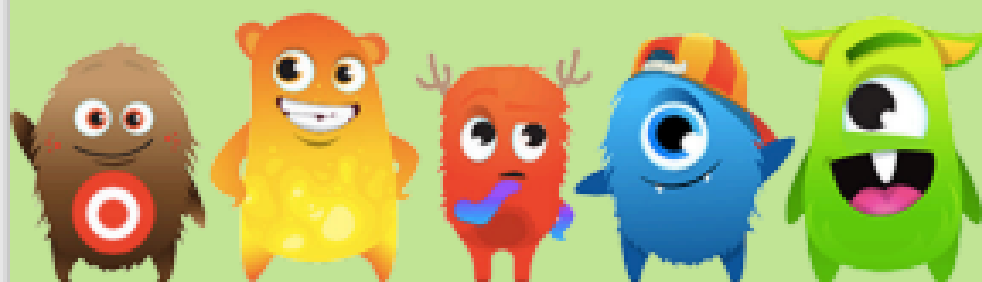
100 Green Dojos: a GOLDEN Ticket

500 Green Dojos: Hot chocolate at lunchtime.



1000 Green Dojos: Extra playtime!

2000 Green Dojos: A day trip out.



The Beck Row Way



Lovely Lining Up-
We line up in single
file and in silence.

Wonderful Walking -
We walk quietly with
our hands behind our
back or by our sides.

**Whole Body
Listening -** We sit
appropriately so we
can listen and focus.

No Opt Out- Our
teachers do not let
us give up on
answering.

Cold Calling - Our
teachers will
randomly pick us
to answer.

Right is Right - We
always know when
our answer isn't
quite good enough.



Owl Experience



The whole school enjoyed an owl experience in assembly on 5th December. Early Years have been learning about nocturnal animals and shared their treat with everyone.

PTA: Christmas Market

Oh my goodness £1432.31 profit!!

We cannot thank Beck Row Primary Academy's children and parents enough. This was our first Christmas Market with the new PTA team, and your constant support helped us knock it out of the park!

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of the businesses and parents that donated to the Market; without your assistance, this would not have been possible.



Christmas is an exciting but extremely stressful time and can be difficult without the support of school over the holidays. Please see a small selection of support within our local community and region who can help in our absence. All you need to do is call, email or message them. We look forward to seeing you back in the new year.



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