



NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

DIARY



Term Dates can be found [here](#)

Tuesday 28th January 2025

EYFS Fairy tale Dress up day

Thursday 30th January 2025

Book Fair (Ends 4th Feb)

Tuesday 04th February 2025

Buddies PTA Meeting 3:30pm

Friday 7th February 2025

NSPCC Number day

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Internet Safety Day

Thursday 13th February 2025

KS1 Victorian Day

Friday 14th February 2025

Last day of Term

Monday 24th February 2025

Back to School

A message from

Miss Minter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to share that this term has started on such a positive note here at Beck Row Primary. As we look ahead, we are excited about the many wonderful events planned for the coming weeks. Celebrations for Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day are just around the corner, along with lots of other exciting activities designed to engage and inspire our pupils. These events are great opportunities to learn, have fun, and create lasting memories.

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance, as it plays a crucial role in ensuring your child gets the most out of their education. Additionally, we encourage all children to come to school wearing their uniform with pride, as it reflects not only the school's values but also their individual readiness to learn.

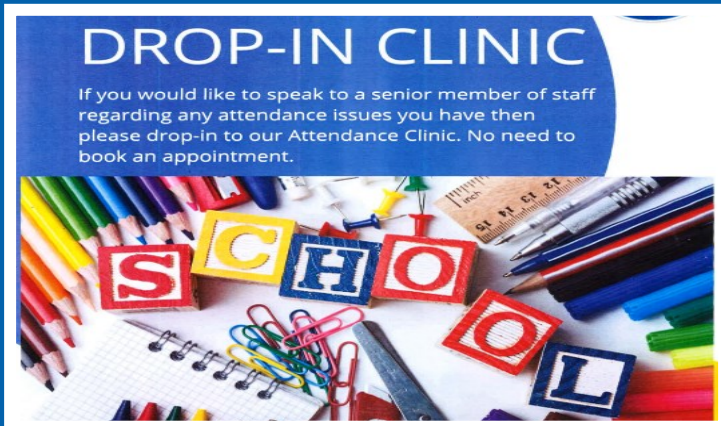
Thank you for your continued support. Together, let's make this term a fantastic one for everyone at Beck Row Primary!

Warm regards,
Charley Minter





Attendance



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 10th January 8.50AM

Friday 14th February 8.50AM

Thursday 27th March 15.00PM

Our current attendance is:

Whole School: 95.7%

Potter Class: 98%

Blake Class: 97%

Elphinstone Class: 96%

Dahl Class: 96%

Wilson Class: 96%

Jeffers Class: 96%

Donaldson Class: 96%

Rosen Class: 95%

Morpurgo Class: 94%

Zephaniah Class: 94%

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

Safeguarding



And Mental Health

Safeguarding and Mental Health are related in many ways and with Mental Health in young people rising, promoting children and young people's wellbeing is a key part of keeping them safe, helping them develop and ensuring they have positive outcomes into adulthood.

Mental health issues can sometimes lead to safeguarding and child protection issues, for example if a child's mental health is unsupported and not nurtured it can begin to put them or other people at risk of harm.




Please see the free parent/workshops that Suffolk are providing to support and promote understanding of mental wellbeing in children.

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit

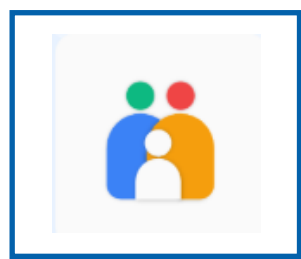
[Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT Events - 4 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)



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	
	Lightwave KS1 & KS2				

APPS you need...



MyChildAtSchool



Class Dojo



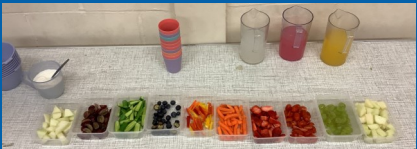
Tapestry
(Reception)



TT Rock Stars

Breakfast Club

Start your day the right way at Beck Row Primary School’s Healthy Breakfast Club! For just £4 a day, enjoy a variety of nutritious and energising breakfast options, including fresh fruit, whole grains, and protein-packed choices. Our menu is designed to fuel your mind and body for a productive school day ahead. With our easy-to-use booking system, MCAS, reserving your spot is simple and convenient. Breakfast Club isn’t just about a meal — it’s an opportunity to socialise, build healthy habits, and ensure your child is ready to learn. Don’t miss out on this fantastic way to kick-start the day — book through MCAS and join Beck Row Primary School’s Health Breakfast Club today!



Beck Row Buddies PTA Update

The Beck Row Buddies PTA has had an incredible school year so far, and we're excited to share some of the highlights with you!

This year, we've accomplished so much, including:

- Hosting a successful OPAL working party day, with Top G Wings kindly providing lunch.
- Organizing a Spooktacular Halloween Disco, thoroughly enjoyed by the children.
- Running a fantastic Christmas Market, raising an amazing £1,400!
- Providing refreshments for the Christmas Concert and Nativity performances.

We've also supported the school in a variety of ways, including:

- Donating funds to every class teacher and the principal to help brighten classrooms and engage children in their learning.
- Contributing to the new fish tank by providing the fish.
- Supplying mince pies for the Christmas Parents Open Afternoon.
- Providing presents and organizing Santa's Grotto for free.
- Helping fund coach transportation for school trips.
- Celebrating Chinese New Year by gifting fortune cookies.
- Supplying competition prizes for both the logo competition and the Number Day Rockstar Dress-Up event.



A big congratulations to Darshdeep in Year 6, who was the winner of our logo competition! We loved her creative design, and it will now represent the Beck Row Buddies PTA going forward.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Forest Heath Fasteners for generously donating all the high-visibility jackets for last year's beach trip, and to Mr. & Mrs. Spark for adding the school name to the back of all 150 jackets. Thanks to their efforts, our pupils are easily identifiable and safer when they go on school trips. In addition, the PTA provided wristbands for the children to wear on trips, which include the school's contact details in case of an emergency.

What's Next?

We're currently working towards purchasing a large outdoor canopy to provide shade for the children during the summer months. If you or someone you know can help by offering a quote for the canopy, please get in touch with the school office—we'd love to hear from you!

Upcoming Events

Our next Beck Row Buddies meeting will be held on 4th February 2025 at 3:30 PM. Meet us at the school office to share your ideas or learn how you can get involved.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and news about upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support—we couldn't do this without our amazing school community!

BECK ROW VALUES:

Bold

Expressive

Creative

Kind

Respectful

Open-minded

Willing





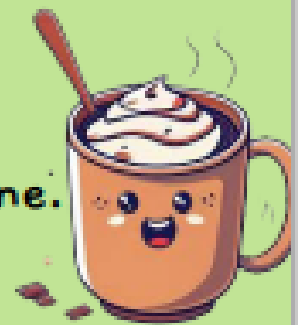
CLASS DOJOS

Receive Green Dojos and turn them into rewards!



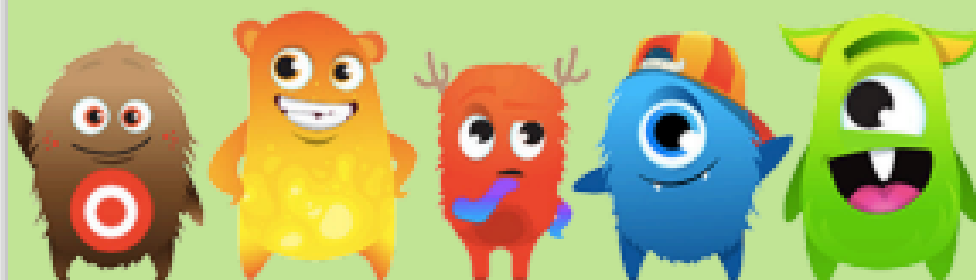
100 Green Dojos: a GOLDEN Ticket

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.



Something Fishy



This term has seen the exciting new addition to the Beck Row family - some tropical fish! They have been an

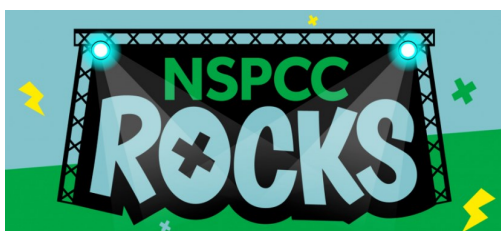
incredible success with the children and staff.

Studies have shown that having an aquarium in school provides a calming effect on all children. This is especially true for pupils who have ADHD or who are on the autism spectrum.

The tank is outside Miss Minter and Mr. Ratcliffe's office, and every day they have the joy of listening to the children stopping to look and talk about the fish.

A big thank you to Mrs. Human, who helped set up the tank before Christmas, ready for our first arrivals in January. Another big thank you to Beck Row Buddies for their generous donation to buy our first fish.

Mr. Ratcliffe has a year 6 writing group that researched which fish they would like and wrote to Buddies requesting some funds. What a great purpose for their writing!



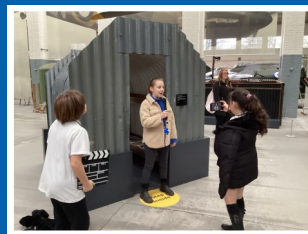
On Friday 7th February it is NSPCC Number Day!

Number Day is an annual campaign encourages children to get involved in numbers-based activities and raise money for charity. The NSPCC is a charity that offer vital services such as Childline and Speak out Stay safe.

This Number Day we would like children to dress up as Rockstars!



Year 5/6 Trip to Duxford Museum



Last half-term, year 5 and 6 pupils visited Duxford Imperial War Museum, where they became documentary producers and had the opportunity to film all of the new material they had learned. When back at school, we was able to watch the documentaries



Early Years walk to the Nature Reserve

Early Years enjoyed a great afternoon walking to the nature reserve on our bird hunt. We managed to spot quite a few birds on our tick list including blackbirds, magpies, pigeons and long-tailed tits.





SEND: Spotlight on...dyslexia

In 2024, the definition of dyslexia was revised slightly.
It is a set of brain processing difficulties affecting reading and spelling.

However, a child can read perfectly well and still be dyslexic and have difficulties with spelling. Other academic areas can also be affected.

The key areas of brain development that contribute to dyslexia are:

- Phonological processing (hearing sounds and making meaning from them)
- Working memory (the brain's ability to hold short-term information and use it)
- Processing speed (the rate at which the brain interprets information)
- Orthographic skills (the ability to form letters/numbers correctly)

The first 2 of these areas are the most common, so we are working on a whole school approach to developing them.

How can you help?

Research shows that those with difficulties in phonological processing and working memory need to come across a new idea up to 36 times before it sticks. So, the more practice children can get, the better it is!

We are working on these levels at school (level 8 is the most difficult), so you could also do the same at home:

Level	Target Ladder	Ideas
1	Generating rhymes	Write/say as many rhyming words as possible <i>eg cat, bat, hat, mat etc</i>
2	Alliteration	Silly alliterative sentences <i>eg Tiny Tim tipped two tubs of tomatoes.</i>
3	Hearing sounds	Replace initial/end sound of word <i>eg cat -> cab or cat-> bat</i>
4	Identifying syllables	Delete/replace syllables <i>eg di-no-saur becomes live-no-saur / di-yes-saur / di-no-axe</i>
5	Auditory memory – verbal rehearsal	Repeat the sentence in their head (or out loud if needed). Increase the number of elements to repeat.
6	Auditory memory - drawing	Draw their thoughts while an adult is talking.
7	Auditory memory – mind mapping	Write related words while an adult is talking <i>eg spider diagram</i>
8	Auditory memory – note-taking	Take notes while an adult is talking.

There is also a free phonological awareness pack online that has some great ideas of how to make it fun. Search 'Hertfordshire phonological awareness pack.'

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/media-library/documents/resource-area-documents/spld-phonological-awareness-pack-pdf-6mb.pdf>

If you'd like to know more, send Mrs Bailey a dojo message.



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Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops



Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Self-harm
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Tourette's symptoms (TICS)



Access here: <https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>