

## **DIARY**

Monday 03rd March 2025 Africa Alive Year 3 & 4

Thursday 06th March 2025 World book day (Dress Up)

**Friday 21st March 2025** South Angle Farm EYFS

Friday 21st March 2025 Red Nose Day

Friday 28th March 2025 School closed for PD day

**Tuesday 1st April 2025** Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Parents evening

The current year's calendar can be found <u>here</u> The new 2025/2026 is now

available <u>here</u>

# NEWSLETTER

A message from

# **Miss Minter**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead!

As you have probably seen, Beck Row has been chosen to be a part of the pilot for the free breakfast club scheme. I shall send out some information shortly but I am still receiving updates from the Government on how this will fully work.

I would like to express how pleased I was reading through our parent survey results you completed a few weeks ago. I am going to collate all of your lovely and helpful messages into a document to share with the staff. I agree with you, they all do work very hard!

Enjoy the weekend. Charley Minter Principal



We are inviting all the children to dress up for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and can bring in a copy of the story if they wish.

Please don't feel like you need to buy something new, costumes can be homemade or made with clothes / items you already have.

We will be having lots of fun activities on throughout the day for the children to enjoy.



## Safeguarding

Understanding the online behaviours of children in the UK is crucial for promoting safe and responsible internet use. Here are some key statistics:



#### 1. Device Ownership:

- In 2024, 24% of children aged 5 to 7 owned a smartphone, and 76% used a tablet.
- By age 11, **91% of UK children** own a smartphone.
- 2. Social Media Engagement:
- Despite age restrictions, **60% of children aged 8 to 12** have profiles on social media platforms.
- 3. Online Gaming:
- In 2024, **41% of children aged 5 to 7** participated in online gaming, with shooter games being notably popular.

#### 4. Exposure to Harmful Content:

• A 2024 report indicated that **a third of children aged 8 to 17** had encountered something harmful online, but only **20%** of parents were aware of these incidents.

#### 5. Screen Time:

• Children aged 5 to 16 spend an average of **6 hours daily** on screens, including gaming, television, and mobile phones.

Teaching Safer Internet practices to primary school children is essential to help them navigate the online world safely. Here are some child-friendly tips and activities to promote internet safety:

- 1. Keep Personal Information Private
- On't share your name, address, school name, phone number, or passwords online.
- ightarrow Use a nickname instead of your real name on games and apps.
- 🐵 Tell a trusted adult if someone asks for your personal details online.

#### 2. Be Kind & Respectful Online

- $\bigcirc$  Treat people online like you would in real life be kind!
- $\bigotimes$  Never send mean messages or post things that might hurt someone's feelings.
- Think before you share is it true? Is it kind? Is it safe?
- 3. Talk to a Trusted Adult
- 🐵 If something online makes you sad, scared, or confused, tell a parent, teacher, or a trusted adult.
- ⚠ If you see something strange, mean, or scary, don't respond just report it!
- 4. Safe Gaming & Videos
- 🖾 Only play age-appropriate games and use child-safe websites.
- Q Check with an adult before clicking on ads, pop-ups, or downloading anything.
- i Watch videos with parental guidance and avoid talking to strangers online.
- 5. Strong Passwords & Safe Logins
- $\mathcal{P}$  Use a strong password something hard to guess but easy to remember.
- Rever share your password, even with friends.
- 6. Be Careful with Strangers Online
- $\bigotimes$  Never chat with or add people you don't know in real life.
- Some people pretend to be someone else online always be careful.



## **Club Timetable**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School		SUPER STAR SFORT Dodgeball	SUPER STAR SFORT Multisport	SUPER STAR SPORT Fun Factory	
		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** 



**TT Rock Stars** 

#### COMIC RELIEF

### **Red Nose Day**

On Friday 21 March Beck Row Primary Academy will join thousands of schools up and down the country and do something funny for money for Red Nose Day.. Here's what we've got planned:

We want everyone to enjoy Red Nose Day by wearing something RED This can be anything from a pair of red socks, Red Nose or red hair accessory.

You can donate by scanning the QR code

Thank you for your continued support - you are BRILLIANT!



## New Shelves for Breakfast Club



Breakfast club would like to thank Wollards of Mildenhall for their kind donation of wood that has been made into shelves to store all the breakfast club items.

## Change to Menu



Sophie's sausages with mash potato

Peter Rabbits vegetable lasagne

Supertato jackets with Big Friendly Giant Beans Gruffalo crumble

## Attendance

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Our current attendance is:

Whole School: 95.5%

Potter Class: 97.7% Blake Class: 96.7% Wilson Class: 96.7% Jeffers Class: 95.7% Elphinstone Class: 95.7% Dahl Class: 95.7% Donaldson Class: 95.6% Rosen Class: 94.3% Morpurgo Class: 94.2%

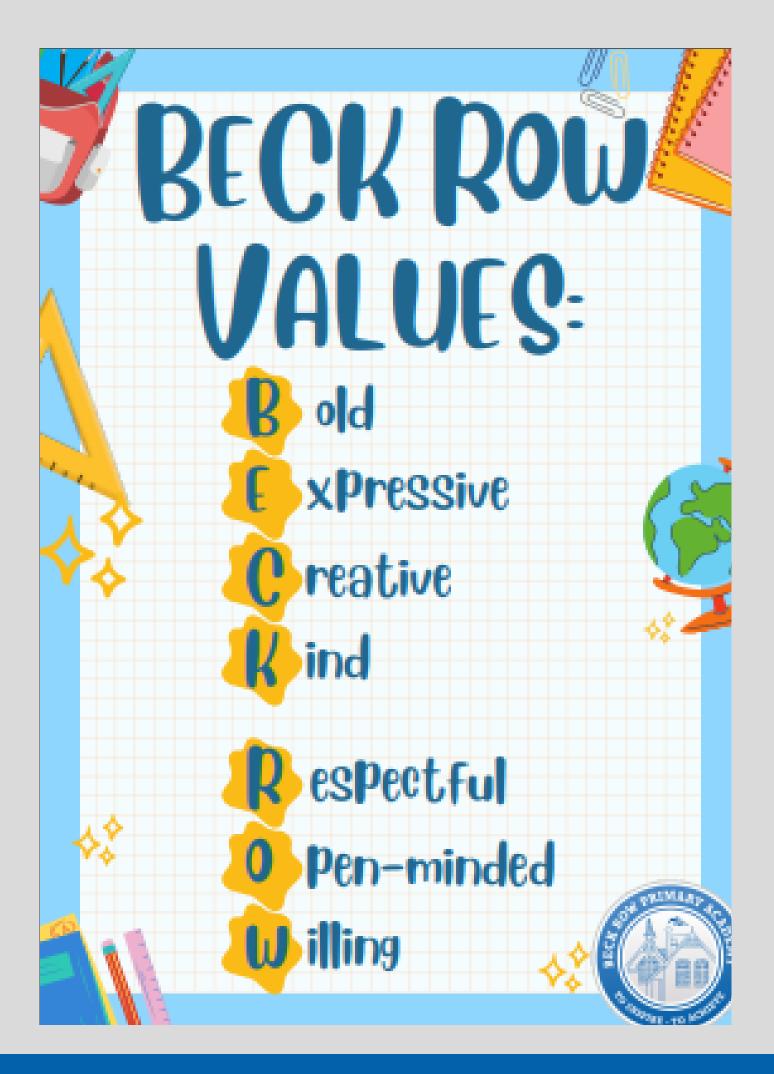


Well done to Potter Class, Blake Class and Wilson Class who all have attendance over 96%!

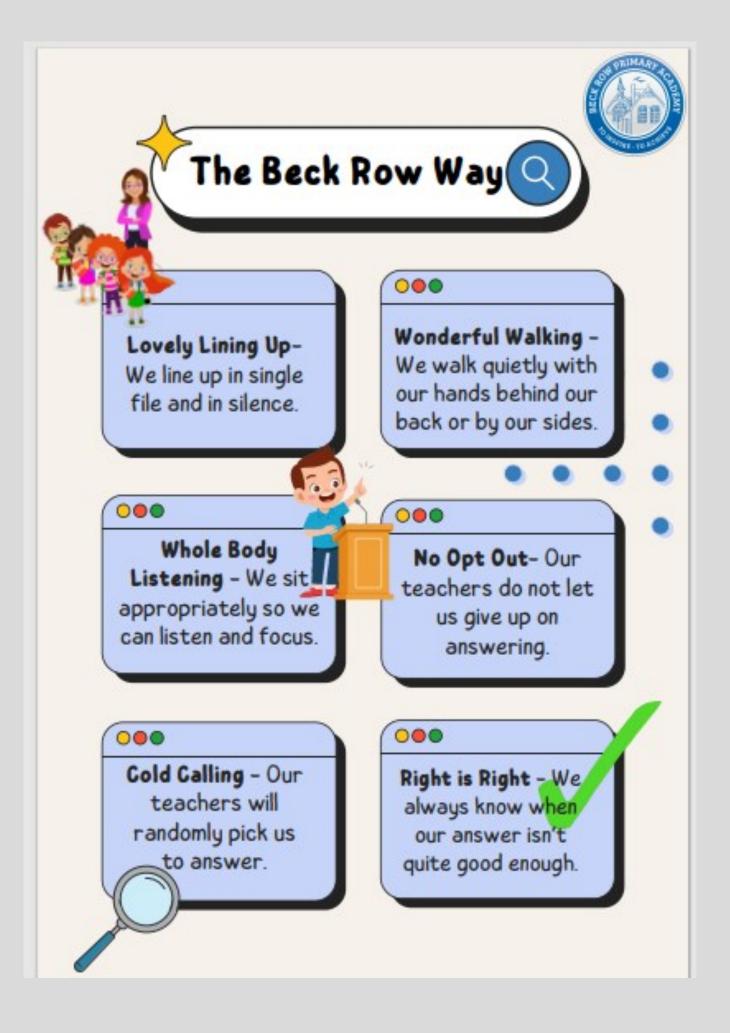
It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Please always ensure that you telephone the office before 9.30am on the morning of any absence. If your child is absent for 5 days or more, you will be asked to provide medical evidence in line with our attendance policy.

There are government guidelines for schools about health protection and managing specific illnesses at GOV.UK. A link to this information can be found <u>here</u>

School Matters! Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow







### Are you an adult currently caring for a child, parent or partner?

We acknowledge the difficulties of caring for a family member alongside all of life's other demands. Here at Beck Row Primary Academy we work in partnership with Suffolk Family Carers who can provide reassurance, information and guidance to support you in your role because we know that looking after yourself is important to enable you to look after others.

### Do you have children who also may be affected by the health of a family member?

Suffolk Family Carers can work with you to help your child better understand the illness or health needs of their parent/sibling, reduce any worries, to ensure your child continues to access the childhood you want for them. For more information please email or speak to a member of staff in the reception.

"I believe that it takes a village to raise a child, and the same goes for kids who may have additional responsibilities and challenges. My child has found having help from various different places assures he has the support he needs."

Parent of a child with a caring responsibility

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# Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair and bought new books.

We had £1539.19 spent at the fair meaning that we raised an amazing **£923.51** for the school to spend on buying new books for classes and the library!

### Excellent Eating

- Stay seated in your chairs.
- Eat with your mouth closed
- Put all of your rubbish in the bin
- Sit where you're asked

Remember the lunch hall is only for eating.

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