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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Beaconside,

As I sit and write this week's newsletter, I can hear a guitar being practised in one room and a keyboard being played in another. It's one of those moments that makes you stop and smile, and it reminds me just how lucky our children at Beaconside Primary School really are.

This week has been full of conversations about new ideas and opportunities for our children, from potential Wimbledon trips and orchestra involvement, to developing our computer aided design, and chances to have a go at triathlete activities. These experiences help children build confidence, take small risks, and discover new things about themselves, and it's no surprise that there are so many happy, confident faces around school.

I want to say a huge thank you to our staff, who constantly look for ways to give our children that little bit extra. It's not just about what happens in lessons, but all the moments in between, the encouragement, the care, the belief in every child. All of these things add up and make a real difference.

I always feel proud when showing visitors around our school, and this week has been no different. We've welcomed colleagues from another local primary school who are thinking about starting their own OPAL journey, along with architects, consultants, builders and a work experience student. As always, our children have taken this in their stride, welcoming visitors kindly, getting on with their learning, and showing just how thoughtful and respectful they are.

And finally, thank you to you, our families. Whether it's adjusting to new routines for morning drop off, remembering swimming kits, or supporting school events, your support means a great deal and helps everything run so smoothly.

Please do take a moment to tell your children how proud we all are of them. They really are doing brilliantly, and it's a joy to see them grow each day.

Polly Cudby

[A very proud] Head of School

Expansion update

A big thank you to everyone for supporting us with the changes to entrances and exits for some of our children as the building work continues. The pre-start building meeting has happened and the plan is ready to go go go!



Year 5

Year 5 have been lighting mini fires in Outdoor learning. They have recapped the fire safety rules and have learnt how to use a flint and steel correctly! The fire triangle comes in handy to understand the elements needed to start these fires.





Nursery....where it all begins

Self portraits, famous artists, orchestral music, baby visitors and a carwash- it's all in a day's work at Beaconside Nursery. Our littlest children have been learning more about how we grow and develop, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting Luca when he visited with his mummy this week. Luca did incredibly well when he woke up to see 20 faces smiling down at him! Thanks to Luca's mummy Rebekah for being so up for it all! 🥰👶

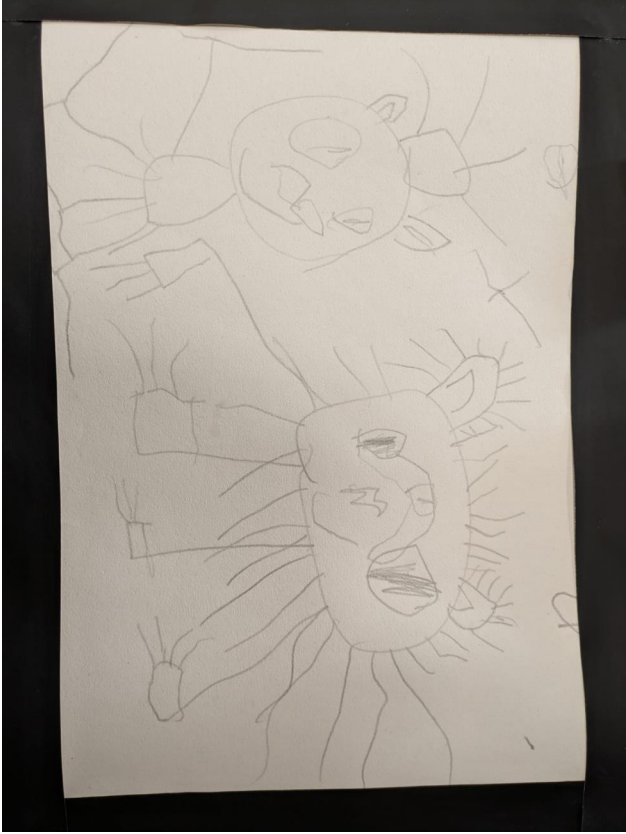












If you or your family & friends would like to apply for a place with us at Beaconside please contact Gill Smith at the Nursery or office@beaconside.cumbria.sch.uk

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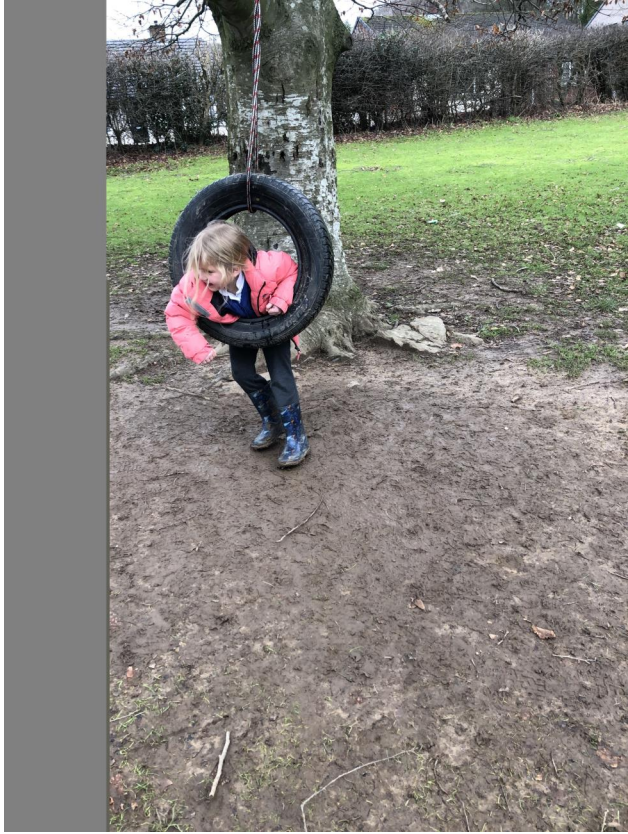
This term we are on the hunt for

- guttering
- prams
- suitcases with wheels
- scooters











We have had a super response to our latest round of applications for new Opal Play Champions. Thank you to everyone who applied....the OPAL team will meet next week to shortlist.

Reception

To launch our new topic People Who Help Us Reception welcomed Charlea from the maternity ward at Carlisle hospital. The children listened attentively during the carpet time and then got some hands-on experience. The children practiced weighing and recording the weight, bathing the babies, learning how to change a nappy and getting the babies dressed. Our next class visitor will be from the dentist on the 26th January. Keep your eyes peeled for more! 🦷

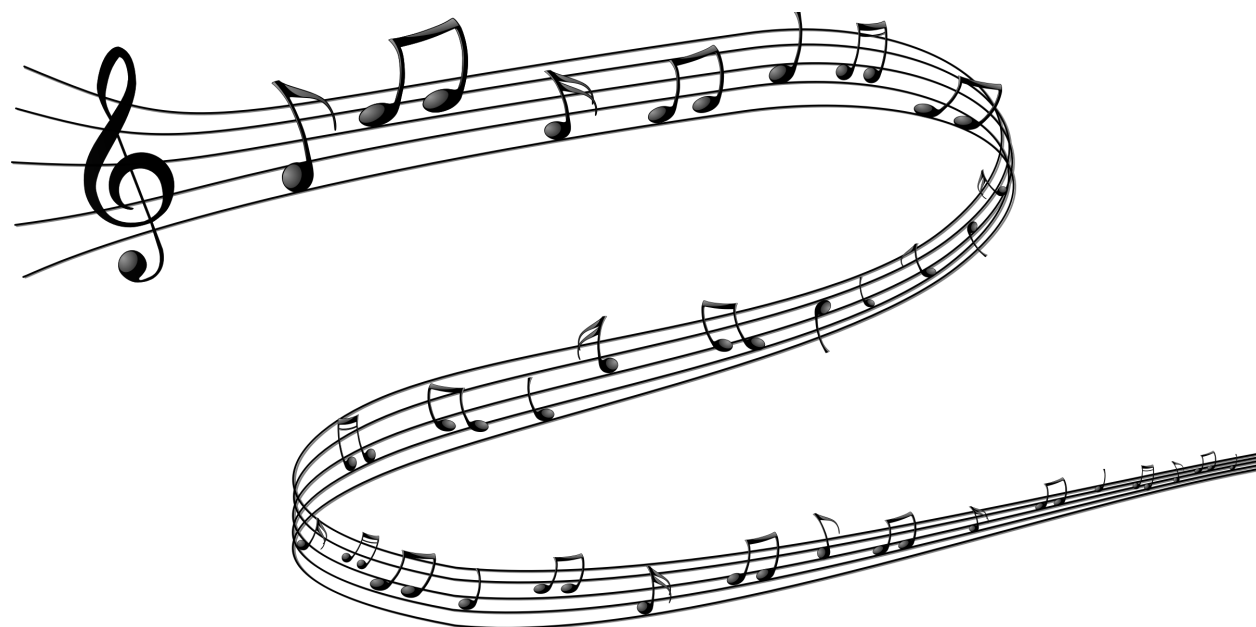








Music lessons



Music lessons start again this week. Please pay £70 for the term -payable on school hub

Class Worship



Here are a list of upcoming Class Worship for Spring term 1 and 2.

Thursday 12th February- 2:40pm 3T

Thursday 26th February- 2:40pm 2B

Thursday 5th March- 2:40pm 2J

Thursday 12th March- 2:40pm 1M

Thursday 19th March- 2:40pm 3F

Tuesday 24th March- 2:40pm 3R

Please wait by the bottom school entrance [near the park] to access via the KS2 Hall door.

Class Worship start at 2:40pm

Thank you for supporting us with these!

Y1 Phonics Screening meeting for parents

On Monday 9th February we will be holding a meeting for all year 1 parents in the Key Stage 1 hall. You can enter via the main office from 2:20pm. The meeting will start at 2:30 and will finish no later than 3pm in time for pick up. The meeting will explain all about the year 1 Phonics screening assessment and will give you hints and tips in how to best support your child leading up to the assessment. If anyone has any issues or questions, please speak to Mrs Bevington or Miss Short

Y6 SATS information meeting for parents.

We will be holding a meeting for year 6 parents on Monday 26th January at 5pm.

This will be held in the KS2 hall.

Please enter via the stained glass window entrance.

World Book Day 2026



This year, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March. We will be inviting children to dress up as their favourite character or word. We wanted to give families as much notice as possible leading up to the event! Any children who do not want to dress up are more than welcome to attend school in their uniform that day, as they usually would.

2026 dates.....



Thursday 15th January - KS2 Swimming Gala-am

Monday 19th January- Y5 Wonderdome, in school

Wednesday 21st January - Y6I to Carlisle Military Museum

Friday 23rd January - Y6S to Carlisle Military Museum

Monday 26th January- y6 SATS information evening 5-5:30pm- please enter through main office

Thursday 29th of January Blackwell Arts- 5D

Friday 30th January Blackwell Arts-5H

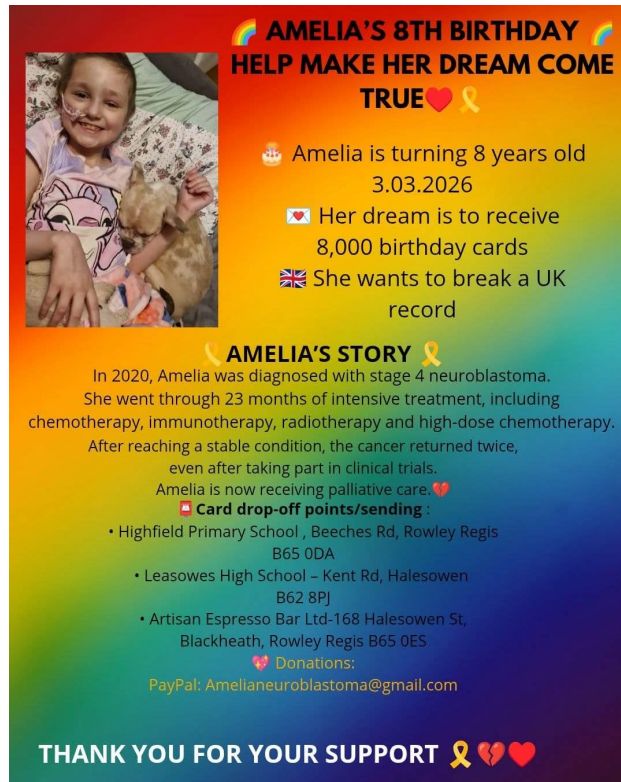
Tuesday 3rd February - Y3 to Field Studies Council, Blencathra

Monday 9th Feb - Y1 Parents Phonics screening information meeting- 2:30-3:00 in the KS1 hall

Tuesday 10th February - Parentlink - 9am

Wednesday 11th February - Valentines disco- KS1 3:15-4:15 / KS2 4:30-5:30PM

Community events:



AMELIA'S 8TH BIRTHDAY
HELP MAKE HER DREAM COME TRUE 🇬🇧 🇬🇧

👧 Amelia is turning 8 years old
3.03.2026

📧 Her dream is to receive
8,000 birthday cards

🇬🇧 She wants to break a UK
record

AMELIA'S STORY 🇬🇧

In 2020, Amelia was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. She went through 23 months of intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy and high-dose chemotherapy. After reaching a stable condition, the cancer returned twice, even after taking part in clinical trials. Amelia is now receiving palliative care. ❤️

📌 **Card drop-off points/sending:**

- Highfield Primary School, Beeches Rd, Rowley Regis B65 0DA
- Leasowes High School – Kent Rd, Halesowen B62 8PJ
- Artisan Espresso Bar Ltd-168 Halesowen St, Blackheath, Rowley Regis B65 0ES

❤️ **Donations:**
PayPal: Amelianeuroblastoma@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 🇬🇧 ❤️ ❤️

1 - A family has asked if we can share this to raise awareness.

How to contact me



Did you know I now have a dedicated email address that you can use to contact me directly for matters you feel aren't suitable to go through the school office?

pcudby@beaconside.cumbria.sch.uk

Please note this isn't a "fast-track" option, the usual channels should still be used for day-to-day matters such as absences, bookings, or messages for class teachers. Using those systems helps us make sure everything gets to the right place quickly and smoothly.

