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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Beaconside,

It has been a real joy to welcome everyone back to school and to see our community come together again at the start of this Spring term. Although the mornings have been crisp and cold, the warmth we feel inside school has been unmistakable, in the smiles at the gate, the friendly greetings, and the calm, positive atmosphere throughout the day.

The children have returned with such lovely attitudes, showing curiosity, kindness, and a genuine pride in their learning. It has been a pleasure to see how quickly they have settled back into routines and embraced the opportunities each new day brings.

I would like to welcome our new families joining the Beaconside community this week- we are looking forward to getting to know you more.

Thank you to everyone who has wrapped up warmly and started each morning with a smile and a cheery greeting. These small moments make a big difference and help create the caring, welcoming environment that makes our school such a special place.

As we look ahead, I feel incredibly proud of our school community and excited for all that this term will bring. Take a look at how much we have squeezed into the first few days back, it is already shaping up to be a wonderful Spring term and a very special year together.

Polly Cudby

Head of School

## Expansion update

We are very excited to let you know that work to expand our school is expected to begin next Monday (January 12th). The initial phase will focus on site establishment and enabling works as a considerable amount of preparation is required before the main building work can start. We will of course keep you updated with information and pictures as the works progress. Please remember there are some changes to where year 3 and 4 enter and leave school as they will now be using the main door on the key stage 2 playground.



## Nursery....where it all begins

Our Nursery children are beginning to learn about how we grow and develop, and how we keep ourselves healthy . The children have been enjoying keeping active in the wintery conditions this week, exploring ice and keeping warm by playing with balloons, footballs and bubbles. They enjoy healthy snacks every day and are getting really good at having a go at chopping up their lunch and trying new food.

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](mailto:office@beaconside.cumbria.sch.uk)











### Staffing update:

This term we say a big Beaconside welcome to Mrs Kennard who will be joining our super TA team to support our KS1 children in a variety of contexts. We look forward to utilising her many years of experience in schools!

## OPAL

Watch out next week for a chance for children to apply to be one of our Spring term Opal Play Champions.

Application forms to be returned to me by Friday 16th January.

## Year 3

Year 3 have started their Spring term with their science topic of Rocks. We've been observing and investigating their properties







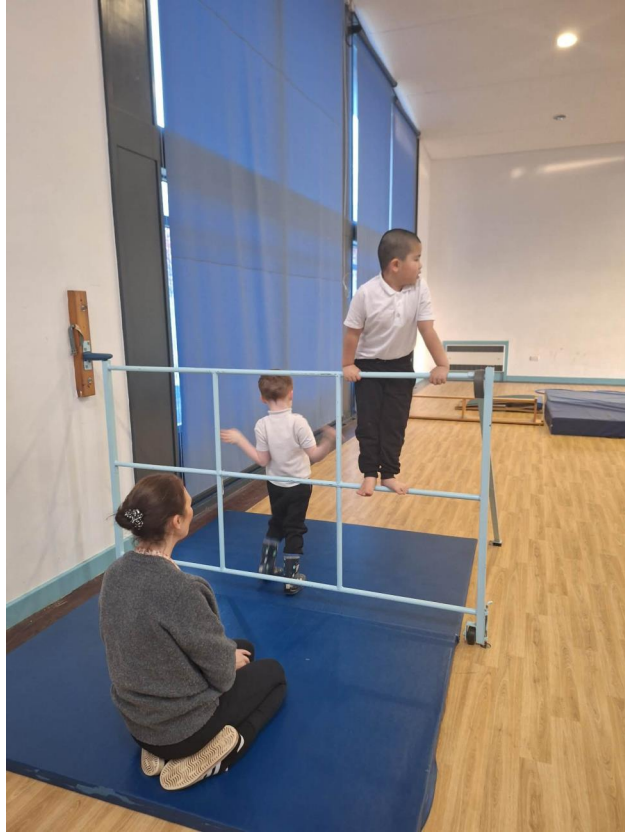




## RP [resourced provision]

We have had a focus on climbing in our PE sessions this week- some super examples of our value of courage were seen!





## Year 1

It's been an arty start in Y1 with some creative masterpieces being developed







Year 5

Is it a bird....is it a plane....no it's a cat spring!



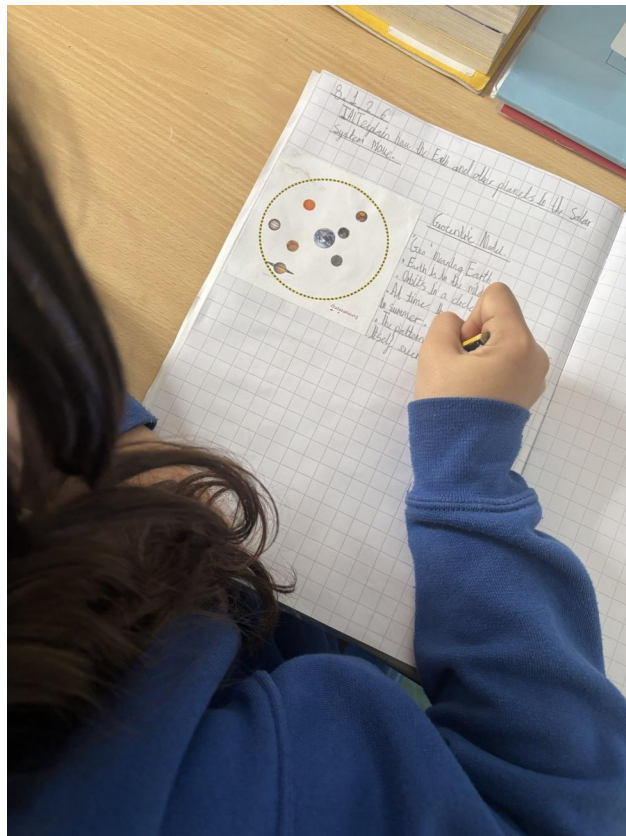


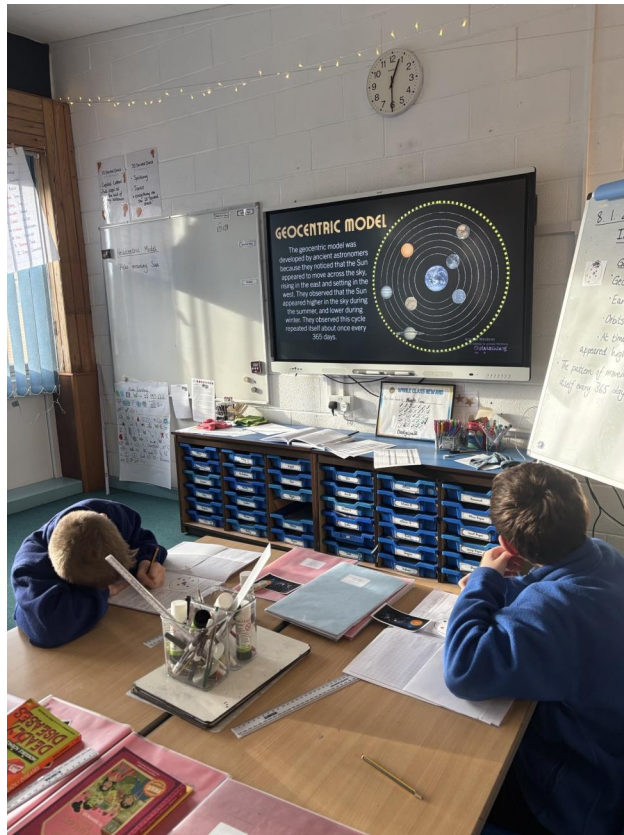




In year 5 we have been practicing cat springs on the vault in PE. Throughout this lesson, the children were improving their **strength, coordination, balance, and confidence**, while learning the importance of correct technique and safe landings

This week, 5H started their learning on Earth and Space science. We explored the different ways our solar system moves and what past astronomers thought.





We have also been making the most of our great outdoors with some Outdoor Learning.....well done to all of you who remembered those extra warm clothes!





## Reception

I have loved popping into our Reception classes this week. It has been a delight to see the purposeful play, and everybody making Miss Hill so welcome.

Take a look at what they have been up to:

'We have had a wonderful first week back in Reception, with the children returning happily and settling in well. Time has been spent revisiting familiar routines and strengthening relationships. The children have enjoyed exploring the provision and developing their own ideas through play. We have been learning about New Year's Eve, including counting down to midnight, watching London's fireworks and talking about what we noticed. The children also enjoyed creating their own calendars.'







## 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!

## 2026 dates.....

Year 5's outdoor learning will be on a Thursday, beginning the week starting the 12th of January. They will need a full change of clothes, coat and appropriate shoes (wellies or walking boots).

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 10th February - Parentlink - 9am

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

## Safety reminder.....



Don't forget to wear a helmet when on your bikes and scooters!

## Community events:

### Fancy having a try at some free cricket?

**PENRITH CRICKET CLUB**

**100 Club Winter 100 Club**

**Training Sessions 2026**

**SUNDAYS**  
11 January – 29 March  
(No sessions on 22 February or 1 March)

- U11s (Years 4–6): 2:00–3:30pm
- U13s (Years 7–8): 3:30–5:00pm
- Women & Girls: 5:00–6:00pm

Penrith Cricket club are offering free winter training sessions at **UCC Sports Hall** on Sundays for Juniors, Women & Girls

These will be fun filled, active sessions for learning and developing cricket skills ahead of the Cricket Season starting

New and current members are all welcome

No equipment or experience is necessary and just turn up, registration details will be taken at the session. Any queries just get in touch:

Contact: [junioremmapcc@outlook.com](mailto:junioremmapcc@outlook.com)

This free training is available until the end of March at Penrith cricket club

## Why not give Yogic Arts a go?

New students are currently welcome to come along and find out more.

## 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](mailto: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.

I will do my best to reply within 48 working hours. We all share the same priority, the very best for your child, and I truly appreciate the kind and constructive way families communicate with school. It makes a real difference.

I'm looking forward to continuing to work together this term and beyond to make it a happy and successful one for all our children.

