

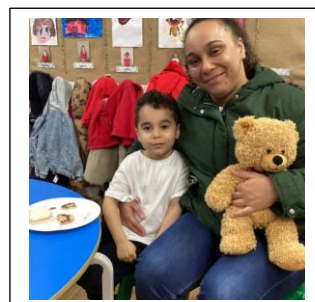
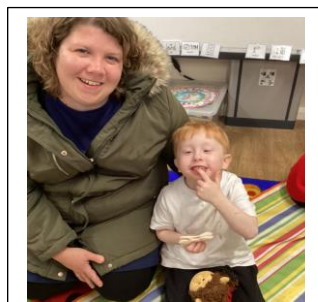


Message from the Heads –

What a wonderful beginning to the year we have had. It's been fantastic to welcome lots of new families to Becket this term.

Year 2 school trip – Year 2 were lucky enough to get the chance to travel to Hutton Primary school to take part in a geography day. The year 2 children from Hutton taught us all about their twinned town called Dabaso which is in Kenya. We really enjoyed an African drumming workshop, we discussed the climate in Africa and learnt what it is like to live there, by asking questions of the staff who visited Dabaso last year and looking at lots of photographs. We found out how the children in Dabaso recycle all materials, and how they use some to make footballs. We learnt a rain dance – and it worked – it made it rain!

Year R Teddy Bears Picnic – Thank you to all the Reception parents that came and enjoyed an afternoon Teddy Bears picnic with their child. During the week the children wrote their own invitations, and on the morning of the picnic the children decorated their biscuits and made their teddy bear sandwich. The children showed their parent's around the classroom, they loved showing their parents their art work on the walls.



Primary and Secondary application – If you have a child, due to start school in September 2024, the application process is now open. Applications can also be submitted for children due to move to secondary school in September 2024. Please visit <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/applying-school-place>

Benefits – School will receive extra funding if you are claiming certain benefits, therefore it is really important that you apply for Free School Meals, even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and you receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are entitled your child will continue to receive free school meals Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please visit the following link to apply. <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

Remember School meals are free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Lateness and early Pick up - Last year a small number of parents were requesting to pick up their children early, and some children were coming in late every morning. Every minute of the school day is essential and picking your child up early or arriving late on a regular basis, is not only unsettling for your child it causes disruption in class and children miss vital learning time. The Educational Welfare Officer monitors this on a termly basis, this year's target is that all children achieve 95% attendance or over.

PE Day reminders

Year group	PE days /Forest school /swimming
Reception	PE Monday and Wednesday
1	PE Wednesday and Thursday
2	PE Monday and Tuesday
3	PE Thursday and Friday
4	PE Wednesday - Swimming Friday
5	PE Friday – Forest School Tuesday
6	PE Monday and Friday

Inhalers

If your child uses an inhaler, please make sure that it is labelled with their name. Either on the can inside the inhaler or in an inhaler box.

Medication

We can only give medication that has been prescribed by a doctor and with the correct box and labelling. Permission letters can be signed at the school office.

PE kits - In Term 2 we are continuing to ask children to come to school on PE days wearing their PE kits. (White round neck T-shirt or tie dye t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or joggers, daps or trainers and red school jumper or cardigan.) If your child is wearing incorrect PE kit, i.e. tracksuit or where children are wearing inappropriate clothing or footwear and it is deemed not to be safe, children will not be able to participate. We will ring you to ask you to provide the correct clothing.

After school club - Beansprouts childcare will continue to run the very popular afterschool club here at Becket. It will run straight after school until 6pm. For more information please contact Amanda King at Beansprouts Childcare, beansproutschildcare78@gmail.com Telephone 07854569315.

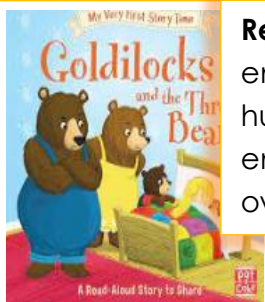
Brownies - 1st St George's Brownies meet on Tuesday here at Becket School from 6:15-7:45pm. If you would like more information please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or email Karen Marshall 1ststgeorgesbrownies@gmail.com

Poppy's on sale – We will once again be selling poppy's this year. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy please bring in at least 50p.

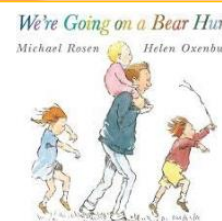
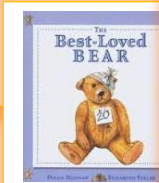
No Dogs on site – Please remember that no dogs should come on site at any time. This includes being carried, or pushed in dog pushchair.



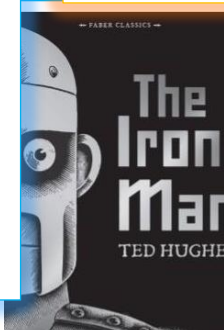
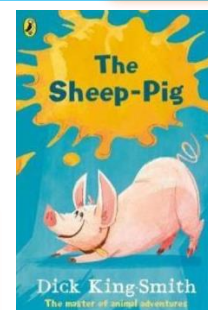
Another really positive term of feedback from the Rocksteady group. It's wonderful to see how much the children's confidence has grown with their chosen instrument. The group performed to family and friends last week, it was fantastic. If you are interested in your child joining, you can get more info from the school office or at <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



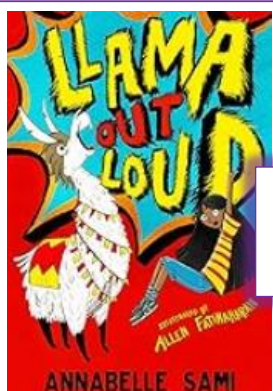
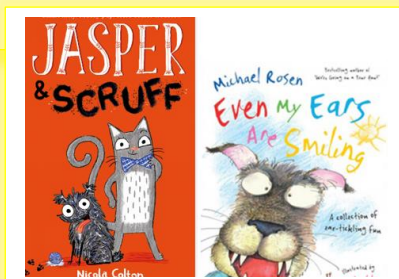
Reception - As part of our 'Teddy bear, teddy bear' topic this term, we have enjoyed a range of books. A few of our favourites are 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'Best loved bear' and 'Goldilocks and the three bears.' The children have enjoyed reading these stories, retelling them in their own words, singing songs and much more.



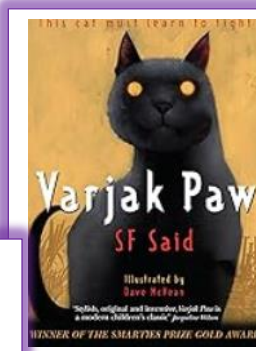
Year 3 Term 1 reading -We have enjoyed reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes so far in Term 1 and we are now moving on to read The Sheep Pig by Dick King Smith.



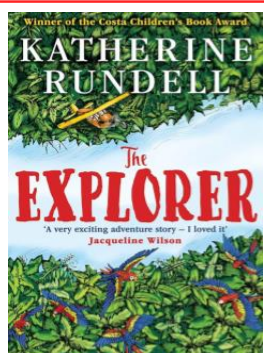
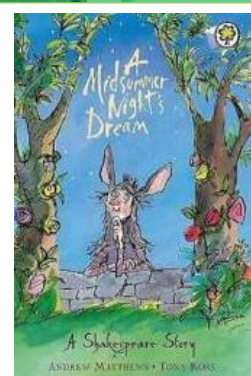
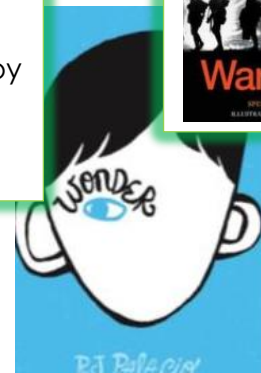
Our books this term in **Year 2** –the children have enjoyed selecting poems from various poetry books – we especially enjoy the silly poems by Michael Rosen. We have shared the adventures of Jasper and Scruff as well as Mr Birdsnest and the house next door. Next term we will be reading books from Dick King Smith.



Our books this term in **Year 4** - We have enjoyed the antics of Levi the llama in 'Llama out loud' by Annabelle Sami this term and soon moving on to reading 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.



Our books this term in **Year 5** - We have enjoyed reading 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' By Andrew Matthews and the children are looking forward to creating some of the magical features in forest school next term. 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo has taken us on an emotional journey with Joey, we will continue reading this after half term before starting 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio.



Year 6 Class book for term 1 and 2 - This term we have been enjoying reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and we look forward to continue reading 'The Explorer' across term 2.

Year 5 Mini Police update

Mini Police - Year 5 have been taking part in the mini police programme each week. They have shown great enthusiasm and maturity, and we have had excellent feedback so far from the PCSO's. Throughout the programme the children will be completing some first aid training, they will learn to recognise the dangers of water, road safety and how to be safe online. At the end of the 9 weeks an assembly will be held for parents and a PC will be invited to deliver certificates to the children who have passed.



The children have now completed their first three sessions of mini police. Within these sessions the children have looked at the roles within the police system, age of criminal responsibility and hate crimes. Keep up the hard work Year 5, you have been fantastic role models.

NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Polite reminders and useful information:

- Reminder: Children are parent's responsibility from the time we hand over at the end of the day.
- Please ensure you park safely and respectfully when dropping off or picking up children.
- Please make sure all clothing and coats are named.
- Please note that no persons under the age of 16 may collect children at the end of the day.
- Please remember that Becket School has a no nuts policy.
- Please do not allow children to play in the pre-school area afterschool. This area is for pre-school only.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal campaign.
- If you claim qualifying benefits your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to see if you are entitled. <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>
- Aspens – to book your child's school meals please visit <https://select.aspens-services.com/>
- Amanda King – Beansprouts Childminders, runs the afterschool club. You can contact Amanda on **07854 569315**
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.45am and must be pre booked on <https://app.parentpay.com/>

2023-2024 Term dates, insets and important dates

2023-24 term dates

Inset 4th and 5th September

Term 1 - Monday 04 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023.

28th September – Nasal Flu immunisation

3rd October - Year R curriculum meeting

5th October – BFC meeting open to all parents

12th October 3.30pm - New Reception open afternoon

19th October – Year 2 trip to Hutton – information to follow

20th October – BFC dress down day. £1 donation

Term 2 - Monday 30 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023.

Term 3 - Thursday 04 January 2024 to Friday 09 February 2024.

Inset 4th January

Term 4 - Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024.

Inset 19th February

Term 5 - Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024.

Term 6 - Monday 03 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

Inset 23rd July

Mrs Amos – Executive Head

Miss Bembridge – Head of School

