


# Becket Primary School News! Issue 1 2026

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## SLT Blog




Welcome back everyone to a new year at Becket. We say hello to all our new families in Reception and other year groups - you are all part of the Becket family now! The first week has been a calm and productive one with children enjoying their new classes.

It was a very busy holidays where the school had contractors in for the whole 6 weeks. We have new fire doors throughout the school and our alarm and entry system will be updated over the next few months. I am so thankful to the staff who spent hours and hours getting the school ready once the builders had left.

We want to start by celebrating some of our results from the end of last year. Year 6 had the best results they have had for a few years. Reception achieved above the National Average as were our Year 4 Times tables. Well done to all the children and the team working alongside them.

We have a couple of new updates for you. Firstly, we want to share with you the adult structure in school so that you are very clear who to talk to and who is the best person to assist you.

| u need help with... | Contact |
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| Questions about your child's learning | **Class Teacher** |
| Day-to-day classroom concerns | **Class Teacher** |
| Home learning | **Class Teacher** |
| Classroom behaviour | **Class teacher** |
| Curriculum questions | **Class Teacher or Lead Teacher** |
| Special Educational Needs (SEND) | **SENDCo** -Heather Walters |
| EHCPs or SEND reviews | **SENDCo** - Heather Walters |
| Concerns about additional support for your child | **SENDCo** - Heather Walters |
| Attendance concerns | **Assistant Headteacher -** Rachel Whiting |
| Significant Behaviour concerns | **Head of School -** Zoe Bembridge |
| School procedures or routines | **AHT -** Rachel Whiting**/ Head of School** - Zoe Bembridge |
| Formal complaints (after speaking to staff) | **Head of School** - Zoe Bembridge |
| Strategic school matters or unresolved concerns | **Executive Headteacher** - Charlie Barwell 1.5 days per weeks |

We also are changing swimming so that only the children who cannot swim the required 25 meters on their back and front plus carry out lifesaving skills are required to go swimming. If you can evidence they can achieve this and you do not wish them to continue swimming, they will remain at school and continue with their learning.

We have two new exciting initiatives starting this year for which we would welcome any parents that would like to be involved. 'Opal Play' and 'Voice 21' will both be led by Kieran Davies and more will follow!

Have a fantastic weekend and see you all next week

Water Bottles ReminderAs part of our Healthy Schools Policy, we would like to remind parents and carers that children should only bring water in their drinks bottles for use during the school day.Water helps children stay hydrated, focused and ready to learn, whereas drinks such as squash, juice or flavoured water can contain sugars that are not in line with our healthy eating guidance.Please ensure that any water bottles brought into school are filled with plain water only.Thank you

## 2026-2027 Term Dates

**Term Dates 2026-2027**

- Term 1 - Thursday 3 September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026 **(inset 3rd and 4th Sep and 23rd October)**
- Term 2 - Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026 **(inset 2nd November)**
- Term 3 - Monday 4 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027 **(inset 4th Jan)**
- Term 4 - Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027 **(inset 22nd February)**

- Term 5 - Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027
- Term 6 - Monday 7 June 2027 to Friday 23 July 2027

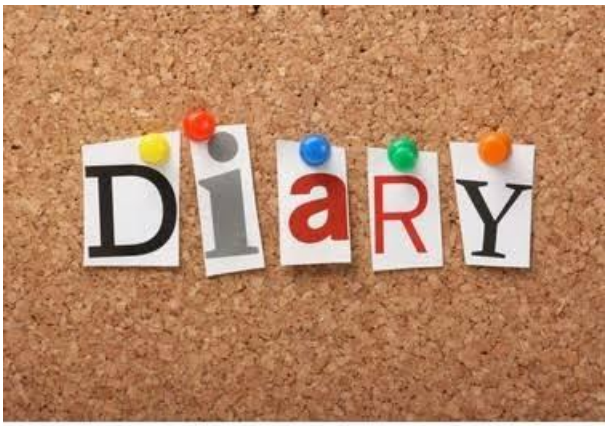
## Diary Dates

Upcoming important dates

21-25th September National Recycling week

23rd September Camp meeting (Year 6)

25th September Active Wear Day




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***"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." — John Dewey***

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**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.
- Following NSPCC guidance:  All KS1 pupils must be collected by an adult (18 years or older)
- KS2 pupils can be picked up by anyone 16 or older.
- 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.
- Aspens – to book your child's school meals please visit https://select.aspens-services.com/
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.45am and must be pre booked on https://app.parentpay.com/




**Changes to Free School Meals**

We shared information on ClassDojo about upcoming changes to Free School Meals (FSM). These changes mean that all families who are currently receiving FSM will need to reapply. It also means that any families claiming Universal Credit may now be eligible for free school meals, which could result in a significant saving on dinner money. The system to recheck and apply is not yet available, but we will keep you updated as soon as further information is released.




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