
WELCOME TO BLENCATHRA CLASS 2026-27

Information for Parents and Carers



WHO IS IN THE CLASS?

Blencathra Class is made up of Lower Key Stage 2 children –
Year 3 children (7-8 year olds) and Year 4 children (8-9 year olds)

The adults supporting the class are:



Mrs Sally Parkyn
Teacher (Mon- Wed)



Miss Shannon Crisp
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Emma Daley
Teaching Assistant
(teaching outdoor learning)



Miss Sophie Heron
Teacher (Wed- Fri)



Mrs Jenny Turner
Teaching Assistant
(teaching guided reading)

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY

- **8am** – Breakfast club begins, this is a paid extra and be booked on 'Parent Pay'
- **8.30am – 8.40am** Children dropped off in the school playground
- **3.15pm** – Children are picked up from the gate to the playground. If your child is being picked up by someone unfamiliar to the teacher, please let them know.
- **3.15pm – 6pm** – Afterschool club runs. Places can be booked via 'Parent Pay'





DINNERS AND SNACKS

- **10.45am** – The children are provided with fruit and toast. In addition, milk can be paid for if you wish your child to have this daily.
- **12.10pm** – School dinners can be selected via 'Parent Pay' or alternatively you can provide your child with a packed lunch.

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING TO SCHOOL

- **Uniform** can be bought new from Sam Scott's in Penrith [Sam Scotts - Schoolwear, Workwear, Embroidery & Printing](#) or alternatively visit the sharing shed in the school playground for second hand clothing.
- **PE Kit** – shorts / leggings, white t-shirt, white ankle socks and trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and a hoody will also be required for outdoor PE sessions. Please can this be kept in school all week. PE lessons usually Wednesday and Thursday but having spare kits covers any impromptu physical activity or act as a spare set of clothing for your child.
- **A water bottle** – Shap school bottles can be purchased from the office
- **A school book bag** - please check this regularly and ensure this is brought to school every day
- **Toys / objects from home** - Please discourage your child to bring in toys and items from home (including fidget toys) unless the teacher asks for specific things to be brought in.
- **All coats, uniform, PE kit and water bottles must be named.**





LEARNING

- Blencathra follow learning based on the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum.

[The national curriculum: Key stage 1 and 2 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-1-2)

Subjects include:

- English to include daily 'ELS' phonics and regular handwriting sessions
- Maths, following the 'White Rose Maths scheme'
- Science
- Religious Education
- PSHE
- Design and technology
- History
- Geography
- Art and design
- Music
- Modern Foreign Languages (French)
- Physical education (PE), including swimming
- Computing

- A detailed 'Parents Booklet' will be sent via the class 'Blencathra Teams' channel at the beginning of every term. This will include important visits and dates.



SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD

- All children learn, communicate and manage their emotions in different ways and all behaviour is communication.
- **High Expectations** – with the right support
- Every child is entitled to a broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum. Where a child has a special educational need, disability, medical need or difficulty affecting their well being, we will identify barriers and provide appropriate support.
- If your child requires specialist support the parents will have 1:1 meetings with the teacher to discuss targets for a **SSP** 'School Support Programme'.

HOMEWORK

- **Reading** – the children will be given a school reading book at an appropriate level for them. Parents must log when they have shared the book on the 'Boom Reader' app. [Explore BoomReader: The Future of Student Reading Programs in Schools](#) Please log your child read 3 times a week on Boom Reader. This will entitle them to be in the reading raffle, drawn on Friday's celebration worship time, where they may win a book.
- **Spellings** – we will now be using Essential Spelling where children will use online quizzes to support practice. There will be no weekly test but we encourage regular practice.
- **Maths** – regular sheets will be sent to support what we have been learning in class.
- **Times Tables** – children should practise flashcards and use Times Table Rock Stars several time per week
- **Topic work** – termly projects will be sent home.



BEHAVIOUR AND REWARD SYSTEM

- On the first day of school in September the children will collaborate to form a **class charter** which will be sent home in book bags to share with parents to sign and return to class.

We encourage a polite, caring, resilient class who try their best. This follows our **school vision**:

Our school is a warm, friendly, and nurturing environment where our Christian vision of “living in harmony” (Romans 12:16) guides everything we do. With children and the church at our core, we are a community united in fostering each child’s growth, ensuring a ‘safe branch from which to soar’ for all.

The charter also follows our **Christian values**—Friendship, Trust, Peace, Koinonia, Compassion, and Creation.

- **Diamond Box** – our children are recognised for making positive behaviour choices, showing good learning behaviour and being good role models for our Christian values. They work their way up to enter their name into the diamond box which is drawn weekly.
- **Individual house team points** – these are also given to individuals for good attitudes outside the classroom
- **Star of the week** – children are selected for good work or behaviour. **Certificates** are given on a Friday worship time. You will find out if your child is selected when reading the **weekly school newsletter (sent on your class teams)** . You can then attend the whole School Celebration Worship Time on a **Friday at 2.45pm**.

[Read the full governors’ Statement of Behaviour Principles: download.asp](#)



MEDICINES AND ILLNESS



- **Prescribed medicines** to be give 2 or 3 times daily, should be given at home. Where the dosage is 4 times (or more), staff are trained to do so. Please obtain and complete a consent form, available from the school office.
- **Asthma Inhalers** – children must have their own inhaler and spacer in school and parents need to complete an Asthma Form advising of triggers and medication required. This paper work is available from the school office.
- **Sickness** – If your child is sick they must stay home for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

COMMUNICATION

- If you have any worries at all, however small, please get in touch with Miss Heron or Mrs Parkyn on teams or send an email to sheron@shap.cumbria.sch.uk or sparkyn@shap.cumbria.sch.uk

