



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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# Newsletter

**Be Curious**

**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

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Friday 26th March 2024

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to the term and have hit the ground running with lots of exciting activities and great learning happening across the school!

Our theme this half term is Feeling Grateful and our quest for the half term is Find a Positive Mental Gr-attitude! We all know how easy it can be to focus on the things that go wrong or are difficult, so this half term we want to focus on the importance of feeling grateful for all the great things we experience, especially the ones that we can sometimes take for granted. Research has shown that focusing on what you are grateful for, for example by keeping a gratitude journal, can have a real and positive impact of your well being. As part of our Gen H journey, we want all our children to be able to develop their resilience and feeling grateful is part of that development. We are reading the book, Feeling Grateful by Kobi Yamada, this half term and it is a wonderful book full of lots of thoughts and ideas that the children will be discussing at school. This week and next, as part of our quest, we have been thinking of three things each day that we are grateful for - it would be great if you can be doing this at home too! As Kobi Yamada says, "Look closely. The extraordinary is hidden in the ordinary. It is in the appreciation of something that we really begin to see it"

Our community has been celebrating and observing a wide range of festivals over the last few weeks, all of which have the message of gratitude running through them. On Monday, our Jewish families celebrated Passover and at school, the children were learning about this festival in class. We do hope all our Jewish families had a wonderful time, on Monday or Tuesday, enjoying the Passover meal and celebration together.

In assembly on Monday, we were very lucky to have a former pupil here as a guest speaker. She came to share with us about her Umrah experience when she went to Mecca over Ramadan and Eid. The children listened brilliantly and asked some really interesting questions. Thank you to Maryam for taking the time to prepare such a great assembly.

The PTA have been very busy as always. Thank you everyone who has been supporting them. The Pre-loved Uniform sale was a great success and we had the Y4 bake sale today. There are some really brilliant cooks in this school! Thank you everyone who contributed and helped out. Next up, we have the Pizza and Cookie night so don't forget to get your orders in!

Year 6 have been working extremely hard as we enter into the last 2 weeks before SATs. A huge well done to all our amazing children, who putting in such effort and demonstrating the great ambition that they have for themselves. We are very proud of them all!

Our Eco-Warrior team had their first meeting yesterday. We had lots of applications across KS2 and a huge number from Year 3 so we have decided to have our Year 3 Eco Warrior team who are going to help keep the school looking good, and then our Eco-committee of 10 children from year 4-6. They have lots of exciting plans so watch this space...

Our Learning Network Inspector visited the school on Monday and we went on a learning walk around the school. He was very impressed by the calm and purposeful atmosphere and the quality of teaching and learning that he saw across the school. We also discussed attendance and as you can see from the attendance figures this week, we are still not meeting the government expectation of 95.6%. If you need support with improving your child's attendance, please do let us know or we will be in touch with you to see what help we can offer. Coming to school everyday has a huge impact on a child's attainment and progress not only in primary school but on into secondary. Let's work together to improve our attendance and give our children the opportunity to achieve their dreams!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles  
Co-Headteachers





# Attendance

## House attendance

House	Last week	This week
Balmoral	95.23	94.00
Holyrood	94.54	95.53
Sandringham	92.12	92.57
Windsor	95.10	94.54

## Absence

Please remember any absences need to be reported daily to

[attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net)

Or via the school website

<https://underhillschool.co.uk/attendance-1>

Absences before and after a school holiday may be liable to a fixed penalty notice from Barnet Education welfare team unless medical evidence is provided

## Attendance

95-100% Target for all pupils

90-95% Monitored by school, meeting arranged with teacher

85-90% Invited in for meeting with Heads and attendance

Referral Education Welfare Officer may come at any stage and will depend on individual circumstances/case

If you would like a meeting to discuss your child's attendance please call the school office

Class Attendance	This week	Last week
Beech	94.92	95.24
1 Oak	87.57	89.87
1 Willow	90.27	89.32
2 Birch	95.63	91.42
2 Chestnut	93.68	84.55
2 Palm	93.44	97.01
3 cedar	88.02	94.42
3 Hornbeam	94.12	96.18
4 cherry	95.83	92.63
4 Larch	98.81	98.07
4 pine	98.70	93.50
5 Holly	97.03	98.47
5 Laurel	92.42	96.30
5 Sycamore	90.69	94.86
6 Ash	99.05	97.04
6 Elm	94.95	97.28
6 Hawthorn	96.21	98.15
Total	93.49	94.11

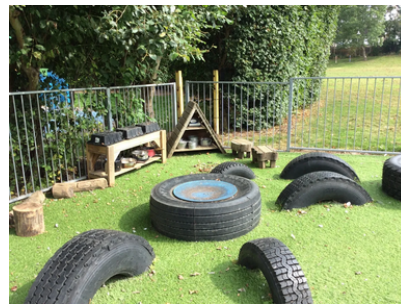


Book your tickets [HERE](#).

## UNDERHILL NURSERY APPLICATIONS

We currently have 3 year old places available for September in our school nursery, to register your interest please complete the form on the following link - <https://forms.gle/phug5xTxqNroASAv8>

Nursery places will be offered in June/July.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY

- Monday 6th May- Bank holiday (School closed)
- Friday 10th May - Doughies Pizza and cookie evening
- Monday 13th May - SATs Week
- Monday 20th May- Year 6 Residential trip
- Friday 24th May- Year 5 Bake sale
- Monday 27th May - Half term week (school closed)



## PIZZA & COOKIE EVENING FRIDAY 10TH MAY

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.





# Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

## Children's Centres

East-Central Locality

Summer Term Timetable  
15.04.2024 – 24.07.2024

Inset Days: BEYA – 15.04.2024

	<b>BEYA</b> A Sure Start Children's Centre	<b>Coppetts Wood</b> A Sure Start Children's Centre	<b>Newstead</b> A Sure Start Children's Centre	<b>Underhill</b> A Sure Start Children's Centre
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ  <b>Outdoor Stay and Play</b> 3.45 – 4-45 pm 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD	<b>Physical Stay &amp; Play</b> 10-10.45 am 18 months-5 Years  <b>Baby Stay and Play with Self-weighing</b> 1.15-2.15 pm - Non-walkers	<b>Baby Stay and Play with Self-weighing</b> 10-11 am Non-walkers  <b>Stay and Play</b> 1.30-2.30 pm 0-5 Years	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11.30 am  <b>Rhyme Time</b> 1.15-2 pm 0-5 Years
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School <b>Baby Massage</b> 12.45-1.45 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers St Margaret's Nursery School <b>Baby Group with Self-weighing &amp; Breastfeeding Support</b> 2-3 pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery School	<b>Baby massage</b> 1-2 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers <b>3 Week Course - Booking Required</b> <b>Pre-Nursery Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.30 – 10.15 am or 12.45-1.30 pm 2-3 Years 30.04, 21.05, 25.06	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11 am  <b>Baby Rhyme Time</b> 1-1.45 pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> 10.30 am-12 pm Non-walkers <b>Nursery Stay and Play</b> 10.30-11.30 am 2-4 Years – 07.05, 04.06, 02.07 <b>Baby Massage</b> 12-1 pm 8 Weeks-4 Months 3 Week Course - <b>Booking Required</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School <b>Baby group</b> 10-11.30 am Non-walkers All Saints N20 9EZ <b>Baby self-weighing and Breastfeeding Support</b> 10 am -12 pm Under 1's St Margaret's Nursery School	<b>Childminders Outdoor Stay &amp; Play</b> 9-10.30 am <b>Shake, Rattle &amp; Roll</b> 11 – 11.30 am 0-5 Years <b>Stay and Play</b> 1.15-2.30 pm 0-5 Years	<b>Barnwood</b> 10-11 am Walkers  <b>Baby Massage</b> 2-2.45 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Starts: 05.06 <b>Booking Required</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10.15-11.45 am 0-5 Years <b>Fun Toddler Circuit</b> 11.45am-12.30 pm 18mths-4 Years <b>Baby Self-weighing</b> 1.30-3 pm Under 1's <b>Booking Required</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Early Words Together at Two</b> 9.30- 10-30 am 2 Years <b>St Margaret's Nursery School</b> — <b>Booking Required</b> – Email <a href="mailto:sjcootoo@beva.org.uk">sjcootoo@beva.org.uk</a> Starts:18.04 <b>Stay and Play</b> 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School	<b>Forest Stay and Play</b> 9.30-10.15 am Confident walkers-5 Years Both Children and Parents need to be dressed appropriately. Please be prompt.	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10-11 am 0-5 Years  <b>Baby Self-weighing</b> 1-4 pm Under 1's <b>Booking Required</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15-10.45 am 0-5 Years <b>Baby Makaton Sing and Sign</b> 1.30-2.10 pm 6 Months-1 Year Hope Corner Community Centre EN5 2DY 6 Week Course - <b>Booking Required</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30- 11 am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School <b>Stay and Play in the Park</b> 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years (Weather Dependent) 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Victoria Park 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Oakhill Park	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.30 am 0-5 Years <b>Baby Stay and Play with Self-weighing</b> 1.15-2.15 pm Non-walkers	<b>No Sessions</b>	<b>Boogie Mites</b> 9.15-10 am 0-5 Years <b>Infant Feeding Support Group</b> 12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's

Caring for people, our places and the planet

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated





# External Adverts

Underhill School and Children's Centre

**THE ELMS ACTIVITY CAMPS**  
Christ Church CofE School, Byng Road, Barnet, Herts EN5 4NS

**OUR CAMPS**  
Superb holiday activity camps – offering wonderful, safe and action-packed camps throughout the year.

**OPEN TO**  
All children aged 5-12 years

**TIMES**  
9.00am - 4.00pm

**ACTIVITIES/SPORTS**

- Art
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Board Games
- Camp Games
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kwik Cricket
- Netball
- Parachute Games
- Reading
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Tournaments

**EQUIPMENT**  
All equipment will be supplied for each and every child.

**WHAT TO WEAR**  
Comfortable sports clothing (including a light waterproof jacket, if required).

**WHAT TO BRING**  
A healthy snack, packed lunch and a drink in a refillable container. Please note, on hot days, sun cream should be applied, before Camp.

**WHITSUN & SUMMER CAMPS 2024**

Whitsun: (EB 17<sup>th</sup> May) 28<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May

Summer: (EB 12<sup>th</sup> Jul)

Wk 1: 29<sup>th</sup> Jul - 1<sup>st</sup> Aug  
Wk 2: 5<sup>th</sup> Aug - 8<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Wk 3: 12<sup>th</sup> Aug - 15<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Wk 4: 19<sup>th</sup> Aug - 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
Wk 5: 27<sup>th</sup> Aug - 29<sup>th</sup> Aug (3 days)

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
Book and pay by the 'EB' date stated, to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

**SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
1<sup>st</sup> child pays full price, subsequent siblings attending the same day/s, will receive a 20% discount (telephone bookings only).

**NHS DISCOUNT**  
£17.00 per day\*  
Please call The Elms to make your booking. Proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.

**COST**

Number of days (within the same week)	EARLY BIRD PRICE (per day)	REGULAR PRICE (per day)
1 day	£32	£34
2 days	£31	£34
3 days	£30	£34
4 days	£29	£34

**BOOKING HOTLINE: 020 8954 8787**  
or **BOOK ONLINE: [theelms.co.uk](http://theelms.co.uk)**

**BOOK NOW!** for great discounts!

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL DISCOUNT!**

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Use code for an **EXTRA £20 off** your booking!  
\*Minimum of 2 days

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**WONDER WALK**

To celebrate our 50th anniversary we are excited to invite you to join us at our first ever **Wonder Walk**, taking place on

**Sunday 9 June 2024**

**WONDER WALK**

Join us on **Sunday 9 June** and take part in walking our accessible 5K or 10K routes around the surrounding areas of Chickenshed and help us reach our goal of raising a minimum of £40,000 through individual and team fundraising.

Help us raise vital funds to keep our doors open for another fifty years, and beyond!

**Start at:**  
Chickenshed, 290 Chase Side, London N14 4PE

**Times:**  
Meet from 9.30am, join in a lively warm-up at 10.45am, then head off on your walk at 11am

**Cost:**  
£17.50 adults, £12.50 under 16s | Free to under 5s  
Registration fee includes T-shirt and goody bag\*  
\*Excludes under 5s free registration

**Sign up today!**

Chickenshed, 290 Chase Side, Southgate, London N14 4PE  
[www.chickenshed.org.uk](http://www.chickenshed.org.uk)  
Registered charity no 1032269

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## PETER PHILLIPS CRICKET

HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-16

**MAY HALF-TERM 2024**  
**Tuesday May 28th - Friday 31st**



Working Mums and Dads? Early bird drop off and late pick up available for absolute beginners to established club players. Everyone is welcome!

With fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities it's.....

**NON STOP CRICKET WHATEVER THE WEATHER!!**

Location - The Totteridge Academy, Barnet Lane, London N20 8AZ  
For all the information you need, & to book, please first visit [www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk](http://www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk)  
Any further queries, contact Peter on 07930 44 55 66





# External Adverts

Underhill School and Children's Centre

**Hadley Wood Lawn Tennis Club**

## OPEN DAY

with charity partner  
Bright Ideas for Tennis

**£5**  
for non-members  
includes drink and  
BBQ voucher!

Free entry  
for U16s

Sunday 5th May 2024 at 10am

Hadley Wood Tennis Club  
1-7 Crescent E, Barnet EN4 OEL

Great fun day for all the family  
with BBQ, bar, raffle, cake stall,  
bottle tombola, bouncy castle,  
cardio tennis, 3/4 year-olds session,  
parent and child session, fastest serve  
competition and exhibition match.

**BOOK YOUR SESSION NOW**



Coaching Sessions by two ex Davis Cup players!

10 - 10.45am Children's Coaching (5-10 yrs) @ £5 per head  
10.45 - 11.30am Teenager Coaching (11-16 yrs) @ 10 per head  
11.30 - 12.30pm Social Adults Coaching (beginners / low intermediate) @ £15 per head  
12.30 - 1.30pm Club Players Coaching (intermediate / advanced) @ £20 per head  
1.30 - 2pm Fastest serve competition  
2pm Exhibition match with the Davis Cup players for a number of lucky members





## OPEN MORNING INVITATION

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Click here to book your places

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry



### Co-educational boarding and day school for pupils aged 11-18.

Christ's Hospital is a remarkable school, it is the UK's leading charitable school and the country's most generous bursary charity. The School was established in 1552 and provides free or substantially reduced cost places to over 630 of its 900 pupils each year – this is more than any other organisation in the UK. Through first-class education and exceptional pastoral support, Christ's Hospital provides each pupil with stability and the opportunity to thrive and fulfil their potential. 98% of pupils go on to university and leavers take with them the confidence and resilience they will need to achieve success at university and beyond and to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Christ's Hospital welcomes day pupils who are within a commutable distance of the School. Day pupils enjoy all the advantages of a top boarding school with access to an exceptional broader curricular programme.

What is so special about Christ's Hospital is the extent of the resources on offer: outstanding teachers and pastoral staff, a broad range of activities including societies like the Medics Group to help with university applications as well as extensive and impressive sports facilities. When pupils start at Christ's Hospital they are encouraged to join in and to have a go, to discover new hobbies, to make use of the wonderful facilities on site and to ensure they get the most out of their time at the School.

Boarding pupils' fees are assessed according to family income, so that it is a child's ability and potential to benefit from a Christ's Hospital education that determines their selection. This results in a social and cultural diversity that enriches our school community and offers our pupils unique opportunities as we prepare them to take their place in the modern world.

## MAY HALF TERM 2024

28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!










What to bring to camp?

- Parental Consent and Emergency Authorisation
- Water Bottle
- Headphones
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 30 camps running this May. Find your local camp on our website: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)



FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

W: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)  
E: [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education) T: 01442 873150

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Parent - St. John's College School

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