



Underhill School and Children's Centre

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Friday 10th July 2026

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, there is plenty happening across the school!

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Sports Days last Monday and Tuesday. Your support helped make the event such a special occasion, and we were incredibly proud of the determination, enthusiasm and positive attitudes shown by every child.

Our pupils have had a wonderful time taking part in Sports Week this week, enjoying a range of exciting activities designed to promote teamwork, resilience and healthy competition. It has been fantastic to see so many children challenging themselves, encouraging one another and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Today, we were delighted to welcome a Great Britain athlete to school. The children enjoying the opportunity to learn about the athlete's sporting journey, the importance of perseverance, setting goals and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It was a memorable experience that encouraged everyone to believe in themselves and strive to achieve their personal best.

Letters confirming classes for the new academic year were sent home yesterday. If you have not received a letter or have any questions, please do let us know. Our transition day will take place next Wednesday, when all children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms. This provides an excellent opportunity for pupils to become familiar with their new learning environment, and begin building positive relationships ahead of the new school year.

Preparations for the Year 6 production are progressing brilliantly. Rehearsals are well underway, and the children have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines, songs and choreography. We are looking forward to welcoming our year 6 families next week and are confident that the children will deliver a performance to remember.

We are sorry that due to the weather, we and the PTA took the decision to cancel the Summer Fair tomorrow. Thank you for your understanding, and a huge thank you to our PTA members and volunteers for all their hard work in the run up to it. There will be a mini Summer Fair after school on Monday with the tombola and some refreshment stands.

As always, thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and exciting term. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed
Co-Headteachers





Attendance

Absence

Please remember any absences need to be reported daily to

attendance@underhillbarnetmail.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

Please complete an Absence request form

<https://forms.gle/JK1N3J7hzy2FR1fJ6> for any planned absences of more than 1 day

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

House Attendance

House	Last Week	This Week
Air	88.01%	90.47%
Earth	93.47%	93.78%
Fire	90.58%	95.61%
Water	89.74%	93.28%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	94.29%	92.1%
1 Oak	97.03%	97.1%
1 Willow	90.79%	89%
2 Chestnut	97.86%	96.4%
3 Cedar	96.67%	97.9%
3 Yew	100%	97.9%
4 Cherry	95.83%	91.9%
4 Larch	95.97%	92.4%
4 Sycamore	86.33%	87.7%
5 Holly	93.45%	95.4%
5 Laurel	92%	95.3%
6 Elm	74.53%	95.3%
6 Hawthorn	75%	89.4%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July	Thursday 2nd	Year 6 Secondary transfer day
	Thursday 2nd	Ice Cream Sale
	Friday 3rd	Own clothes day- Bring a treat for Summer fair tombola
	Monday 6th- Friday 10th	National Sports Week
	Wednesday 8th	Reception trip to Highgate Woods
	Friday 10th	Ice Cream Sale
	Saturday 11th	PTA Summer fair 11-1pm
	Tuesday 14th	Year 6 production 6pm
	Wednesday 15th	Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm
	Thursday 16th	Reception Graduation and Family Picnic 1:30pm
	Thursday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
	Monday 20th	Break up 1:30pm
September	Tuesday 1st	INSET (school closed for children)
	Wednesday 2nd	INSET (School closed for children)
	Thursday 3rd	Back to School



SPORTS DAY

We had a wonderful Sports Day, with everyone enjoying a fantastic range of activities. There was something for every child, from the egg and spoon and sack race to the shot put and hurdles. The day ended with some friendly races involving parents and carers, work experience students, and staff, bringing lots of smiles, laughter, and a great sense of community. It was a brilliant opportunity to celebrate the joy of being active while having fun together. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children, and a huge well done to all of our amazing participants for their enthusiasm, determination, and fantastic effort throughout the morning!

Results:

1st Earth

2nd Fire

3rd Air

4th Water



YEAR 4 ENJOY A FANTASTIC DAY AT BST HYDE PARK!

Year 4 were incredibly lucky to receive free tickets to the BST Hyde Park Primary School Event. As soon as they stepped off the Tube at Marble Arch, the excitement began as they were greeted by some of London's most famous landmarks on their walk to Hyde Park.

The children were treated to a spectacular live performance by the West End Kids. Their amazing choreography and outstanding voices captivated everyone as they performed a selection of well-known songs from popular musicals. The children then enjoyed a range of exciting workshops, with some taking part in an eco-friendly arts session while others had great fun learning new boxing skills. The whole day had a wonderful festival atmosphere, and the children thoroughly enjoyed experiencing such a vibrant event in the heart of London. It was a memorable day filled with music, creativity, learning and lots of smiles.

A huge thank you to the parents who generously gave up their time to support the trip. Your help made the day possible, and we are so grateful for your time, enthusiasm and support.





TEAM GB ATHLETE TYLER PANTON INSPIRES OUR PUPILS

To round off a fantastic week of sporting activities for National Sports Week, we were delighted to welcome Team GB 200m athlete Tyler Panton to our school.

Tyler led an energetic fitness circuit with every child from Nursery to Year 6 before heading onto the field, where pupils enjoyed taking part in exciting races alongside him. His enthusiasm and encouragement inspired everyone to give their best and have fun while being active.

Tyler also delivered an inspiring assembly for both Key Stages, sharing his journey to becoming a Team GB athlete. He spoke about the dedication, resilience and hard work it takes to achieve your goals, as well as the importance of leading a healthy, active lifestyle. The children were encouraged by his story and left feeling motivated to believe in themselves and pursue their own ambitions.

It was a fantastic way to end National Sports Week, and we would like to thank Tyler for spending the day with us and inspiring our pupils to stay active, dream big and never give up.





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BARNET LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026



Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Barnet Libraries are inviting families to join the **Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026** and get into the rhythm of reading over the school holidays. Delivered in partnership with The Reading Agency and Universal Music Group UK, this music-themed challenge celebrates how stories and songs can inspire, connect and spark imagination.

From Saturday 4 July and throughout the holidays, children from 4 to 12 years can sign up at any Barnet library during [staffed hours](#). To complete the challenge, participants must **read six library books** of their own choice. They can also read eBooks via [Libby](#) and [eAudiobooks](#) via [BorrowBox](#).

Children will collect rewards and stickers for reading, and a certificate and medal on completion. There is also a special mini challenge for under 4s, encouraging families with younger children to join in the fun.

Alongside the challenge, libraries will host **a lively programme of music-themed events**, including craft activities, DJ and rap workshops, STEM sessions, and instrument-making.

Find out more at www.barnet.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.

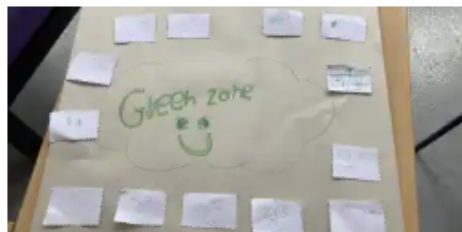
We hope to see you at the library soon!

Best wishes from **Barnet Libraries**



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

10.7.26 Thinking about Feelings in Blossom!



The children worked together to make a poster of how they feel when in the green zone. They will continue this over the next few weeks.

10.07.26 Sports Week in Nursery!



Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Week this week! On Monday, the children had so much fun on the bouncy castles. They bounced so high, and a couple of the children excitedly said, "Look, I'm flying just like a scary dragon!" It was a very hot but exciting day, and everyone had lots of smiles and laughter.

On Thursday, we enjoyed a calmer activity by taking part in a relaxing yoga session. This gave the children a chance to cool down after the warm weather and helped them practise mindfulness and stretching. They all felt very relaxed afterwards and enjoyed taking some quiet time to rest their bodies and minds. The children had a brilliant week taking part in all the different activities. They showed great enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork throughout the week, and it was wonderful to see everyone joining in and having fun together.

03.07.26 Protecting our oceans in Reception!



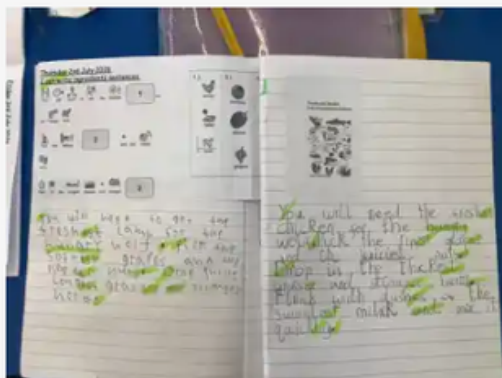
Reception have been learning about protecting our oceans and ensuring that we recycle plastic bags and bottles so that these do not end up in the sea.

The children have designed their own posters to share this important message!



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

03.07.26 Busy week in Year 1



We have had another fantastic week in Year 1!

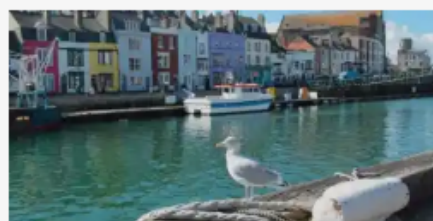
We all thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day - it was so much fun! The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the day.

In English, we are continuing to explore *The Last Wolf*. This week, we have been learning about bossy (imperative) verbs to help us write our own recipes for delicious wolf cakes.

In Maths, we have been developing our number skills by finding one more and one less, counting forwards and backwards, and practising counting all the way to 100.

Well done to everyone for another week of fantastic learning.

10.7.26 A fantastic week in Year 2!



Year 2 has had a fantastic week of learning.

In English we have published our invention stories into books ready to read them to Year 5 next week. The children worked hard to create illustrations as well.

In Science we investigated what materials are most suitable to make plant pots. The children tested newspaper, tin foil, cardboard, bubble wrap and fabric. They had to bend it, rip it and wet it.

In Geography we have been learning about what it is like to live by the coast. We explored Weymouth and what it has to offer. There was a beautiful sandy beach, a harbour, a pier, amusement arcades, a fun fair, hotels, souvenir shops, fish and chip restaurants and ice cream stands. They then created a poster to show tourists what a fantastic place it was to visit.

On Wednesday Year 2 visited BST in Hyde Park, where the children took part in a Chicken Shed Show about how to be safe around water, learnt to play the drums and played cricket with employees from Lord's Cricket Ground. It was such a fantastic trip and the children had an amazing time!

10.7.26 Sports Week in Year 3!



Year 3 have immersed themselves into Sports Week, despite the heat. On Monday, they were on the inflatables, on Tuesday, it was basketball with a coach, on Wednesday, it was yoga and on Thursday it was tennis with two coaches. They have shown confidence, cooperation, resilience and great teamwork skills. Well done!

3.7.26 Off to the Theatre in Year 4!



Year 4 have had a wonderful week. We have been continuing to learn all about rivers in Geography and locating different rivers on maps around the world. We had a lovely time on our trip to the Bull theatre where the children enjoyed watching the students perform a medley of musical hits. In Computing, we have been looking at computational thinking and looked at designing different algorithms. We have also been reading 'The Corinthian girl' in English and getting ready to write our own narratives based on the book.



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

10.7.26 A great week in Year 5!



Year 5 have had a jam-packed few days filled with exciting learning opportunities! As part of Sports Week, the children had a fantastic time at the Anima gymnastics centre, where they showed off their gymnastic skills and had lots of fun on the inflatables. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part with enthusiasm and supporting one another. In

Maths, we have been learning about perimeter, developing our understanding of how to calculate the distance around different shapes. In English, the children have been publishing their final pieces of writing, presenting their work as booklets and posters using PowerPoint. They have taken great pride in showcasing their jungle survival guides. In Geography, we continued our learning about the Mojave Desert, exploring its physical features and discovering what makes desert environments unique. In PSHE, we introduced the topic of puberty, beginning age-appropriate discussions about the physical and emotional changes that occur as children grow. It has been another fantastic week of learning and fun. Well done, Year 5, for all your hard work and enthusiasm!

10.7.26 A busy week in Year 6!



This week has been a week of sports and rehearsals for Year 6! We had a great morning doing gymnastics at the local gym, perfecting our forward rolls (some people even learnt to do them on balance beams!). Our coaches were really great and it was fantastic to work with all their amazing gymnastics equipment. Also, despite the heat, we have been fine-tuning our acting, singing and dancing skills ready for production week! Everyone has got their lines learnt, their moves memorised and is ready to wow their audiences next week. This show has been created by the children and the Year 6 teaching team. The children have written scenes, developed new characters, added jokes and even named the show. We cannot wait to show you in production week!



Children's Centres

Supporting Best Start in Life

East-Central Locality

Summer Holiday Timetable 2026
21.07.26 – 28.08.26

	BEYA Children's Centre	Coppetts Wood Children's Centre	BEST START IN LIFE FAMILY HUBS Newstead	Underhill Children's Centre
Monday	Stay and Play 1 – 2.30pm 0 – 5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 27.07.26, 03.08.26, 10.08.26	Term Time Only	Stay and Play 10 – 11am 0 – 5 years Starts: 10.08.26 Baby Group 1.30 – 2.30pm non-walkers Starts: 03.08.26	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years 27.07.26, 03.08.26, 10.08.26, 17.08.26, 24.08.26 Baby Group 1 – 2.30pm non-walkers 03.08.26, 10.08.26
Tuesday	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 21.07.26, 28.07.26, 04.08.26, 11.08.26 Walk in Oakhill Park EN4 8JS 1 – 2.30pm 0 – 5 years 28.07.26 – meet at the playground	Term Time Only	Childminders 9.30 – 11am 0 – 8 years Baby Rhyme Time 1 – 1.45pm non-walkers Starts: 04.08.26	Baby Group 9.30 – 11am non-walkers 21.07.26, 28.07.26, 04.08.26, 11.08.26, 18.08.26 Stay and Play 1 – 2.30pm 0 – 5 years 21.07.26, 28.07.26, 04.08.26, 11.08.26, 25.08.26
Wednesday	Baby Group 1.15 – 2.30pm non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT 22.07.26, 29.07.26, 05.08.26, 12.08.26	Term Time Only	Outdoor Stay & Play 10 – 11am walkers only Barnwood N2 8LG Starts: 05.08.26	Stay and Play 9.30 – 12.30pm 0 – 5 years 12.08.26 Boogie Mites 1.30 – 2.15pm 0 – 5 years 22.07.26, 29.07.26, 05.08.26, 19.08.26, 26.08.26
Thursday	Childminders 9.30 – 11am 0 – 8 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 23.07.26, 30.07.26, 06.08.26, 13.08.26	Term Time Only	Good Start, Great Start 10 – 11.30am 3 – 5 years 4 Week Course: Starts: 06.08.26 Booking Required	Baby Group 9.30 – 11am non-walkers 23.07.26, 06.08.26, 13.08.26, 27.08.26 Stay and Play 1 – 2.30pm 0 – 5 years 23.07.26, 30.07.26, 06.08.26, 13.08.26, 20.08.26, 27.08.26
Friday	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 24.07.26, 31.07.26, 07.08.26, 14.08.26	Term Time Only	No Sessions	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years 24.07.26, 14.08.26 Baby Group 1 – 2.30pm non-walkers 24.07.26, 31.07.26, 07.08.26, 14.08.26

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



HAVE YOUR SAY ON SCHOOL-AGED CHILDCARE IN BARNET

Barnet Council is inviting parents and carers to complete a short survey about childcare for school-aged children, including holiday provision.

This information has been requested by the Department for Education and will help the Council plan and improve childcare services for local families.

Parent/ Carer School Aged Childcare Sufficiency Survey - Fill out form

Deadline: Friday 31 July 2026





External Adverts

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MONDAY – THURSDAY
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JUNIOR SUMMER GOLF CAMPS 2026

Week 1 - Tue 21st July, Wed 22nd July, Thu 23rd July
Week 2 - Tue 28th July, Wed 29th July, Thu 30th July
Week 3 - Tue 4th August, Wed 5th August, Thu 6th August
Week 4 - Tue 11th August, Wed 12th August, Thu 13th August
Week 5 - Tue 18th August, Wed 19th August, Thu 20th August
Week 6 - Tue 25th August, Wed 26th Aug, Thu 27th August

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