



Underhill School and Children's Centre

Newsletter

Be Curious

Be Caring

Be Confident

Be Cooperative



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www.underhillschool.co.uk

11th September 2026

Heads corner

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! It has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school after the summer break. We would like to give a very warm welcome to all of our new families joining our community for the first time.

The start of term is always a special time filled with energy and fresh beginnings. The children have settled in brilliantly—quickly finding their routines, reconnecting with friends, and jumping into their learning with fantastic enthusiasm. It has been lovely to meet the new children joining us in nursery and reception. Thank you to all the reception parents who joined their children for lunch in the canteen to help them settle this week.

We have an incredibly exciting year ahead, packed with engaging projects and memorable experiences. We are particularly looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming "Meet the Teacher" sessions over the next few weeks. These sessions are a really valuable opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out what the year ahead looks like for your child.

We are excited to begin the second year of our Roots and Wings project, which continues to be a special part of life at Underhill. Our new theme, Roots and Wings: Growing Together, builds on the foundations we established last year and focuses on how small, positive habits can help us to grow as individuals and as a community. We will be exploring how the things we do every day - the choices we make, the way we treat others, how we care for our environment and how we look after ourselves - can make a real difference. Through our learning, assemblies and wider school experiences, we will be encouraging children to develop the habits that help them to be Caring, Confident, Curious and Cooperative, so that together we can continue to grow strong roots and spread our wings. We look forward to sharing more of our Roots and Wings journey with you as the year unfolds.

To help you stay up to date with key dates and everything going on, please make sure to check our newsletter every fortnight. It contains essential reminders, schedules, and highlights of what's happening across the school.

We look forward to working together with all our parents and carers to make this a wonderful, successful year for every child!





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	88.39%	93.63%
Earth	88.11%	97.76%
Fire	93.14%	95.8%
Water	85.96%	88.89%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech		88.35%
1 Willow	90.74%	97.14%
2 Birch	82.61%	95.17%
2 Chestnut	87.5%	82.87%
3 Yew	96.43%	96.83%
4 Cherry	87.23%	93.06%
4 Larch	100%	100%
5 Holly	90.63%	95.81%
5 Laurel	93.75%	98.16%
5 Sycamore	91.67%	97.69%
6 Elm	86.61%	96.3%
6 Hawthorn	77.97%	88.35%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September	Monday 14th	Staff led clubs begin
	Tuesday 15th	Year 1 Meet the teacher 9.00am
	Tuesday 15th	Year 2 Meet the teacher 2.45
	Wednesday 16th	Year 3 Meet the teacher 9.00am
	Wednesday 16th	Year 4 Meet the teacher 2.45pm
	Thursday 17th	Year 6 Meet the teacher 9.00am
	Thursday 17th	Year 5 Meet the teacher 2.45pm
	Monday 28th	Reception Meet the teacher 9.00am
	Monday 28th	Nursery Meet the teacher 2.45pm



Children's Centres

Supporting Best Start in Life

East-Central Locality

Autumn Timetable 01.09.26 – 18.12.26 Inset Day: Coppetts-01.09.26 BEYA & Underhill-01.09.26 & 02.09.26				
	BEYA Children's Centre	Coppetts Wood Children's Centre	BEST START IN LIFE FAMILY HUBS Newstead	Underhill Children's Centre
Monday	Stay and Play (Including Childminders) 9.30 - 10.45am 0 - 5 years Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ Outdoor Stay and Play 3.45 - 5pm 0 - 5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD	Stay and Play 9.15 - 10.30am 0 - 5 years Parent and Toddler Yoga 10.30 - 11am Walkers - 3 years	Baby Group 1 - 2pm Non-walkers	Childminders 9.30 - 11.30am Registered Childminders Boogie Mites 1.30 - 2.15pm 0 - 5 years
Tuesday	Baby Massage 12.15 - 1pm 8 Weeks - Non-rollers St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT Baby Group 1 - 2pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT	Stay and Play 9.45 - 11.15am 0 - 5 years Northside Primary School N12 8JP	Childminders 9.30 - 11am Baby Rhyme Time 1 - 1.45pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Centre N2 9ED	Baby Massage 12 - 1pm 8 Weeks - Non-rollers Booking Required Stay and Play 1pm - 2.30pm 0 - 5 years
Wednesday	Baby Group 10 - 11.30am Non-walkers All Saints N20 9EZ Outdoor Stay and Play for Childminders 9.30 - 11am 0 - 5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ	Stay and Play 9.15 - 10.30am 0 - 5 years Shake, Rattle & Roll 10.30 - 11am 0 - 5 years Baby Group 1.15 - 2.15pm Non-walkers	Outdoor Stay and Play 10 - 11am Walkers only Barnwood N2 8LG 02.09.26 - 25.11.26	Baby Makaton Sing and Sign 12.45 - 1.20pm Booking Required Baby Group 1.30 - 3pm Non-walkers
Thursday	Outdoor Stay and Play 9.30 - 10.30am 0 - 5 years Sing around the Campfire (Outdoor) 10.30 - 11am 0 - 5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ	Stay and Play 9.15 - 10.30am 0 - 5 years Dance & Movement 10.30 - 11.15am Walkers - 3 years	Stay and Play 10 - 11am 0 - 5 years	Stay and Play 9.15 - 10.45am 0 - 5 years Ready, Steady, School 1.30 - 2.30pm 3 - 5 years Booking Required Rhyme Time 1.30 - 2.15pm 0 - 5 years Hope Corner Community Centre EN5 2DY
Friday	Stay and Play 9.30 - 11am 0 - 5 years St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT	Baby Massage 1 - 1.45pm 8 Weeks - Non-rollers Booking Required Baby Group 2 - 3pm Non-walkers	No Sessions	Boogie Mites 9.15 - 10am 0 - 5 years Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30 - 2pm Under 1s Baby Group 1 - 2pm Non-walkers

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



I Can



You Can



We Can



Underhill

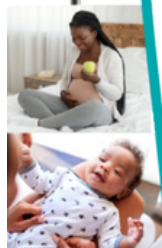
A Sure Start Children's Centre

Underhill School and Children's Centre

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Welcome

Activities
Health
Specialist Services
Education



Children's Centres

Supporting Best Start in Life

Baby Group Non-Walkers



Wednesday 1.30pm – 3pm
Friday 1pm – 2pm

- A safe environment to meet other babies and parents
- Age-appropriate resources for your babies to enjoy and explore

Underhill School & Children's Centre
Mays Lane
Barnet
EN5 2LZ
Tel: 020 8449 2423 Ext 206
Email: info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net



Barnet Parent Champions

Stay & Play

Dads and Male Carers
(Children Aged 0 – 11 years)

Saturday 26 September 10am – 12pm
Saturday 31 October 10am – 12pm
Saturday 28 November 10am – 12pm
Saturday 12 December 10am – 12pm

**FREE
Monthly
Session**



- Breakfast Included
- Fun activities
- Opportunity to meet other dads
- Support and advice available
- Find out more about becoming a Parent Champion



Greentop Centre, Lanacre Avenue, Quakers Course, Grahame Park
NW9 5WR

Caring for people, our places and the planet



Online
Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart; **group starting Thursday 17 September at 11:30am**



- Feel more confident as a parent
- Build stronger family relationships
- Create a calmer home for your children
- Work together more positively as parents
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- Practical support that fits around your schedule



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Reduce conflict and improve communication
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- A safe and supportive space without judgement
- Calmer, more confident, more connected
- Flexible online sessions that fit around family life

Topics covered...

- Improving communication and relationships at home.
- Practical ways to manage conflict and disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict can affect children.
- Finding healthier ways to communicate and co-parent.

Group discussions...

- Ask questions and get support from experienced facilitators
- Talk about what's working well and where things feel difficult at home
- Learn practical strategies from other parents and carers
- Feel supported in a safe and non-judgemental space

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk



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For parents and other adult carers living together or apart; **group for Parents of Neurodivergent Children starting Monday 28 September at 1:00pm**



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External Adverts

100 Finchley Catholic High School
1959-2026

Open Evening

Tuesday 29th
September 2026
5:00pm-7.30pm

Headteacher
will address
visitors at:
5.15pm &
7:00pm

"Finchley Catholic High School is a community where students are known and loved."

- Finchley Catholic High School is "Outstanding"
- "The Catholic ethos of the school is exemplary and pervades all aspects of school life."
- "The behaviour of students is excellent, reflecting the high expectations from staff and leaders."

(OFSTED Section 48, Catholic Schools Inspectorate, March 2026)

For more information about us visit our website: <https://www.finchleycatholic.org.uk>

i-CARE  **Whittington Health NHS Trust**

Oral Health Drop-in in East Locality Children's Centres.

- Underhill Children's Centre
Mays Lane Barnet, EN5 2LZ
Telephone: 020 8449 2423 ext 206
Email: info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net

✓ For guidance on your child's oral health, please come along to a stay and play/ baby group sessions, and speak with the oral health team. No appointments necessary.

Face-to-face drop-in sessions:

- > **September**
 - Wednesday 23.09.2026 – 1.30 to 3.00 pm (Baby Group-non walkers)
- > **October**
 - Thursday 01.10.2026- 1.30 to 2.30 pm (Ready Steady School -3-5 years)
 - Monday 19.10.2026- 1.30 to 2.15 pm (Boogie Mites-0-5 years)
- > **November**
 - Tuesday 03.11.2026- 1.00 to 2.30 pm (Stay and play-0-5 years)
 - Wednesday 25.11.2026- 12.45 to 1.20 pm (Baby Makaton Sing and Sign-non walkers)
- > **December**
 - Tuesday 15.12.2026- 1.00 to 2.30 pm (Stay and play- 0-5 years)

Please confirm with your local children's centre on the morning of these sessions in case of any changes/cancellations.

BEST START IN LIFE

Whittington Health NHS Trust

Speech and Language Therapy Drop-In

Barnet Child's Integrated Therapies

Do you have concerns about your child's talking or communication skills?
Come along to one of our under 5's Drop-In sessions for advice, support and strategies

If your child attends a school setting please speak with the Senco for support to access the Speech and Language Therapy service.

Face to Face Drop-in sessions – appointment not required

Thursday 17th September 2026 – Underhill Children's Centre 9.15-10.45am
(Underhill Primary School, Mays Lane, EN5 2LZ)

Monday 21st September 2026 – Queenswell School 9.30-10.45am
(Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ)

Thursday 24th September 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fallows Way, off Taring Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Friday 2nd October 2026 – St Margaret's Nursery (BEYA) 9.30-11am
(Margaret Road, New Barnet, EN4 9NT)

Wednesday 7th October 2026 – Coppetts Wood Children's Centre 9.15-10.30am
(Coppetts Wood School, Coppetts Road, Friern Barnet, N10 1JS)

Thursday 8th October 2026 – Underhill Children's Centre 09:15-10:15am
(Underhill Primary School, Mays Lane, EN5 2LZ)

Monday 12th October 2026 – Queenswell School 9.30-10.45am
(Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ)

Thursday 22nd October 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fallows Way, off Taring Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Monday 9th November 2026 – Queenswell School 9.30-10.45am
(Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ)

Please note – sessions are facilitated by Barnet Children's Centres. Once stay and play sessions have reached capacity you will not be able to enter the group.
Please aim to arrive 5 minutes prior to the start of the session to avoid disappointment.

For advice and more information about our service please scan this QR code:



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Thursday 19th November 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fallows Way, off Taring Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Wednesday 25th November 2026 – Coppetts Wood Children's Centre 9.15-10.30am
(Coppetts Wood School, Coppetts Road, Friern Barnet, N10 1JS)

Friday 27th November 2026 – St Margaret's Nursery (BEYA) 9.30-11am
(Margaret Road, New Barnet, EN4 9NT)

Thursday 3rd December 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fallows Way, off Taring Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Monday 7th December 2026 – Queenswell School 9.30-10.45am
(Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ)

Thursday 10th December 2026 – Underhill Children's Centre 9.15-10.45am
(Underhill Primary School, Mays Lane, EN5 2LZ)

