



Underhill School and Children's Centre

# Newsletter



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Friday 12th June 2026

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

The busy bees of Underhill have been working hard and having lots of fun over the last two weeks. There has been lots happening as we build up to the end of this academic year

Year 6 had a wonderful week last week half were on the residential trip, and half were here having loads of fun going on trips and doing lots of different art projects. The team on the residential had a fantastic time and really impressed the adults who were with them with their resilience and positive attitudes. They were all real have-a go heroes! This week they have been busy rehearsing the year 6 production which we are all very excited to see!

Year 4 have been completing the multiplication tables check. They have worked really hard all year to make sure they know all their times tables and it showed when it came to the test. Well done to everyone!

Year 1 and some of Year 2 have also been working hard on the phonics screening check. They too have been busy practising and making sure they know all the sounds and how to recognise these in order to sight read unfamiliar words. We are so impressed with their can-do attitude!

Last night was the Barnet Music festival at the Arts Depot. The wonderful Underhill choir were performing and they were amazing; the singing and choreography drew gasps from the audience! Huge congratulations to them all for their hard work and dedication in the run up to the performance and for a brilliant night!

We hope you have all seen the message about the change of date for Sports Day for KS1 and KS2, which is now on the 30th June 9am-12pm. EYFS Sports day has also changed date and will now take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June.

And don't forget the PTA Summer Fair is on Saturday 11th July from 11am to 1pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and if you can help out in the day, please let a member of the PTA know!

Have a great weekend!

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed  
Co-Headteachers





# Attendance

## Absence

Please remember any absences need to be reported daily to

[attendance@underhillbarnetmail.net](mailto: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/JK1N3J7hzv2FR1fJ6> 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	92.07%	96.21%
Earth	95.88%	95.55%
Fire	93.75%	94.08%
Water	93.83%	92.22%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	94.4%	93.5%
1 Oak	95.2%	99.5%
1 Willow	94.3%	92.3%
2 Chestnut	93.7%	99.6%
3 Cedar	95.8%	97.2%
3 Yew	97.5%	98.6%
4 Cherry	92.9%	94.4%
4 Larch	95.6%	88.9%
4 Sycamore	94.8%	92.8%
5 Holly	92.1%	95.4%
5 Laurel	97.7%	95.2%
6 Elm	100%	95.8%
6 Hawthorn	90.6%	94.3%



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	Monday 1st-Friday 12th	Y4 Multiplication Check fortnight
	Monday 1st - Friday 5th	Year 6 School Journey
	Friday 5th	PTA Ice Cream Sale
	Monday 8th - Friday 12th	Y1 Phonics Screening Check week
	Monday 15th - Friday 19th	Refugee week
	Friday 12th	PTA Ice Cream Sale
	Friday 19th	1 Oak Class Assembly
	Friday 19th	PTA Ice Cream Sale
	Friday 26th	1 Willow Class Assembly
	Friday 26th	PTA Ice Cream Sale
	Monday 29th	EYFS Sports day (new date)
	Monday 29th - Friday 3rd	Assessment week
	Tuesday 30th	KS1 & 2 Sports Day (new date)
July	Thursday 2nd	Year 6 Secondary transfer day
	Thursday 2nd	Ice Cream Sale
	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



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## CLEAN AND HEALTHY WATERWAYS DESIGN CHALLENGE 🐟

We would like to share the following opportunity from an external organisation for families who may be interested.

The Clean and Healthy Waterways Design Challenge is inviting primary-aged children across London (ages 4-11) to imagine the future of the city's waterways through art. Children are encouraged to submit creative designs inspired by clean, healthy rivers, canals and waterways.

Winning entries will be painted onto one of eight new picnic benches at waterside locations across London, and the overall winner will receive a free workshop for their class.

Part of the Mayor of London's work to transform the capital's waterways, the challenge offers young people the chance to share their vision for a greener, healthier city while seeing their artwork displayed in public spaces.

For more information and details on how to enter, please visit the Clean and Healthy Waterways Schools Challenge website. [Click Here](#)

## UNDERHILL NURSERY

  
**Underhill  
Nursery**

Looking for a nursery place for your little one?

Underhill Nursery has spaces available for 2 and 3 year olds!

Scan the QR code to register your interest



## What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

### 5.6.26 Follow the dots in Blossom!



The children have continued working on their fine motor skills by following the dots on the page.

### 12.6.26 Lots of fun in Nursery!



This week in nursery, we have been enjoying reading *Pirates Love Underpants* and the children were very engaged with the story. Inspired by the book, the children designed their own colourful underpants, using their creativity and imagination to create unique patterns and designs.

In our water area, we also explored floating and sinking through hands-on experiments.

The children investigated which objects floated and which sank, making predictions and discovering new ideas through play. It has been a wonderful week full of learning, creativity, and fun!

### 5.6.26 New topic in Reception!

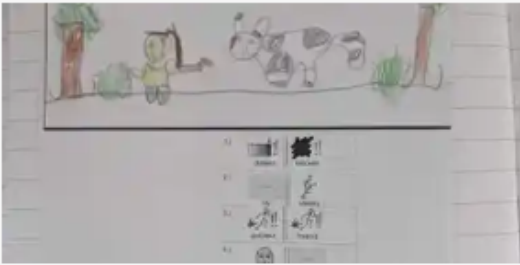


Our new topic in Reception has this big question to be curious about - Who lives in a rock pool? As part of our Expressive arts and Design curriculum we love to give the children opportunities to play imaginatively with small world toys alongside real artefacts and have created two different areas to explore. As the children have been playing in these imaginative areas we are also hearing rich vocabulary as they name and describe the different creatures as well as seeing mathematical skills of sorting and classifying. Who would you find in a rock pool?



## What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

### 5.6.26 A great week in Year 1!



The children have returned to school raring to go and have been working incredibly hard. In English, we have started exploring our new book, *The Last Wolf*. The children enjoyed writing list poems to describe the deep, dark wood using adventurous vocabulary and imaginative ideas.

In Maths, we have been revisiting measurement, focusing on capacity, length and time. The children have been practising using different units of measurement and applying their understanding to practical activities.

In Geography, we have started a new unit learning about physical and human features. The children have enjoyed identifying features in different environments and discussing the differences between them.

### 12.6.26 A busy week in Year 3!



Year 3 have been very busy since returning from the half term 2 weeks ago. In English, they have been reading and diving deep into our text 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. Next week, they will be rewriting the story in their own words. In Maths, they have learned about the different angles, 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. In Science, they have been recapping what they have learned in EVERY topic in Year 3 and creating beautiful posters to reflect each unit. Well done to Year 3 for working so hard!

### 12.6.26 A busy in Year 2!



In English this week we have read *Rosie Revere Engineer* written by Andrea Beaty and illustrated by David Roberts. The story is about a girl called Rosie, who likes to invent new things from recycled materials. The story follows Rosie through her creativity, imagination, and resilience when things don't always go to plan. The children have enjoyed writing a poem about Rosie and designing their own invention in preparation to plan and write their own stories next week.

In Science we have been learning all about the 3 R's of recycling (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and what materials are suitable and unsuitable to recycle and reuse.

In Maths we have been learning to gather data to create tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms.

In Computing we have been learning how computers help to send and keep astronauts alive in space. The children enjoyed deciding and drawing what they would need to take with them if they were travelling to space for a holiday.

### 5.6.26 Light and Shadow in Year 4



Year 4 have been exploring the relationship between words, light, and shadow in an engaging art lesson. Using cardboard and ribbon, the children designed and cut out block letters to create simple word sculptures. They enjoyed experimenting with shape and arrangement, discovering how their creations cast interesting shadows and transformed ordinary words into creative pieces of artwork.



## What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

### 12.6.26 Survival skills in Year 5!



This week, Year 5 have had a very interesting and exciting week of learning. In English, the children took part in a survival boot camp in preparation for writing their own survival narratives. Throughout the week, they explored a range of survival skills, including identifying safe foods to eat in the wild, filtering dirty water, building shelters and learning how to make a fire. The children thoroughly enjoyed the practical activities and they will use these experiences to inspire their creative writing. During PSHE, we focused on online safety and discussed the differences between friends and acquaintances. The children explored the importance of making safe and sensible choices online and learned ways to stay smart and safe when communicating digitally. In Geography, we have been learning about the characteristics of desert biomes. The children focused on the Mojave desert. Well done to Year 5 for another fantastic week of learning!

### 5.6.26 A week of trips and school journey in Year 6!



This week, half of Year 6 have been on school journey and the other half have been making the most of what London has to offer with some great trips!

On Tuesday, they enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to visit the British Library in London and explore its enchanting *Fairytale* exhibition, which runs until 23 August 2026. This immersive, family-friendly showcase took us on a fascinating journey through the origins, evolution and global impact of traditional folklore. Pupils were captivated by the rare manuscripts, original illustrations and interactive displays, which brought beloved stories to life in exciting and unexpected ways. The exhibition certainly inspired curiosity and imagination in our children while giving us a deeper appreciation of the enduring power of fairy tales across cultures and generations.



## Children's Centres

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### Summer Term Timetable

13.04.26 - 17.07.26

Separate timetable for May Half Term

Inset Days: 01.06.26 & 20.07.26: Coppetts Wood

Inset Days: 13.04.26: Underhill

Closed Bank Holidays: 04.05.26 and 25.05.26

	BEYA Children's Centre	Coppetts Wood Children's Centre	Newstead Children's Centre	Underhill Children's Centre
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Stay and Play (including Childminders)</b> 9.30 - 10.45am 0-5 years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ <b>Outdoor Stay and Play</b> 3.45 - 5pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery EN4 8SD	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 - 10.30am 0-5 years <b>Parent and Toddler Yoga</b> 10.30 - 11am Walkers - 3 years <b>Baby Group</b> 1.15 - 2.15pm Non-walkers	<b>Baby Group</b> 1.30 - 2.30pm non-walkers	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11.30am Registered Childminders  <b>Boogie Mites</b> 1.30-2.15pm 0-5 years
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Baby Massage</b> 12.15 - 1pm 8 weeks-non-rollers St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT <b>Baby Group 1</b> - 2pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.45 - 11.15am 0-5 years Northside Primary School N12 8JP	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30 - 11am  <b>Baby Rhyme Time 1</b> - 1.45pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10.30-12pm 0-5 years <b>Baby Massage</b> 12-1pm 8 weeks-4 mths <b>Booking Required</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Baby Group</b> 10 - 11.30am Non-walkers All Saints N20 9EZ <b>Outdoor Stay and Play for Childminders</b> 1 - 2.30pm 0-5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 - 10.30am 0-5 years <b>Shake, Rattle &amp; Roll</b> 10.30 - 11am 0-5 years	<b>Outdoor Stay and Play</b> Barnwood N2 8LG 10 - 11am Walkers Only	<b>Sing &amp; Story</b> 9.45-10.45am 18 mths -5 years Foulds School ENS 4NR <b>Fun Toddler Circuit</b> 11.45-12.45pm 18 mths-3 years <b>Baby Makaton Sing &amp; Sign</b> 12.45-1.20pm 6 months-1 year <b>Booking Required</b> <b>Baby Group</b> 1.30-3 pm Non-walkers
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Outdoor Adventure</b> 9.45 - 11.15am 0-5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ <b>Sing and Dance</b> Under 3's 2 - 2.45pm Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 - 10.30am 0-5 years <b>Dance &amp; Movement</b> 10.30 - 11.15am Walkers -3 years	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10 - 11am 0-5 years	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15-10.45am 0-5 years <b>Rhyme Time</b> 1.30-2.15pm 0-5 years Hope Corner Community Centre EN5 2DY
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30 - 11am 0-5 years St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT	<b>Baby Massage</b> 1 - 1.45pm 8 weeks-non-rollers <b>Booking Required</b>  <b>Baby Group 2</b> - 3pm Non-walkers	<b>No Sessions</b>	<b>Boogie Mites</b> 9.15 - 10am 0-5 years  <b>Infant Feeding Support Group</b> 12.30-2pm Under 1's

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated





# External Adverts

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## GROW FARM Open Day

Sat 27 June

Explore the farm & learn about agroecology!  
10am-3pm

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20 June  
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Climate board games • Puppet-making • Face painting

LSE Campus, Houghton St, WC2A 2AE [lse.ac.uk/festival](http://lse.ac.uk/festival)

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## B MUSIC FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2026

TRENT PARK COCKFOSTERS

12:00 noon - 10:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE from £27 only at EVENTBRITE

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# CHORISTER EXPERIENCE DAY



A free taster afternoon for children aged 7-11  
No experience required, just come and sing

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June | 1 pm**

St John the Baptist Church, Barnet | Ends 4:45 pm

# Your child will

- Sing with real choristers
- Try on choir robes
- Play the pipe organ
- Go on a treasure hunt
- Make a choir puppet
- Enjoy refreshments
- Join Choral Evensong at 4 pm

Parents welcome | Refreshments provided  
DBS-checked team | Experienced musicians

music@barnetparishchurch.org.uk

## SCAN TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE




SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 11AM



JOHN O'LEARY

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 3PM



HARRY WOODGATE

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 10AM



IQBAL HUSSAIN

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 2PM



EMMA SWAN

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 12PM



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TOLA OKOGWU

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 10AM



MICHAEL ROSEN

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 11AM



Mc Grammar

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026, 1PM



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# SOUTHGATE CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL



For Tickets [Southgate Children's Literature Festival event tickets from TicketSource.](#)