



Underhill School and Children's Centre

Newsletter



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Friday 13th January 2026

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've been having lots of fun over the last couple of weeks!

Underhill has some very, very cool dancers and everyone had a great time at the PTA disco last Thursday! Thank you to the PTA and everyone who helped out.

On Friday, we were proud to be taking part in NSPCC Number Day 2026! Children and staff celebrated all things maths through fun, number-themed activities while helping to raise vital funds for the NSPCC. Number Day is always a brilliant opportunity to show how maths is part of everyday life, while also supporting the NSPCC's important work to keep children safe and supported. Thank you to everyone who joined in, donated, and helped make the day both meaningful and memorable.

This week, we have been celebrating Music week. The children have all loved performing to you each day in their phase concerts and showing their musical talents. We had a visit from a fantastic steel pan musician as well on Wednesday. He taught the children about the different pans and how they are made. He then performed for the children. It was wonderful! Today, the school has been full of famous musicians, and rock and pop stars. A great way to end the half term!

At the end of each half term, the children all complete a final writing piece using the learning that they have been doing over the previous weeks. The standard of writing that we are seeing from all the children is so impressive. They have all worked so hard to improve in lots of different ways. We have had a continual line of children coming to our office to get their golden tickets because the teachers are so proud!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in resources for Design and Technology week. It starts when we come back after half term and we are looking forward to seeing all the children's fantastic creations!

Have a wonderful half term and many thanks for your continued support,

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles





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/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	94.3%	97.29%
Earth	90.67%	93.07%
Fire	96.21%	94.36%
Water	90.87%	93.16%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	87.3%	88.89%
1 Oak	98%	97.98%
1 Willow	92.3%	96.89%
2 Chestnut	90.2%	93.7%
3 Cedar	98.2%	96.89%
3 Yew	98.2%	96.76%
4 Cherry	95.4%	96.97%
4 Larch	90.2%	93.72%
4 Sycamore	93.6%	95.48%
5 Holly	95.1%	94.4%
5 Laurel	93.3%	92.57%
6 Elm	96.2%	96.88%
6 Hawthorn	94.1%	96.86%
Total	93.60%	94.47%



BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

Our Year 5 pupils had an incredible time at the basketball festival at Copthall Leisure Centre! The day began with an exciting skills workshop led by professional basketball coaches, where the children developed their dribbling, passing and shooting techniques. They then went on to play five fantastic matches – winning every single game! 🏀🏆



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	Thursday 5th	PTA Friendship Disco
	Friday 6th	NSPCC Number Day
	Monday 9th - Friday 13th	Music and Assessment week
	Monday 9th - Friday 13th	Scholastic Book fair
	Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day
	Wednesday 11th	Y1-6 Parents' Evening 3:30-7pm
	Thursday 12th	Y1-6 Parents Evening 3:30-5pm
	Monday 16th- Friday 20th	Half term
	23rd-27th	Design and Technology Week
	Friday 27th	Year 2 Bake Sale
	Friday 27th	3 Cedar Class Assembly
March	Thursday 5th	World Book Day
	Friday 6th	PTA Sing-A-Long Movie Night KS2
	Friday 13th	PTA Own Clothes Day and bring an Easter Egg
	Friday 13th	3 Yew Class Assembly
	Monday 9th- Friday 13th March	British Science Week
	Monday 16th - Friday 20th	Neurodiversity week
	Friday 20th	Year 1 Bake Sale
	Saturday 21st	PTA Easter Fair
	Thursday 26th	House Easter Egg Hunt
	Friday 27th	Break up 1:30pm

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

6.2.26 Mark making in Blossom!



The children in Blossom have been working with water this week, exploring how it feels and moves. They have also been exploring different colours and mark making.

6.2.26 Rainbows in Nursery!



Conker class have been making their own rainbows this week. We sung the rainbow song and worked out what different colours were in a rainbow. The children then chose the paints needed. They painted some wonderful rainbows using all the colours. We then tried to make our own rainbows from playdough. They children enjoyed rolling the playdough into long sausages and used different colours to make rainbows. These activities support fine motor skills, creativity, and colour recognition, while giving the children plenty of opportunity to explore and have fun.

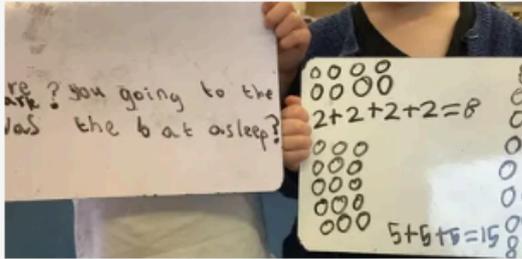
13.2.26 Writing sentences in Reception!



In Reception we have been continuing to practise our Art skills of creating a collage effect. This week we have been making rockets out of lollipop sticks and also 2D shapes. We have also been writing a sentence for our Star Writing wall which begins 'My rocket will go to...' Can you complete the sentence too? We have a lot of rockets travelling to Mars!

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

13.2.26 A super week in Year 1!



We have had a fantastic week in Year 1! For Music Week, we really enjoyed learning about different instruments and performing for our parents. We were so proud to share what we had learned.

In English, we have been working hard on our sentence writing and improving our handwriting. The children are doing a great job remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths, we have been learning about arrays and making equal groups. We have been using practical resources to help us understand how numbers can be grouped in different ways.

In Science, we carried out a taste test which was both scientific and tasty! We explored our senses and talked about our results like real scientists.

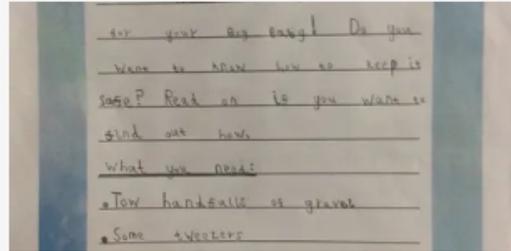
Well done, Year 1, for all your hard work this week!

6.2.26 All about Volcanos in Year 3



Year 3 have been working hard planning and writing their information leaflets about waterfalls using research. They will then publish their leaflets on their writing walls. Did you know that Angel Falls in Venezuela is the tallest waterfall in the world at 979m high?

6.2.26 Great learning in Year 2!



This week in English the children have been writing instructions on how to build the perfect habitat for their Bog Babies. They are excellent at writing really clear instructions so the reader knows exactly what to do!

In Maths, the children have been learning about multiplication and division through the use of arrays.

In Science, the children have been thinking about healthy eating. They have been learning about all the different food groups and how to create a delicious, balanced meal.

In Art the children drew a simple landscape and then used collage to create different textures. They looked very beautiful!

13.2.26 Busy learning in Year 4!

How would you say goodbye and thank you to schools for all their questions?

Ah, easy that! I'd puff my feathers, give a proud little hop, and say – "Huge thanks to all the brilliant schools and

Year 4 had a fantastic final week of the half term. In Art, the children completed their beautiful still life paintings, exploring and applying a range of different paint techniques. On Tuesday, they marked Safer Internet Day by learning about internet safety and taking part in a BBC live lesson about AI, where they discussed how to stay safe online.

In Science, they investigated how global warming is affecting the water cycle and enjoyed dancing to the water cycle song again!

The children have also been working hard rehearsing for their performance in Music Week today – we are very proud of their enthusiasm and effort!



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

6.2.26 Great learning in Year 5!



This week in English, Year 5 have been busy planning for their Big Write. They are creating cliff-hanger narratives inspired by *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and are really focusing on suspense and atmosphere. We're looking forward to publishing their finished pieces next week.

In Maths, we have been developing our multiplication skills by multiplying two-digit numbers by two-digit numbers, with the children showing great focus and resilience. In PSHE, we explored what a healthy plate looks like and learned about calories, helping the children to understand how to make balanced and healthy choices.

In Science, we have been learning about reversible changes. The children investigated what happens when materials such as chocolate, ice, and wax are heated and then cooled again, making careful observations and predictions.

Another great week of learning—well done, Year 5!

13.2.26 Amazing writing in Year 6!



This week Year 6 have been finishing their work based on "The Origin of Species" by Sabina Redeva. First, we wrote discovery narratives all about Charles Darwin encountering iguanas for the first time. Now we have written explanation texts all about "adaptation" and particularly the clever adaptations made by Galapagos Giant Tortoises to survive. We discovered lots of fascinating facts about these amazing creatures.

Did you know they can weigh the same as a vending machine? That they easily live over one hundred years old? They can even live for a year without food or water!

Year 6 have been sharing their brilliant pieces of writing to teach everyone more about these amazing adaptations...



Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Underhill School and Children's Centre

Half-Term Timetable 2026
16.02.26 – 20.02.26

Children's Centres

East-Central Locality

	BEYA A Sure Start Children's Centre	Coppetts Wood A Sure Start Children's Centre	Newstead A Sure Start Children's Centre	Underhill A Sure Start Children's Centre
Monday	Stay and Play 1-2.30pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD	Term Time Only	Baby Stay and Play 2-3pm Non-walkers	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 years Baby Stay and Play 1-2.30pm Non-walkers
Tuesday	Baby Stay and Play 1-2pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT	Term Time Only	Childminders 9.30-11am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm Non-walkers	Stay and Play 10-11.30am 0-5 years Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm 0-5 years
Wednesday	Stay and Play SEND Support Group 10-11.30am 0-5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ	Term Time Only	Outdoor Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm Walkers Only Barnwood, Tarling Road, N2 8LG	Stay and Play 10-11.30am 0-5 years Citizens Advice Bureau Referral Support 1-2.30pm Booking Required
Thursday	Childminders 9.30-11am Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD	Term Time Only	Stay and Play 10-11am 0-5 years	Boogie Mites 10-10.45am 0-5 years Antenatal Coffee Session 1-2.30pm Drop-in
Friday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD	Term Time Only	No Sessions	Baby Stay and Play 11-12.30pm Non-walkers Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2pm Under 1's

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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Margaret Road, New Barnet EN4 9NT
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Coppetts Wood

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Coppetts Wood Children's Centre
(based at Coppetts Wood School)
Coppetts Road, Friem Barnet N10 1JS
Tel: 020 8883 0248 option 3
childrenscentre@coppettswood.barnetmail.net

Newstead

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Newstead Children's Centre
1 Fallows Close (off Tarling Road), East Finchley N2 8LG
Tel: 020 8359 3460
childandfamilyhub-eastcentral@barnet.gov.uk

Underhill

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Baby Weighing Appointments

East-Central Locality

Underhill	Thursday
Please call to book	1-4pm

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What is NHS Healthy Start?

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- cow's milk
- fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
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- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

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For more information and to apply to the NHS Healthy Start scheme, visit:
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A check can be made on your child car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, we can also check they are seated correctly and safely.

In response to the high turnout at previous events, **two** advisors will now be available on the day. To avoid unnecessary travel, you're welcome to call us on the day to check waiting times.

Last year, **92% of seats checked in Barnet had errors**, many serious enough to endanger children in the event of a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix.

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