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Newsletter

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13th November 2026

Heads' corner

It's been a lovely couple of weeks at Underhill. We've had everything from sparkly clothes and fireworks to football and a trip to the cinema, and our Year 5 pupils have helped get a new project off the ground!

Last week, it was lovely to see so many Reception families at our phonics workshop. Now that phonics books are coming home, the session was a chance to see how we teach phonics in school and pick up some practical ideas for reading together at home. Thank you to everyone who came along!
If you'd like a little more support, we're running phonics drop-ins in 1 Willow every Friday after school from 3:30-4pm. The first session was held last week and it was lovely to see some of our families sharing a book with their child. Please pop by to read with your child or ask any phonics questions you might have. This is open to all EYFS and Key stage one families.
Some children from Years 4 to 6 took part in a Boccia festival at Copthall Leisure Centre, which was great fun and we ended the week by celebrating Diwali. Everyone looked lovely in their bright and sparkly clothes.

There was even more sparkle at our PTA fireworks night, too! A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone who helped before, during and after the event. We know how much work goes into making it happen, and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying the evening together.
This week, some of our Year 5 pupils got our new Beyond the School Gates project off to a flying start. After training last week in how to lead PE activities, they visited Northway School on Grasvenor Avenue to work alongside some of their younger children and help lead PE sessions. What a lovely way to put their training into practice. Well done, Year 5!

Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team had a busy week, too. They won their match against St John's N20 earlier in the week and yesterday took part in the Barnet Sports Partnership football tournament at Compton Powerleague. Well done to everyone who represented Underhill!
Year 3 also headed to the Everyman cinema to watch Wonka. If you have a Year 3 child at home, do ask them which part they enjoyed most!

And what better way to round off the week than with our annual Children in Need day? Thank you to everyone who helped make the day happen and to all our families for their support with this fundraiser.

Have a lovely weekend!

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed
Co-Headteachers







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Attendance

Absence

Please remember any absences need to be reported daily to 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
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	96.34%	96.49%
Earth	95.56%	95.04%
Fire	95.9%	96.49%
Water	96.1%	93.84%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	96.82%	91.29%
1 Willow	97.59%	95.14%
2 Birch	96.63%	97.62%
2 Chestnut	96.19%	97.62%
3 Yew	95.7%	97.86%
4 Cherry	99.58%	98.33%
4 Larch	99.17%	96.67%
5 Holly	96.8%	90.32%
5 Laurel	95.2%	92%
5 Sycamore	97.92%	96.67%
6 Elm	91.33%	96.67%
6 Hawthorn	96.39%	97.14%

UNDERHILL GIRLS TRIUMPH 7–2 AGAINST ST. JOHN'S

On Tuesday, our girls played their first match of the year against St. John's and what a great result it was!
The team secured an impressive 7-2 win, earning all three points for their league campaign. A fantastic team performance and a great way to kick off the season!
A huge well done to all the girls.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 8th November, Arthur from year 6 attended the Remembrance Memorial Service at High Barnet and laid a wreath on the war memorial on behalf of everyone at Underhill to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have lost their lives or lives have been affected by war.







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What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight ?

06.11.26 Diwali Celebrations in Blossom room



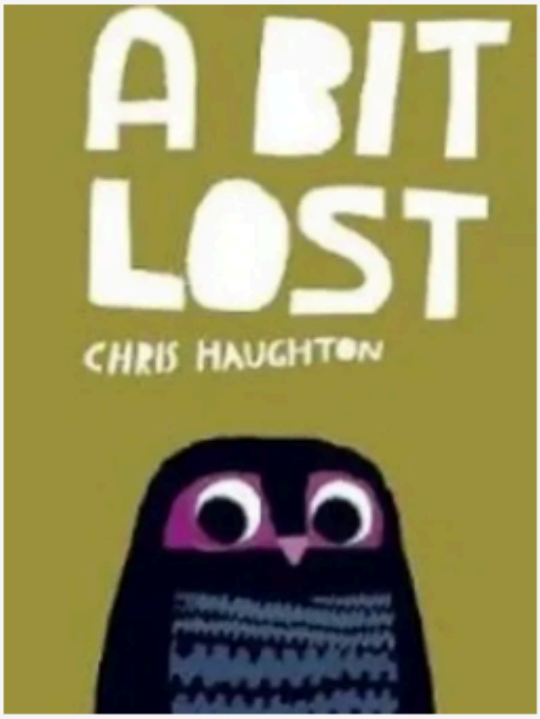
The Blossom children have made some Diwali decorations for our room. They have been exploring the different bright colours used to celebrate Diwali.

11.11.26 Remembrance day in Reception



In Reception this week the children learned about the importance of Remembrance Day and made their own poppy pictures by printing with bottle tops. We learned that poppies help us to remember wars of the past and the need for peace

12.11.26 Bringing stories to life with music in Nursery



This morning, the children had lots of fun during our phonics session! We used musical instruments to bring our story of the week, A Bit Lost, to life through music. The children listened carefully to the rhythm, tempo and tone of the music, choosing different instruments to accompany the story. It was lovely to see how enthusiastically they joined in. Some children enjoyed shaking their tambourines to the beat, while others experimented with tapping the drums and exploring the different sounds they could make. We noticed some lovely moments of concentration as the children listened carefully and adjusted how they played to match the music. Others showed great excitement, smiling and moving along to the rhythm. It was wonderful to see the children expressing themselves through music while developing their listening, attention and awareness of sounds. .







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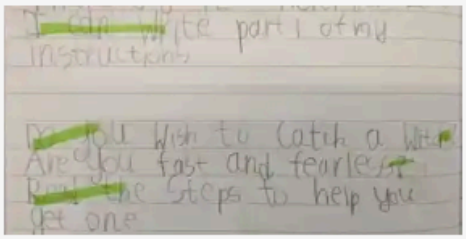
13.11.26 Another Busy Week of Learning in Year 1!



It has been another lovely week in Year 1, with lots of exciting learning taking place! This week, we have been writing instructional sentences to help Rapunzel catch a witch! The children have been thinking carefully about the steps needed and using clear instructions to help Rapunzel with her plan.

In maths, we have been exploring place value. We have been looking at numbers up to 20 and identifying how many tens and ones each number is made up of.

The children have been developing their understanding of how numbers are structured. In science, we have been learning about everyday materials. We have been exploring different objects and discussing what materials they are made from, thinking about the properties of the materials we use every day.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!.

13.11.26 Super Similes in Year 2!



Year 2 have been working really hard to gather ideas for their setting narrative based on The Night Gardener. We've been learning how to compare something to something else using 'like' or 'as'. A simile! We came up with some fantastic ones. Here are some of our favourites:

The moon shone as bright as an angel

The moon was like a torch in the sky

11.11.26 Year 3 Cinema trip



On Wednesday 11th November, Year 3 were very lucky to have a free viewing of the film 'Wonka' at Everyman Cinema! They all loved sitting on the comfortable sofas and enjoyed the film. Thank you to Ms Sidney for organising! .







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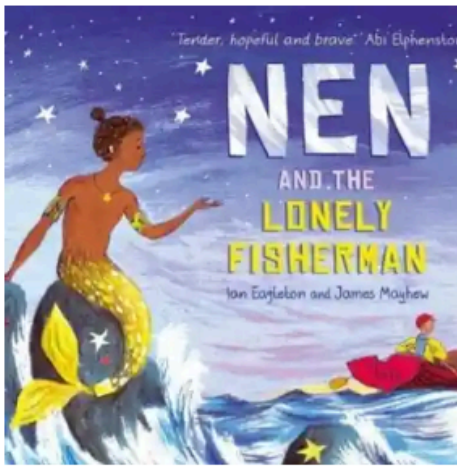
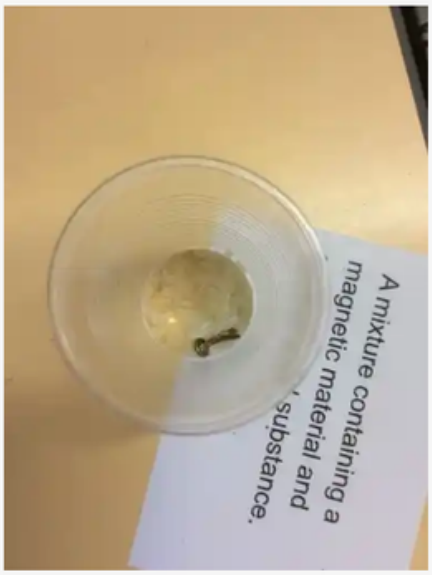
12.11.26 Creative storytelling in Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been exploring the wonderful story *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman* by Ian Eagleton and James Mayhew. The children have been using this engaging book as inspiration for writing their own stories in the style of traditional folklore tales, developing their creativity and imagination.

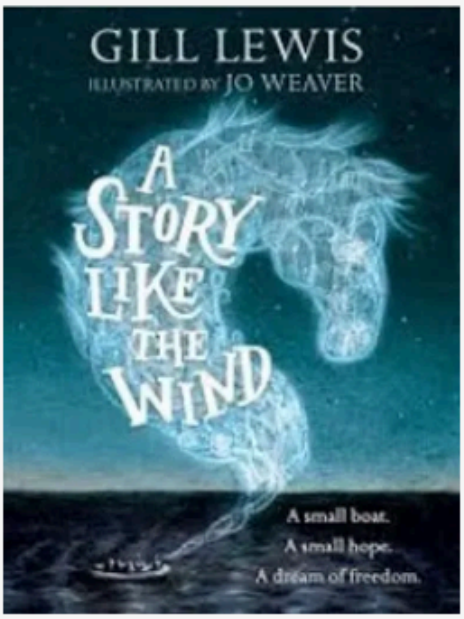
Alongside this, the children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold during our Guided Reading lessons. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement for both books. These high-quality texts have provided fantastic opportunities to spark curiosity, inspire writing and, most importantly, nurture a lifelong love of reading!

13.11.26 Science and Geography in Year 5



Year 5 have been investigating materials in science and making mixtures and drawing scientific diagrams. In geography we have been learning about the alps and their physical and human features are.

12.11.26 A Story Like the Wind in Year 6



Year 6 have started a new book this half term called "A Story Like the Wind" by Gill Lewis. It is about a group of strangers fleeing dangerous home countries who become stuck on a dangerous, unseaworthy boat adrift on the ocean. As a fierce storm descends they begin to share stories of their lives to the soundtrack of the violin played by Rami - a musician fleeing oppression. We learn about Nor and Mustapha's first date to the cinema, Mohammed the carpet vendor who tries to sell a magical flying carpet to a beautiful woman and the brothers Hassan and Youssef who are remembering their days playing football and eating their mother's baklava. As they share their stories the night passes and their fears lessen. Over the half term the children are going to write a flashback narrative and a newspaper report incorporating semicolons, dashes and hyphens.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November	Friday 13th	Children in Need Day
	November 23rd-27th	Road safety week
	Monday 16th	Individual School Photo day
	Friday 20th	Year 4 Bake Sale (parent helpers required please)
	Monday 16th	Odd Socks Day
	Monday 16th- Friday 20th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Wednesday 25th November	Y1 trip to the Everyman Cinema
	Friday 27th	Be Bright, Be Seen Day
	Friday 27th	4 Larch Class Assembly
	Monday 30th - Friday 4th Dec	Assessment Week
December	Wednesday 2nd	Reception -Y6 trip to The Bull Theatre to watch the pantomime. Look out for individual class letters.
	Thursday 3rd	
	Friday 4th	Own clothes day - bring chocolate for the Christmas fair tombola
	Monday 7th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal PM
	Tuesday 8th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal PM
	Thursday 10th	KS1 nativity
	Thursday 10th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Friday 11th	Y4 trip to the London Symphony Orchestra
	Friday 11th	PTA Christmas Fair (parent helpers required)
	Monday 14th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal AM
	Monday 14th	KS2 Carol Concert for Y3-4 parents 2pm
	Tuesday 15th	KS2 Carol Concert for Y5-6 parents 11am
	Wednesday 16th	Rocksteady Concert 9am
	Wednesday 16th	EYFS Christmas Concert 2:30pm
	Friday 18th	Break up 1:30pm

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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

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Paediatric First Aid Course
6 Week Course



Monday 9.15am – 11.15am
(Term time only)
In partnership with Barnet Southgate College

2 November 2026 – 7 December 2026
Booking required

- Resuscitation procedures
- Preparing for and dealing with emergencies
- Coping with bleeding and choking

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Come and join us for

Rhyme Time with Makaton
(0 - 5 years)

Coppetts Wood Children's Centre
Wednesday: 2:30 – 3:15pm



This session aims to support development of your child's:

- Listening and attention skills
- Communication skills
- Language acquisition
- Social and emotional skills
- Physical skills
- Ability to understand routines and transitions

Look forward to seeing you all there!

For more information, please contact:
childrenscentre@coppettswood.barnetmail.net
or
0208 883 0248 (option 3)

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BEAT Music lessons Spring 2027 - How to apply and Enrol

For Existing Parents: You do not need to re-enrol. Please wait for an email notification directly from BEAT regarding payment details for the upcoming term.

For New Parents: Please register an account and apply for music lessons using the BEAT Tuition Link. Once enrolled, students are placed on a waiting list. Places are offered as vacancies arise, with new admissions typically starting at the beginning of each term.





BARNET BULLDOGS AGAINST BARKING ABBEY



Barnet Bulldogs are offering free children's tickets using code BARNET when booking online—a great opportunity for pupils to experience live basketball and support their local team.

📅 Saturday 21 November
🕒 3:00pm tip-off
📍 Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre

Book tickets: https://www.bulldogsbasketball.co.uk/tickets

Enter BARNET at checkout to redeem the offer. Accompanying adults will need to purchase a ticket.

Our exciting match day provides top class family friendly entertainment along with competitions to win vouchers courtesy of our sponsors, Bang Bang Oriental Food Hall and Yaki Ya!.

BARNET YOUTH WINTER 2026 MAGAZINE

Looking for things to do this winter? Check out the Barnet Youth Winter 2026 Magazine, packed with local activities, events, sports, arts, wellbeing opportunities, and family support services across Barnet.

While it features information on the BACE Holidays (HAF) Programme, there are plenty of free and affordable options available for all children, young people, and families—not just those eligible for HAF funding.



Take a look and see what's on near you!

Barnet Youth Winter 2026 Magazine
https://barnetyouth.uk/uploads/files/187/Barnet-Youth-Winter-2026-Magazine.pdf

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