



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Friday 17th October 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Buenas dias! We had a great day on Monday celebrating Dia de Espana. It was wonderful to see all the children wearing the national colours of Spain and we had a great time in the afternoon, practising our Spanish and learning about Spain. The children did some wonderful artwork inspired by famous Spanish artists such as Joan Miro. We all agreed: fue un muy buen dia!

In assembly, we marked Black History Month and the children learned about some famous Black British people from history including Joseph Blank, a famous Tudor trumpet player who was a favourite of both Henry VII and Henry VIII. He was brave enough to ask the king for a pay rise and because he was so popular, it was granted! Not many people in Tudor times were brave enough to ask the King such a question. We also found out about Walter Tull and Mary Price...ask your children about what they know!

We have had a great afternoon today as the whole school worked on our Nature Park Garden project. The main focus of the project is to increase biodiversity across the UK. First the children mapped the different habitats that we have at Underhill and thought about habitats that we need to increase. They then planned our Pollinator Power garden. The children have had some really amazing ideas to make a beautiful new space for us at school as well as supporting wildlife.

The PTA have been busy planning lots of upcoming events. We have Break the Rules Day and The K-Pop Demon Hunters Movie Singalong next Friday 24th October, and then when we come back after half term, we have Fireworks Night on Friday 7th November. We look forward to seeing you all there! Tickets are available on Arbor or at the school office.

Have a great weekend!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed
Co-Headteachers
Underhill School and Children's Centre





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	This Week	Last Week
Air	97.04%	97.75%
Fire	96.87%	96.13%
Earth	96.19%	97.75%
Water	91.81%	95.04%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	92.86%	97.65%
1 Oak	96.36%	97.47%
1 Willow	96.92%	95.73%
2 Chestnut	97.41%	99.19%
3 Cedar	96.54%	96.15%
3 Yew	99.12%	99.52%
4 Cherry	95.31%	96.71%
4 Larch	96.67%	94.44%
4 Sycamore	91.12%	96.52%
5 Holly	98.97%	98.85%
5 Laurel	93.21%	93.73%
6 Elm	96.88%	94.44%
6 Hawthorn	95.63%	98.96%
Total	95.36%	96.74%



YEAR 4 DANCE AND GYM FESTIVAL

Some of our Year 4 students were luckily enough to participate in a gym and dance festival at Hendon Leisure centre on Tuesday 7th October. The children demonstrated their strength and agility on the stations provided by BPSS. The organisers were super impressed with their skills and ability in this area of sport and much fun was had by all! Well done Team Underhill!



PRIMARY SCHOOL CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP AT ARTSDEPOT

Led by London Studio Centre dance company Pupils took part in a vibrant contemporary dance workshop held at the Artsdepot, delivered by professional artists from London Studio Centre Dance . The session focused on stretching the children's movement skills, encouraging creativity, coordination, and confidence through contemporary techniques.

A highlight of the workshop was the live drummer whilst the children were dancing, adding energy and rhythm to their expressive movement.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October	All month	Black History Month
	Friday 3rd	6 Elm class assembly
	Friday 10th	6 Hawthorn class assembly
	Friday 10th	PTA uniform sale after school
	Monday 13th	Dia Espanol
	Thursday 16th	Flu Vaccinations Rec-Yr6
	Friday 17th	Year 5 Bake sale
	Monday 20th	INSET
	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th	Assessment week
	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th	Scholastic Book Fair
	Wednesday 22nd	Y1-6 Parents' Evening 3:30-7pm
	Thursday 23rd	Y1-6 Parents Evening 3:30-5pm
	Friday 24th	PTA Break the Rules Day and sing-a-long movie night.
	Monday 27th-Friday 31st	Half term
November	Monday 3rd	Be Bright Be Seen Day
	Friday 7th	PTA fireworks night
	10th-14th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Monday 10th	Odd Socks Day
	Friday 14th	4 Sycamore Class Assembly
	Friday 14th	Children in Need Day
	Friday 21st	Y4 Bake Sale
	Friday 21st	4 Larch class assembly
	Friday 28th	4 Cherry class assembly
December	Monday 1st - Friday 5th	Assessment week
	Thursday 4th and Friday 5th	Bull Theatre trip
	Friday 5th	PTA own clothes day; bring chocolate for the Christmas Fair
	Tuesday 9th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal AM
	Wednesday 10th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal PM
	Thursday 11th	PTA Christmas Fair
	Friday 12th	KS1 Nativity 2:30pm
	Monday 15th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal AM
	Monday 15th	KS2 Carol Concert for y3-4 parents 1:30pm
	Tuesday 16th	KS2 Carol Concert for y5-6 parents 10:30am
	Wednesday 17th	EYFS Christmas Concert 2:30pm
	Friday 19th	Break up 1:30pm



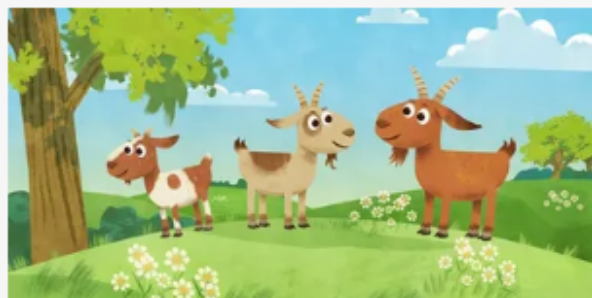
What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

10.10.25 Nursery read the Three Little Pigs!



The children in Conker class have been reading the story 'The 3 Little Pigs' this week. We began the week by learning a song about the story. The children then made pig and wolf masks and we used them to re-enact the story in the Nursery garden. The children really enjoyed pretending to be the different characters, especially the big bad wolf! We also made three houses for the pigs. One made of straw, one made from sticks and one made out of bricks. The children used a fan to see what house would blow down first. We were all surprised that our house made from sticks was the first to fall down! Don't worry though, the house made from bricks was very sturdy and kept all of the pigs safe.

17.10.25 Reception read the Three Billy Goats Gruff!



In Reception we have been retelling the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and have made some puppets of the different characters! We found a funny song to help us act out the story with our puppets and we all enjoyed the ending when the troll is defeated. We have also been discussing the clever plan that the goats made in order to get over the bridge safely. What is your favourite part of the story

10.10.25 pollinator Power in Year 1!



Year 1 had an exiting afternoon learning about the different habitats that we have at school and thinking about the habitat we are going to increase to support more pollinator at school. They learned about why pollinators are so important and why we are making a Pollinator Power garden!

10.10.25 Wonderful art and writing in Year 2!



Year 2 have had a very busy week! In Art, the children have been investigating what texture is. The children went on scavenger hunt to find things that feel different and then created rubbings. They really enjoyed exploring which materials make good rubbings and organised these in their sketch books for later use.

2 Chestnut were also busy writing their circular narrative about a river - we were impressed with all the expanded noun phrases they were using!



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3.10.25 Amazing Cave Art in Year 3!



Year 3 have created animal drawings using charcoal, inspired by the Stone Age. Using the charcoal, the children were able to smudge and add detail. Can you spot which animals they have drawn?

10.10.25 Year 4 love reading!



Year 4 have had a fantastic week. A highlight was meeting the author Luke Temple, who inspired the children by sharing stories about his work and books. In History, they've been discovering what children did for fun in different historical periods, sparking lots of great discussions. Meanwhile, in Computing, the pupils have been busy planning their very own websites all about their favourite animals - we can't wait to see the finished products! In Science, the children have been exploring food chains, learning how energy flows between animals and plants in different ecosystems. Well done, Year 4!

3.10.25 Year 5 learn about fire safety



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Year 5 had a very exciting visit from the London Fire Brigade. The children learnt all about how to keep themselves safe at home, including the importance of working smoke alarms, keeping cooking areas clear, and avoiding overloaded plug sockets.

They also became 'fire investigators', exploring everyday household scenarios and identifying potential fire hazards. The children loved putting on their detective hats and showed great awareness when discussing how to prevent accidents.

We were really impressed by their thoughtful questions and enthusiasm during the session. We hope they have already shared some of their new safety tips with you at home!

10.10.25 More WWII learning in Year 6



It has been a fortnight of assemblies for Year 6! Last week, 6 Elm kicked off with their Battle of Britain assembly and today 6 Hawthorn did their assembly about children and evacuation during World War Two.

This is all based on our History topic, which has been learning about what the war was like for the people of Britain. Our visit to the RAF Museum also helped us understand the role of the RAF and also the contributions made by those from the Commonwealth and, as we have entered Black History Month, we will be looking at the contributions made by people from the Caribbean. We will also learn about scientists from Black and African-heritage backgrounds in our Science lessons. In History, we have already heard the story of Neil Flanigan who worked in avionics during the war (and we will look at other veterans of the war from Black backgrounds) and in Science we have also learnt about scientists Dr Alan Powell Goffe and Kayisha Payne who are specialists in microbiology and have developed vaccines to help fight disease. Kayisha Payne is also the founder of BBSTEM which is a network supporting Black students in STEM subjects.



Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

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Autumn Term Timetable

02.09.25 – 19.12.25

Inset Days

BEYA & Underhill 01.09.25

All Children's Centres 03.11.2025

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 9.30-10.45am 0-5 Years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 08.09.25 – 20.10.25	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 Years Parent and Toddler Yoga 10.30-11am Walkers - 3 Years Baby Massage 2-2.45pm 8 Weeks - Non rollers Booking required	Baby Massage 2-2.45pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking Required	Childminders 9.30-11.30am Registered OFSTED Childminders Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15pm 0-5 Years
 Tuesday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years Baby Massage 12.15-1pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Baby Stay and Play 1-2pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT	Stay and Play 9.45-11.15am 0-5 Years Northside Primary School N12 8PJ Baby Stay and Play 1.15-2.15pm Non-walkers	Childminders 9.30-11am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	Stay and Play 10.30-12pm 0-5 Years Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30 am 2-4 Years-01.10.25, 04.11.25 & 03.12.25 Baby Massage 12-1 pm 8 Weeks-4 Months Booking required
 Wednesday	Childminders 9.30-11am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT Baby Stay and Play 10-11.30am All Saints N20 9EZ Non-walkers	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 Years Shake, Rattle and Roll 10.30-11am 0-5 Years	Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11am Walkers Only Barnwood N2 8LG	Fun Toddler Circuit 12-12.45pm 18 Months-4 Years Baby Stay and Play 1.30-3pm Non-walkers
 Thursday	Outdoor Stay and Play 1-2.30pm 0-5 Years Hampden Way Nursery School N14 5DJ	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 Years Dance and Movement 10.30-11am Walkers-3 Years Baby Massage 11.30-12.15pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking required	Stay and Play 10-11am 0-5 Years Under 1's	Stay and Play 9.15-10.45am 0-5 Years Rhyme Time 1.15-2pm 0-5 Years Hope Corner Community Centre ENS 2DY Baby Weighing appointments 1-4pm, Under 1's Booking Required
 Friday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 8SD	Perinatal Mums Group 11-12.30pm 6 Week Course Booking required Baby Stay and Play 1.15-2.15pm Non-walkers	No Sessions	Boogie Mites 9.15-10am 0-5 Years Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2.30pm Under 1's

Caring for people, our places and the planet

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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For children aged 0-5 years. Clinic available by appointment only

South Barnet

Child's Hill Clinic
NW2 2NJ

Thursdays: 9:30am - 12:30pm

West Barnet

Unitas, Barnet Youth Zone
HA8 0DT
Mondays: 09:30am - 12:30pm

East Barnet

Vale Drive Health Centre
EN5 2ED

Tuesdays: 9:30am - 12:30pm
(1:30pm - 3:30pm last Tue of month)

Contact Us

Telephone: 0207 288 3211

Email: hcp.4barnet@nhs.net

Website: www.whittington.nhs.uk/BarnetHCP

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NW2 1 HY
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Tuesday

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NW4 2AS
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12:30-14:00, term time only
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Friday

Newstead Children's Centre
N2 8LG
By appointment only

Tuesday

Newstead Children's Centre
N2 8LG
Drop-in (from 23 September):
12:00-13:30, term time only
No appointment necessary

Wednesday

Silkstream Children's Centre
HA8 0DA
By appointment only

Friday

Underhill Children's Centre
EN5 2LZ
Drop-in: 12:30-14:30
No appointment necessary

Contact the Barnet Health Visiting Team for more information, support, or to make an appointment:

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