



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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# Newsletter

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Wednesday 24th July 2024

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

So here we are at the end of another school year and what a great time it has been!

Looking back over the year, there has been so much brilliant learning and progress all the way from Nursery through to year 6, alongside so many wonderful events and celebrations. We ended the year with Sports Day, and while the weather didn't us allow to fully celebrate the end of the year with our whole school picnic, the children had a fantastic time and it was wonderful to see so many of you here to support. Thank you all for coming!

The end of the school year is an exciting time as we look forward to the summer holidays and to the new adventures to come in September. It is a time of sadness too as we say goodbye to those who are leaving Underhill. We would like to say a huge goodbye and good luck to all our amazing staff who are moving on and thank them for all that they have done for Underhill. It is also time to say goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children. We really can't believe that they are moving on to secondary school already! It only seems like yesterday that they started in Nursery and Reception. We are so proud of all that they have achieved and the brilliant young people they have grown into. The year 6 production was a triumph and it was a wonderful showcase of what talented children they all are. We wish them every success at secondary school!

Underhill goes from strength to strength and we thank all our families for their continued support this year. From reading with your children everyday to coming to all our special events, your support is invaluable. Finally we would like to say a huge thank you to all the amazing Underhill children. They make us smile and laugh everyday, and we are so proud of the positive attitudes they demonstrate and how hard that they work. They really are the best children in the world!

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.40am!

Best wishes,  
Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed  
Co-Headteachers

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 24th July - Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Monday 2nd September - Staff INSET day (School closed for children)

Tuesday 3rd September - Children Back to school





# Attendance

## House attendance

House	Last week	This week
Balmoral	94.43	90.57
Holyrood	91.67	87.78
Sandringham	89.39	89.06
Windsor	92.96	89.23

## Absence

Please remember any absences need to be reported daily to

[attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto: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

## 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

Class Attendance	This week	Last week
Beech	86.90	74.62
1 Oak	89.23	91.91
1 Willow	89.31	82.02
2 Birch	94.62	89.03
2 Chestnut	87.86	90.16
2 Palm	90.38	89.03
3 cedar	98.33	99.54
3 Hornbeam	97.24	88.89
4 cherry	91.20	84.28
4 Larch	91.74	87.98
4 pine	96.19	91.05
5 Holly	94.00	81.45
5 Laurel	92.67	92.31
5 Sycamore	94.83	94.64
6 Ash	93.00	86.91
6 Elm	94.14	95.82
6 Hawthorn	94.33	93.75
Total	92.10	88.50



## Girls football taster sessions

On Friday 12th July, all the girls at Underhill attended a football taster session at school. Many of the girls really enjoyed the session and it was great to see them all playing! These sessions were provided by an outside supplier called East Finchley Girls Football Club, whose aim is to bring football to girls in a fun and engaging way where they can be free to learn and explore. If you would like to check their website it can be found here: <https://efgirls.co.uk/>.

We would like to bring East Finchley Girls Football club back in September to run more sessions and lunchtimes clubs so please watch this space for more details.



## School Uniform Orders

Our school office will be closed throughout the summer break. Uniform orders placed during the summer holidays will be fulfilled when we return in September. Parents will receive a text message when their order is ready for collection.

### Swimming safety

#### Know your limits


- Never enter the water while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards.
- Always follow the venue rules, adhere to instructions given by lifeguards on duty, and know who to contact in an emergency.
- Be cautious about peer pressure. Just because friends suggest something doesn't mean it's safe.
- Don't over-estimate your swimming abilities. Even if you're a strong swimmer, unexpected situations can arise.

#### Stay safe in water, including open water (such as sea, rivers, lakes, swimming ponds)

- Avoid taking risks. Swim in areas you are sure are safe for you and be aware of the dangers of swimming in open water or the sea: e.g. strong currents, deep and cold water, tides, rip tides, things under the surface that you cannot see, cold water shock, poor quality water. Always check the weather and tides.
- On beaches, swim between the red and yellow flags in areas patrolled by lifeguards. A completely red flag means it is not safe to swim.
- Never swim alone in open water.
- Do not use inflatables as they can be swept out to sea.
- Make sure you know where you can enter and exit the water safely.
- Do not swim in canals, they are often shallow, with unseen hazards and poor water quality.
- Most reservoirs are not safe to swim in, with many safety hazards.
- Never jump or dive into open water. It may be shallower than you think and entering the water this quickly can cause cold water shock.

#### Open water swimming

If you plan to swim in open water, read this advice from the RNLI first: [rnl.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming](http://rnl.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming)



#### Cold water shock

Even in high summer, the sea and rivers in the UK are cold enough to induce cold water shock, which can be a precursor to drowning. Cold water can shock your system and cause your body to react by drawing blood away from muscles, making it hard to move.

When swimming in open water, it's very important to enter the water slowly and allow time for your body to get used to the cold.

Alcohol increases the risk of cold water shock. Never enter the water after consuming alcohol.

If you fall into cold water, follow the 5 steps to float to live:

1. Float on your back, tilt your head back with ears submerged
2. Try to relax and breathe normally
3. Move your hands to help you stay afloat
4. It's ok if your legs sink, we all float differently
5. Spread your arms and legs to improve stability

This helps keep your airways clear and allows the shock to pass. Then call for help or swim to safety.

Treat water with respect and visit [rnl.org/safety/float](http://rnl.org/safety/float) for more information about water safety and cold water shock.

#### Water quality

Open water swimming can expose swimmers to poor quality water. The government has issued guidance on reducing the risk of illness from poor quality water when open water swimming, available at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/swim-healthy-leaflet/swim-healthy](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/swim-healthy-leaflet/swim-healthy).

**In case of an emergency, alert the lifeguard or call 999 if the area is not patrolled.**

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# Underhill

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## Children's Centres

East-Central Locality

Summer Holiday Timetable 2024

29.07.2024 – 23.08.2024

Fixed Closure: Newstead: 26.08 – 30.08.2024

Fixed Closure: Underhill: 26.08 – 30.08.2024

Fixed Closure: BEYA: 19.08 – 30.08.2024

Fixed Closure: Coppetts: 16.08 – 30.08.2024

**BEYA**

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Day	BEYA	Coppetts Wood	Newstead	Underhill
Monday	<b>Baby Self-Weighing</b> 10-11.30 am 29.07, 05.08 & 12.08 <b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 1-2.30 pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 29.07, 05.08 & 12.08	Closed	<b>Baby Stay &amp; Play with Self-weighing</b> 10-11 am Non-walkers 05.08, 12.08 & 19.08 <b>Stay and Play</b> 1.30-2.30 pm 0-5 years 05.08, 12.08 & 19.08	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 10.45-11.45 am 0-5 years 29.07, 05.08, 12.08 & 19.08 <b>Rhyme Time</b> 1.15-2 pm 0-5 years 29.07, 05.08 & 12.08
Tuesday	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.30-11 am 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 30.07, 06.08 & 13.08	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 0-8 years 10-11.30 am 29.07, 05.08 & 12.08	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11 am 30.07, 06.08, 13.08 & 20.08 <b>Baby Rhyme Time</b> 1-1.45 pm Non-walkers 30.07, 06.08, 13.08 & 20.08	<b>Baby Stay &amp; Play</b> 10.30-12 pm Non-walkers 30.07, 06.08, 13.08 & 20.08 <b>Boogie Mites</b> 1.15-2 pm 0-5 Years 30.07, 06.08 & 13.08
Wednesday	<b>Baby Stay &amp; Play</b> 10-11.30 am Non-Walkers All Saints Church N20 9EZ 31.07, 07.08 & 14.08	Closed	<b>Forest Play</b> 10-11 am Walkers 31.07, 07.08, 14.08 & 21.08 <b>Baby Massage</b> 2-2.45 pm 8 Weeks - Non-rollers (Booking Required) 31.07, 07.08, 14.08 & 21.08	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 10.15-11.45 am 0-5 Years 31.07, 07.08 & 14.08 <b>Fun with Water</b> 1-2 pm 0-5 years 31.07, 07.08 & 14.08 <b>Please bring a change of clothes!</b>
Thursday	<b>Childminders</b> 10-2 pm Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 01.08, 08.08 & 15.08	<b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 0-8 years 10-11.30 am 01.08, 08.08 & 15.08	<b>Ready, Steady, School</b> 10-11.30 am 2-5 Years 01.08, 08.08 & 15.08 <b>Baby Self-weighing</b> 1-4 pm Under 1's (Booking Required) 01.08, 08.08, 15.08 & 22.08	<b>Baby Self-weighing</b> 10-11.30 am Under 1's (Booking Required) 01.08, 08.08, 15.08 & 22.08
Friday	<b>Advice drop in Sessions</b> 10-11.30 am 26.07, 02.08 & 16.08	Closed	No Sessions	<b>Infant Feeding Support Group</b> 12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's 02.08, 09.08, 16.08 & 23.08

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