



Underhill School and Children's Centre

Newsletter



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Friday 20th March 2026

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy time at Underhill as we approach the last week of this term.

Following on from World Book Day and the launch of new Fred tokens challenge, we have seen an increase in the number of children reading at home so they can help their House to reach 2000 Fred tokens and win a trip to the staffroom for juice and biscuits. Keep it up everyone! We are very excited to see which will be the first house to reach 2000 'Fred's'.

We had a wonderful time during Science Week. The children carried out investigations everyday and were asking lots of great questions to help them find out more. They really demonstrated just how curious they are!

This week, we have been celebrating Neurodiversity Week. In their classes, the children have been thinking about all the wonderful ways that we are similar and different. We have been challenging stereotypes and misconceptions about neurodiversity in order to celebrate and better understand each other so that everyone is proud of themselves and feel included.

On Monday, our Year 6 dancers performed at the Barnet Dance Festival and were absolutely brilliant! They made us extremely proud and were brilliant ambassadors for Underhill. Well done to them all!

Don't forget that next Thursday after school is the PTA Easter fair. If you able to volunteer and help out, please let the office know and they will put you in touch with the PTA. Thank you.

Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating the festival of Eid-al-Fitr today, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and Nowruz Mobarak to our families who are celebrating Persian New Year. We wish you all a wonderful time with your friends and families and we look forward to hearing about your celebrations next week.

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

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	96.1%	97.13%
Earth	96.12%	98.06%
Fire	93.91%	96.45%
Water	93.76%	93.88%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	94.1%	92.66%
1 Oak	94.66%	98.36%
1 Willow	97.58%	98.67%
2 Chestnut	95.47%	95.56%
3 Cedar	97.6%	98.22%
3 Yew	100%	99.07%
4 Cherry	97.73%	94.69%
4 Larch	92%	97.31%
4 Sycamore	89.23%	96.15%
5 Holly	97%	98.52%
5 Laurel	95.52%	95.93%
6 Elm	95%	96.84%
6 Hawthorn	91.56%	94.1%
Total	94.98%	96.18%



The Future Is Bright

On Friday 5th March, The Year 4 Underhill boys' football team played in a tournament against roughly twenty four other schools.

The boys were drawn in a group against Woodridge, St. Catherines, The Orion, Manorside and Barnfields.

Match 1:

In our first game, we played Manorside Underhill and won 3-0. It was a strong start to the tournament. Eti scored one goal, and Nicholas scored two.

Match 2:

In the second match, we played Barnfields and won 3-0 again. Nicholas scored one goal, and Eti scored two goals this time, continuing our excellent attacking form.

Match 3:

Our third match was against Woodridge, where we unfortunately lost 1-0. Nicholas and Leo both had the best chances of the game for our team, but their shots were saved onto the post.

Match 4:

Next, we played St Catherine's and lost 1-0 again. The goal came from an unlucky own goal but we were still the better team.

Match 5:

In our final match, we played The Orion and won 2-0. Eti scored one goal and Toprak scored the other, finishing the tournament with a good win.

Although we did not qualify for the quarter-finals, we finished 3rd out of six teams with nine points, which was a great effort. We also finished higher than all of the other Underhill teams, which was something to be proud of.

Written by Luke Pearce - Sports Journalist





DANCE FESTIVAL 2026

On Monday our Year 6 dance festival saw 21 Underhill performers light up the stage at the Arts Depot with an electrifying routine to Town Called Malice. Bursting with energy the group delivered an outstanding performance. Their enthusiasm and precision brought the iconic track to life, a truly amazing showcase of talent, teamwork, and joy. We are so proud of them all. Well done team Underhill!



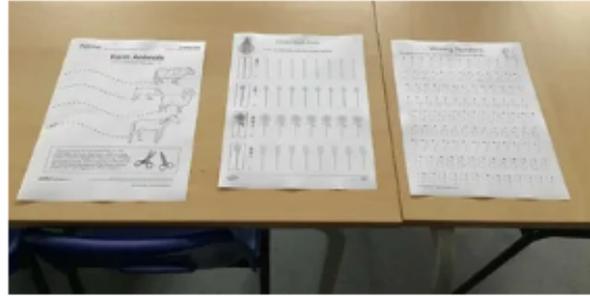


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April	Monday 13th	INSET
	Friday 17th	Just One Tree day
	Monday 20th - Friday 24th	Assessment and Art Week
	Friday 24th	EYFS Bake Sale
May	Friday 1st	5 Holly Class Assembly
	Monday 4th	May Bank Holiday
	Friday 8th	PTA Stay and Paint Event
	Monday 11th-Thursday 14th	KS2 SATs Week
	Friday 15th	PTA Ice Cream Sale
	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd	Walk to school week
	Friday 22nd	5 Laurel Class Assembly
	Monday 25th - Friday 29th	Half Term
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	EYFS Sports Day 9:15am
	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 - Friday 3rd	Assessment week

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight ?

27.2.26 Fine motor skills in Blossom



This week, the children are practising their fine motor skills using cutting and pencil control activities.

13.3.26 Growing Beans in Nursery!



In Conker Class our story this week is *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children have really enjoyed stomping around like the giant and shouting, "Fee fi fo fum!"

Inspired by the story, we decided to plant some beans like Jack and see if they might grow into giant beanstalks. The children carefully filled pots with compost and placed the beans into the soil. As we worked, we talked about what plants need to grow and how we can help them by giving them water, soil and sunlight.

We then watered the seeds and put them in a sunny place. The children also planted cress seeds on cotton wool and carefully watered them using pipettes, making sure not to give them too much water. Using the pipettes helped the children to develop their fine motor skills while they carefully controlled the water. Over the next few weeks we will watch closely to see what happens and compare which plants grow the fastest. The children will continue to talk about their observations and learn more about how plants grow.

20.3.26 Yummy fruit salad in Reception!



This week in Reception, we have been making our own fruit salads as part of our learning about food. The children brought in a variety of fruits to taste, which they then carefully cut up to create their own delicious fruit salads.

Our focus story this week was *Handa's Surprise*, which led to discussions about tropical fruits. One child even brought in a dragon fruit for everyone to try, which she particularly enjoyed!

This activity also supported the development of the children's fine motor skills, as they used safe knives and chopping boards to prepare their fruit.

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

20.3.26 An exciting week in Year 1!



This week in Year 1, we have been very busy with our learning!

In English, we have been writing character descriptions based on characters from *Where the Wild Things Are*. The children have enjoyed thinking about how the characters look and behave, and have used some fantastic describing words in their writing.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers from 50 to 100. We have been practising partitioning these numbers into tens and ones, helping us to understand place value more clearly.

In Science, we have continued learning about animals. This week, we have been comparing different animals and discussing their features, such as size, shape, and what makes them unique.

In Design and Technology (DT), we have started designing windmills. The children have been exploring different ideas and thinking about how their windmills will work.

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

13.3.26 Light and Shadows Year 3!



In Science Week, we investigated the size of shadows using a torch as our 'sun' at different times of the day, by holding it at different positions. We found out that when the light source is close to the object, the shadow is bigger and when you move the light source away, the shadow is smaller. We then inputted our data in a table on the Chromebooks.

13.3.26 An exciting week in Year 2!



On Wednesday morning we went to The Everyman Cinema to watch *Dog Man* the movie. Everyone had a great time and all the adults were extremely proud of the outstanding behaviour walking to and from the cinema and whilst watching the movie. To help kick start Science Week, the children investigated the question 'How do bees help flowers?' The children created bees and flowers on lollipop sticks. Then they placed some glitter onto the flowers and then put some glue on the bees. After that, the bees visited the flowers to show how pollen spreads from flower to flower creating a process called pollination.

20.3.26 Lots of learning in Year 4!

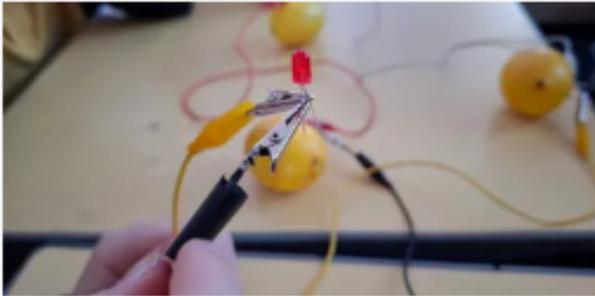


Year 4 have had another fantastic week of learning! In Science, we have been looking at sound this half term and the children really enjoyed making their own instruments with elastic bands and investigating what bands made a higher or lower pitch. It has also been Neurodiversity Week and the children have been talking about how everyone is different and created their own art reflecting this. The children have been enjoying the sunnier weather and particularly enjoyed their PE sessions on Wednesday and improving their running stamina with Ms Sydney! In English, they have been exploring persuasive language and are preparing to write a persuasive letter to the witch in the book 'Lost Happy Endings' to persuade her to give the happy endings back. Lastly, children have been introduced to tenths this week and have been doing a great job at representing tenths in all different ways. Well done Year 4!



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

13.3.26 Science Week in Year 5!



For Science Week, we have been embracing the theme of Curiosity and looking at batteries made from fruit. We observed how a circuit made from 4 lemons can power an LED bulb and then came up with our own questions to investigate, such as 'If I took the skin off, would the light shine brighter or dimmer?', 'Does whether a fruit is sweet or sour make a difference to how brightly the bulb shines?' and 'Would putting fruits and vegetables in the same circuit generate electricity?'. We then created different circuits to test our ideas. In conclusion, the circuit made from pomelos lit up the bulb most brightly so we think that citrus fruits which are a bit sweet and a bit acidic are the best electrical conductors. However, like all good scientists, we now have a lot more questions than we started with!

20.3.26 Library Visits in Year 6!



Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have taken it in turns to visit the library on Staplyton Road. A lot of us filled in an application form in advance, so our shiny new library cards were waiting for us on arrival!

Nat and James, the librarians, met us and took us into the special area of the library just for children. It was huge! There were all kinds of books from board books and picture books for little ones, to chapter books and graphic novels for the older children. Nat and James told us a little bit about how the library worked including the Dewey Decimal System which we had never heard of. We also had lots of questions for them, the most popular of which was "how many books can I take out at one time?" (20). Then, they set us a challenge in the form of a quiz. We had to answer lots of questions by finding things in the library. For example, one was to find which books are under Dewey Number 520 (space). At the end, there was time for us to browse the library and choose some books. Nat showed us how to use the self-service machines: they were so simple to use! The rule was - if you can carry it you can take it out; a challenge that saw several children heft five books back to school! Did you know it's really easy to return books? You don't even have to go into the library - there's a special box by the door!

Since visiting the library, our FRED books have been filled with the books we took out. The teachers can't wait to see what we borrow from the library next!



Spring Holiday Timetable
30 March 2026 - 10 April 2026
(Closed Bank Holidays)

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	BEYA Children's Centre	Coppetts Wood Children's Centre	Newstead Children's Centre	Underhill Children's Centre
Monday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 30.03.2026	Term Time Only	Baby Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm Non-walkers 30.03.2026	Stay and Play 1-2.30pm 0-5 Years 30.03.2026
Tuesday	Baby Group 1-2pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery EN4 9NT	Term Time Only	Childminders 9.30-11am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm Non-walkers	Boogie Mites 10-10.45am 0-5 Years
Wednesday	Outdoor Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ	Term Time Only	Easter Egg Hunt 10-11am Walkers Only Barnwood N2 8LG 01.04.2026 Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11am Walkers Only Barnwood N2 8LG 08.04.2026	Baby Stay and Play 10-11.30am Non-walkers Support for Citizens Advice Barnet 1.30-2.30pm 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 02.04.2026 Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years 09.04.2026 Baby Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm Non-walkers
Friday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery EN4 8SD 10.04.2026	Term Time Only	No Sessions	Stay & Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years 10.04.2026 Baby Stay and Play 12.30-2pm Non-walkers 10.04.2026 Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2pm Under 1's 10.04.2026

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East-Central Locality

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- infant formula milk
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

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The contact centre is open

Monday – Friday, 8am – 6pm (except public holidays)



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