



Underhill School and Children's Centre

Newsletter



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Friday 8th May 2026

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely couple of weeks and enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend.

As you will have seen, the raised beds for our Pollinator Power garden have been built and now it is time for us all to think about what plants to plant there. We will all be thinking about the best plants to attract pollinators, how to arrange the plants and if they are shade or sun loving. It's very exciting!

We are now part of a Honey Bee project with School Food Matters. Today, a gardener visited our Year 2 children to teach them about bee friendly plants. They planted the plants in the bed outside of Blossom classroom and the Year 2 children will looking after them and making sure to water them over the summer months. They will spotting what pollinators the plants attract. We also have upcoming: a Honey Bee assembly for the whole school, a visit from some beekeepers with a closed hive, and later in the summer, a group of children will be going to visit the apiary at Mudchute Farm in the Isle of Dogs.

On Tuesday, we had a Governor day at Underhill. Our governors came to spend time in school, visiting lessons and experiencing the school 'in action'. It was a really positive day and there were excellent discussions about how we can continue to improve Underhill for our community. They were all very impressed by the children and how hard they work. We were able to show them the new library and Discovery Classroom and some of the other developments we have made to our indoor and outdoor learning environments as part of our Roots and Wings project. We are very lucky to have such an interested, skilled and dedicated team of community members supporting us. A governor is a voluntary role and we are very grateful for the time they give to Underhill.

Yesterday, our Year 6 dance festival team went to a ballet performance at the Arts Depot. It was a really wonderful afternoon and the children were very inspired by the dancers.

The PTA have been very busy as always. The Summer Fair plans are coming together and the Ice Cream Stall is back from next Friday! Thank you so much to the PTA team and everyone who helps out when they can. We really appreciate it!

Finally, we would like to wish our wonderful year 6 children the best of luck for next week. We are all incredibly proud of how hard they have worked towards their SATs tests, and we know they will all try and do their best!

Have a wonderful 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	96.4%	96.4%
Earth	94.7%	95.8%
Fire	95.5%	96.7%
Water	94.2%	95.0%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	88.6%	92.4%
1 Oak	99.5%	97.6%
1 Willow	97.5%	95.8%
2 Chestnut	94.7%	99.2%
3 Cedar	98.4%	99.5%
3 Yew	100.0%	97.9%
4 Cherry	96.5%	95.1%
4 Larch	92.8%	92.0%
4 Sycamore	96.5%	92.8%
5 Holly	93.7%	97.4%
5 Laurel	96.6%	97.9%
6 Elm	94.2%	97.7%
6 Hawthorn	96.5%	96.1%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	



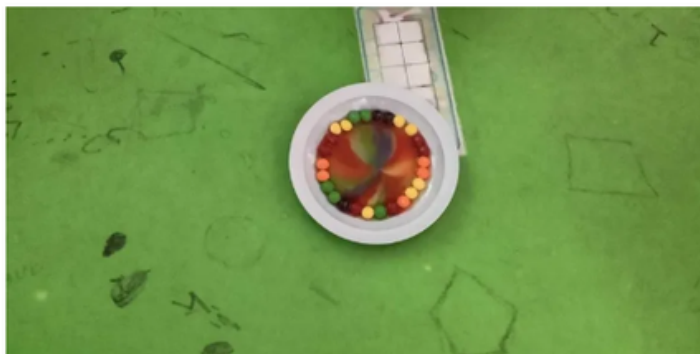
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July	Thursday 2nd	KS1 and 2 Sports Day
	Thursday 2nd	Ice Cream Sale
	Friday 3rd	PTA Summer Fair
	Monday 6th- Friday 10th	National Sports Week
	Wednesday 8th	Reception trip to Highgate Woods
	Friday 10th	Ice Cream Sale
	Tuesday 14th	Year 6 production 6pm
	Wednesday 15th	Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm
	Thursday 16th	Reception Graduation and Family Picnic 1:30pm
	Thursday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Party
	Monday 20th	Break up 1:30pm



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

1.5.26 Science in Blossom!



The children in Blossom did an experiment and added water droplets to skittles and watched the colours spread out across the plate like a rainbow.

1.5.26 Growing in Nursery!



Conker Class have really enjoyed checking on their growing area this week. The sunshine has helped our plants to grow, and the children have been excited to see lots of changes happening in the garden! The children have been comparing the different sizes of the plants, and we are beginning to see fruits and vegetables appearing. They have also been using cubes and string to measure the plants and find out which ones are the tallest.

It has been a very exciting week in the garden, and the children are looking forward to seeing what happens next!

1.5.26 Fractals in Reception!



As part of Art week, Reception learned about fractals and how they are repeating patterns that get smaller and smaller. We then gathered our own natural materials and created some fractal art works on the ground in our playground. The children worked together to create patterns in different ways and were really creative in their designs!

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

1.5.26 3D Art in Year 1!



Year 1 have been working incredibly hard this week!

In English, the children have been rewriting parts of *The Story of Black Rock*, showcasing their fantastic creativity and developing writing skills. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they bring their ideas to life.

In Maths, we have been revisiting counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. The class has been practising with enthusiasm and is becoming more fluent with these important number patterns.

In Art, we created 3D paper structures that truly amazed the teachers. The children demonstrated great imagination and careful construction skills, and the results were impressive.

8.5.26 Celebrating David Attenborough in Year 2!



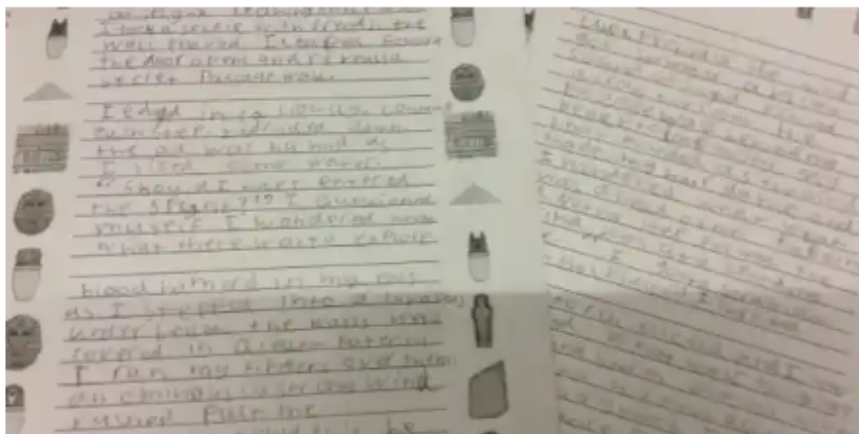
This week in Year 2 we have written letters to Sir David Attenborough in English to celebrate his 100th Birthday. The children chose 2-3 questions to ask him about what he has achieved in his life. Some of the questions were: What inspired you to dedicate your life to learning about animals?, What is your favourite animal and why?, What is the most beautiful place you have visited? and How does it feel to be 100 years old?

In Maths we have been learning how to find a half, a third, a quarter and three quarters of shapes and numbers. The children used bar models to show fractions of numbers and shaded shapes to show fractions.

In Art the children painted their clay pinch pots, which they made last week, through shaping and moulding using their hands. They learnt how to make slip (clay glue) and the scoring technique (crossing) to stick two pieces of clay together.

Two weeks ago in Science we planted some broad bean seeds to investigate what seeds need to germinate. Seed A was given no water, seed B was given no light, seed C was given no warmth and seed D received light, water and warmth. The results were surprising and interesting!

8.5.26 Mystery Stories Year 3!



Year 3 have been working incredibly hard in English this week where we have drafted and published our mystery narratives. We worked in our table groups to create some imaginative ways we could be trapped inside an Egyptian tomb!



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1.5.26 Fractals in Year 4!



Year 4 have had another great week of learning. They have been learning all about the Mayan civilisation in History and enjoyed learning all about the history of chocolate and the cacao tree. In Computing, they have been enjoying using our new computing suite and have been participating in collaborative learning online and learning how to work together on a document using the Google drive. In Science, the children have been enjoying looking at the different characteristics of living things and thinking about how we can classify them. We have been thinking lots about the nature and the living things surrounding us and in Art week, the children created beautiful art work using natural resources.

8.5.26 Busy, Busy, Busy in Year 5!



This week, Year 5 have been exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Greek Empire and learning about Greek gods and goddesses. The children enjoyed discovering the beliefs, stories and culture of Ancient Greece and shared some fantastic discussions and ideas during lessons.

In Science, we have been investigating gravity and forces. As part of our learning, the children carried out a parachute experiment using balloons to explore air resistance. We discovered that the larger the balloon, the longer it took to fall because of the increased air resistance acting upon it. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm whilst conducting their investigations.

Meanwhile, in PSHE, we have been focusing on our environment. Following on from One Tree Day, the children planted a variety of herbs, which they have been carefully looking after in their classrooms. It has been wonderful to see the children taking responsibility and showing pride in caring for their plants.

Well done to Year 5 for another fantastic week of learning!



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1.5.26 Getting ready for SATs in Year 6!



Year 6 have been hard at work preparing for the end of key stage tests which begin on the 11th of May. The year 6s are absolutely ready for this and cannot wait to show how brilliant they are. We have been practising lots since September, which has really helped everyone shed their anxiety. We may not know which questions will come up, but we know we have the skills to tackle them! There will be lots more revision as we prepare and - of course- during test week there will be the special Year 6 breakfast which is always popular! We are so proud of our children and how far they have come on their learning journey, we cannot wait for them to show everyone just how impressive they are! Keep it up Year 6!

YEAR 6 DANCE FESTIVAL TROUPE TRIP

Our year 6 dance festival troupe were invited to watch the dress rehearsal of London Studio Centre showcase; Images of Ballet. This performance included dance extracts of popular ballets such as Swan Lake and The Nutcracker. The dancers were amazing on pointe and the costumes were absolutely stunning. It was an inspiring experience and we were grateful to be selected.





Summer Term Timetable
13.04.26 - 17.07.26
 Separate timetable for May Half Term
 Inset Days: 01.06.26 & 20.07.26: Coppetts Wood
 Inset Days: 13.04.26: Underhill
 Closed Bank Holidays: 04.05.26 and 25.05.26

Children's Centres

Supporting Best Start in Life

	BEYA Children's Centre	Coppetts Wood Children's Centre	Newstead Children's Centre	Underhill Children's Centre
Monday	Stay and Play (including Childminders) 9.30 - 10.45am 0-5 years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ Outdoor Stay and Play 3.45 - 5pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery EN4 8SD	Stay and Play 9.15 - 10.30am 0-5 years Parent and Toddler Yoga 10.30 - 11am Walkers - 3 years Baby Group 1.15 - 2.15pm Non-walkers	Baby Group 1.30 - 2.30pm 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 Theatre N2 9ED	Stay and Play 10.30-12pm 0-5 years Baby Massage 12-1pm 8 weeks-4 mths Booking Required
Wednesday	Baby Group 10 - 11.30am Non-walkers All Saints N20 9EZ Outdoor Stay and Play for Childminders 1 - 2.30pm 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	Outdoor Stay and Play Barnwood N2 8LG 10 - 11am Walkers Only	Sing & Story 9.45-10.45am 18 mths - 5 years Foulds School EN5 4NR Fun Toddler Circuit 11.45-12.45pm 18 mths-3 years Baby Makaton Sing & Sign 12.45-1.20pm 6 months-1 year Booking Required Baby Group 1.30-3 pm Non-walkers
Thursday	Outdoor Adventure 9.45 - 11.15am 0-5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ Sing and Dance Under 3's 2 - 2.45pm 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 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 1's

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



Being a Parent

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This course is delivered by parents to parents 2-hour sessions aimed at parents with children aged 2-11 years old.

Start Date: Wednesday 13 May 2026 for 8 weeks (excluding week commencing 25 May 2026)

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Venue: Fairway School and Children's Centre
The Fairway
Mill Hill
NW7 3HS

Please note, there is no creche facilities available. Refreshments will be provided

For more information or to book a place please message 07501 005323 or scan the QR code



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