



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Newsletter

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Friday 28th November 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great couple of weeks and now are gearing up for the busy-ness of Christmas and the end of term shows and celebrations!

In our Roots and Wings assembly on Monday, we talked about what 'I can; You can; We can' means to us all and how we can use this to help us each day at school. The children came up with some great ideas:

I can means believe in your self and have the confidence to try

You can is about helping others to believe in themselves

We can is about working together cooperatively to help achieve things we can't do alone.

Today was the first challenge of the Silly Season Fridays and the challenge was to wear a 'silly' hat! It was great to see so many funny hats at school today and the House Captains are very pleased that so many people took part! We will be finding out about next week's challenge in Monday's assembly!

The next three weeks are very busy so here are some key dates in December to remember!

1st - The Elves arrive to make mischief in the school office and the start of our Science advent calendar challenges

5th - Christmas Door competition judging

4th - Y1, 2 and 3 trips to Bull Theatre - see parent letter

5th - Y4, 5 and 6 trips to Bull Theatre - see parent letter

5th - PTA Own Clothes Day

8th - Christmas choir at Barnet Hospital

9th - KS2 Church rehearsal AM

10th - KS2 Church rehearsal PM

10th - Christmas choir at The Spires

11th - PTA Christmas fair 3.20pm

12th - Y1 and Y2 nativity to parents 2.30pm

14th - Chanukah begins

15th - KS2 Church rehearsal AM

15th - KS2 Carol Concert for Y3 and 4 parents ONLY

16th - Christmas choir at Hope Corner

17th - Nursery and Reception Christmas concert 2.30pm

17th - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch for children at school

19th - Christmas and End of term with a 1.30pm FINISH

Have a great weekend!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles

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/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	97.11%	90.6%
Fire	92.29%	92.98%
Earth	93.14%	92.86%
Water	90.84%	90.6%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	78.87%	91.83%
1 Oak	97.14%	91.15%
1 Willow	93.5%	93.78%
2 Chestnut	98.33%	97.41%
3 Cedar	96.77%	96.92%
3 Yew	96.52%	98.07%
4 Cherry	96%	93.78%
4 Larch	86.67%	93.93%
4 Sycamore	93.46%	94.87%
5 Holly	95.71%	92.06%
5 Laurel	92.5%	92.43%
6 Elm	93.67%	89.2%
6 Hawthorn	96.88%	92.52%
Total	93.36%	92.8%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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



YEAR 3 & 4 CINEMA TRIP – "HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON"

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to the North Finchley Vue cinema to watch How to Train Your Dragon. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the entire cinema to themselves, which made the experience even more special. The screening was a great success, and the pupils were fully engaged from start to finish. A wonderful treat for all!



ECO WARRIORS TRIP

This week, our Eco Warriors had the exciting opportunity to visit the Everyman Cinema, where they watched Oceans by David Attenborough. The film showcased some of the most breath taking underwater habitats and the remarkable wildlife that live beneath the surface.

The documentary also highlighted the impact humans have had on our oceans mainly caused by pollution and littering. It also encouraged us all to think about the changes we can make to protect our planet. The children came away inspired and determined to continue promoting positive environmental choices within our school community.





YEAR 6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Underhill year 6 team participated in the Netball Borough Tournament at Copthall School last week, the team played brilliantly, showcasing great teamwork and scoring some amazing goals. We narrowly missed out on progressing to the final by just one goal, but we regrouped, stayed focused, and went on to win the play-off for the bronze place. A fantastic effort from everyone! We are so proud.





What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

21.11.25 Learning numbers in Blossom



Blossom children have been doing lots of fun number activities this week. They have been learning about the numbers from 0 to 10 and also been practising subtracting numbers!

21.11.25 Family Trees in Nursery



Conker Class have been reading 'Stick Man' this week. We went onto the field to collect sticks to make our own stick people. The children loved finding different sticks and discussed how they had managed to fall on the floor. They took the sticks back to class and made some stick people using glue, paint and string. The children then painted their stick man family and talked about the different people in their pictures. One child said 'we have a lot of people living in our family tree.' They counted 7 members of their family! We have asked the children to bring in their own family tree to share in class. Who lives in your family tree?

28.11.25



In Reception our big question is 'What happens in Autumn?' and we have discovered that leaves change colours and fall from the trees in Autumn. To celebrate the beautiful Autumn colours we have made our Autumn wreaths using tissue paper to decorate them. This activity also supports children's fine motor skill development as they master using glue sticks and scrunching tissue!



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What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

28.11.25 Busy learning in Year 1



It's been another busy week in Year 1!
This week for English, we have continued rewriting the story of Rapunzel by Bethan Woolvin. Our writing is getting better and better!

In PSHE, we have been looking at positive friendships and how good friendships make us feel. Good friendships are really important!

In Geography, we learnt how to locate Underhill School on an aerial photograph. We thought everything looked funny from up in the sky!

21.11.25 Writing and rehearsing in Year 2



This week Year 2 have been working really hard learning their lines and songs for their Nativity Christmas Show - Bethlehem Ballroom. We are very excited to perform to everyone on the 12th December!

In English we have been writing our setting narratives about the magical and amazing creations of The Night Gardener. We are really enjoying this wonderful book!

21.11.25 Year 3 and 4 cinema trip!

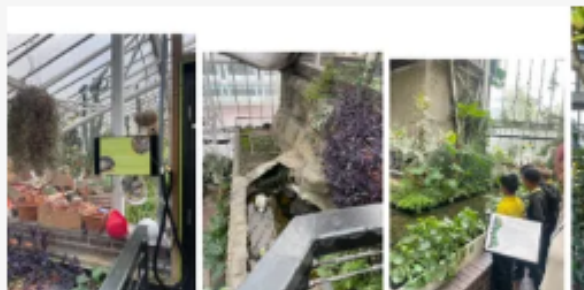


As part of the Into Film season, on Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to visit the Vue Cinema in Finchley for a free screening of the new 'How To Train Your Dragon'! It was a fantastic film with great visuals and lots of fire breathing dragons! The children (and adults) really enjoyed it.



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

21.11.25 Year 5 visit the Barbican!



This week, Year 5 has been discussing how we can keep ourselves safe especially at this time of year when it gets dark much earlier. The children shared ideas about how to stay visible, make sensible choices, and designed bags that are visible so they can be seen.

We also enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Barbican Conservatory, where the children explored an incredible variety of plants from all around the world. They were fascinated by everything from cacti of all shapes and sizes, to the vibrant Koi pond and even the uniquely named beard man's plant. The children showed great curiosity as they observed the different environments these plants grow in.

It was a lovely day out, including a walk through the busy streets of London and a peaceful snack by the duck pond. For families interested in visiting the conservatory themselves, you can find more information on the Barbican website. Visits for families are free of charge on Sundays.

28.11.25 Year 6 Masterchefs!



This week Year 6 have had a culinary challenge! Each group of children was challenged to plan, design and then create a three-course meal to share with their friends!

Over the last few weeks in Design and Technology lessons, the children have been researching ingredients and creating recipes. This week it all came together! 6 Elm cooked on Wednesday and 6 Hawthorn took on the challenge on Friday. Both classes showed exceptional skill in creating their menus. Each menu was carefully created to not only be flavoursome, but several groups had to create their menus to be allergen free. They certainly all rose to the challenge. The children showed great confidence in the kitchen and the menus were a great success. Mr Dale "just happened" to pass by as a cheesecake was being offered to staff and said it was the best cheesecake he had ever tasted! Again, their behaviour and hard work showed what an amazing group of children they are. Keep it up Year 6!



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 Non-walkers 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 EN5 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



I Can



You Can



We Can



External Adverts

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EN5 4BW

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27th November
4pm-6pm

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- ✓ FREE SIT DOWN MEAL FOR CHILDREN

Please email the Parish Office to reserve your space: parishoffice@barnetparishchurch.org.uk, OR SCAN QR-CODE to fill up registration form

Church House, 2 Wood Street, Barnet, EN5 4BW www.barnetparishchurch.org.uk





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External Adverts



FOOTBALL FUN DAY!
FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
EAST BARNET SCHOOL

- ✓ Free Football Session
- ✓ Internal Tournament
- ✓ Football Presentation

10:30 – 12 noon
Saturday 13th December

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