



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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# Newsletter

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Friday 7th March 2025

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots has been happening since we returned from half term and it's made all the more better with the beautiful weather we've had this week!

This half term our theme is Speak Up! We read the wonderful book 'Speak Up!' by Nathan Bryan and Dapa Adeola and have been thinking about how important it is to have the confidence to speak up about issues that affect us. Last week, we thought about issues in our local area such as: having more trees in Barnet, a safe crossing at Leaside, speed cameras on Mays Lane and more bins. Our school councillors will be speaking to Dan Tomlinson about these issues when they meet him on their trip to the Houses of Parliament on 25th March. In our assembly this week, we talked about things we would like to change at Underhill and thought about being a leader in school, and how this a good way to influence positives changes. We met all the children who have leadership roles in school from our Eco Warriors to House Captains and they told all the other children why they enjoy their role. It was very inspiring!

Thank you to everyone who supported Just One Tree Day. It was great to see all the children come into school in their tree colours and we are very grateful for all your generous donations. The children learned about the work of the charity Just One Tree, about sustainability and how 'Just One Tree' can make a world of a difference! They also created some wonderful tree artwork using natural materials.

Year 5 and 6 have been out and about this week. A group of Year 5 children went up to QE Boys for a Reading for Pleasure Workshop and had a brilliant time talking about their favourite kinds of books. Year 6 visited the Wallace Collection and had a wonderful time looking at all the amazing paintings there. The children really impressed the lady who was running their workshop and showing them around!

Yesterday was World Book Day and we all had a brilliant day dressing up and having lots of book day fun! In the afternoon, the children made their favourite book characters using toilet rolls and they were absolutely brilliant! We hope you all received your World Book Day voucher, which you can use at participating bookshops:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>. Thank you to everyone for making yesterday such a great day. We do love reading at Underhill!

To mark International Women's Day tomorrow, the sports ambassadors from QE Girls visited Underhill today to run football workshops with all the girls. It was a huge success and the girls had a brilliant time.

You can find out lots more about what the children have been learning across the school, you find out more below or you can visit our Curriculum in Action page on the website: <https://underhillschool.co.uk/our-curriculum-in-action-1>.

Have a great weekend!

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed  
Co-Headteachers

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# Attendance

## 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

## House Attendance

7.3.25

House	Last Week	This Week
Air	96.43%	95.16%
Fire	93.35%	96.88%
Earth	95.2%	96.15%
Water	93.81%	91.95%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	94.9%	88.46%
Maple	97.3%	94.58%
1 Willow	92.1%	93.69%
2 Birch	94.1%	97.09%
2 Chestnut	96.7%	97.69%
3 Cedar	96.9%	98.25%
3 Hornbeam	95.9%	99.07%
3 Yew	94.2%	92.34%
4 Cherry	99.6%	99.56%
4 Larch	88.1%	93.86%
5 Holly	97.4%	97.12%
5 Laurel	97.4%	94.12%
5 Sycamore	93.8%	94%
6 Ash	93.2%	96.37%
6 Elm	92.1%	95.37%
6 Hawthorn	95.2%	96.43%
Total	94.7%	93.74%



## What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

### 7.3.25 - World Book Day in Nursery



Nursery had a wonderful 'World Book Day.' The children came to school dressed as their favourite characters from their favourite stories. We played a game where the children had to guess who each other had dressed up as. When the children were guessing, they were all talking about their favourite books and saying 'I love that book' and 'I love it when my mummy reads me that book at home.' The children then made a character from a book they really enjoy. Can you guess what the different characters are?

### Farm Shop Cafe in Reception



In Reception, our new topic is all about food and our big question is 'Where does our food come from?' To promote and support the children's imagination and communication skills, we are developing our very own Beech Class Farm Shop cafe for the children to role play in! In anticipation of sunny spring weather, we have also set up our own picnic area. What would you order from our cafe?

### 7.3.25 A busy week in Year 1



This week, in 1 Willow, we have been very busy in maths, learning how to accurately measure objects using a metre stick. It was quite tricky to start but we did it!

On Thursday, we really enjoyed World Book Day! The children looked fabulous in their World Book Day costumes and they all made some amazing book characters using a range of repurposed materials.

### One Tree Day in Year 2



Year 2 had a fantastic time celebrating One Tree Day on Friday. The children created some wonderful pieces of art using a mixture of leaves, twigs and sugar paper.

The Year 2 Bake Sale was a huge success and we want to thank all the parents and children who baked and provided some delicious treats which helped to raise funds for the school.



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## Lots of learning in Year 3!



This week, Year 3 started their new English topic, which is a return narrative called Jemmy Button!

They are really looking forward to exploring this book.

In maths, the children have been learning to tell the time, half past the hour, quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour and also made clocks to help them.

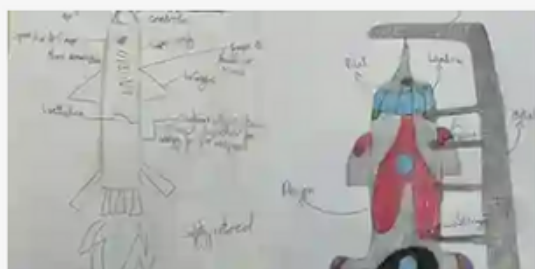
Today, 'One Tree Day' was celebrated, and we learned about how and why trees are important and then made our own trees using felt tip pens and paint!

## 7.3.25 - Story writing in Year 4



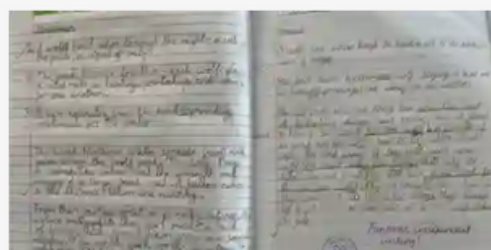
This week in Year 4, we have been reading the book, 'Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. Using the text as inspiration, we have been learning how to write twisted fairy tales. We have been looking at contrasting descriptions of evil and good characters. Over the next week, we will write a traditional fairytale, WITHOUT a happy ending! The children have so many wonderful ideas and we can't wait to read their twisted stories!

## Space in Year 5



On Tuesday 25th February, Year 5 had an incredible chance to participate in a live Zoom session with NASA engineer Branelle Rodriguez! She took them on an inspiring journey through the Artemis program, which is gearing up to send astronauts back to the Moon by 2027. Even more exciting, this groundbreaking mission will make history by landing the first woman and the first person of colour on the lunar surface—what an amazing future to look forward to! As part of the Zoom, the children were tasked with designing their own spacecraft for the mission, incorporating the latest technologies and innovations to ensure a successful journey to the Moon. 🚀🌕

## Writing in Year 6



This week in Year 6 we began looking at our new book in English: The Ways of the Wolf. We have immersed ourselves in the text and learnt some new vocabulary. Do you know what 'outcrop', 'imminent' and 'heartrending' mean? We do! Next week we are going to begin planning our larger piece of writing which will be a documentary narrative (like a David Attenborough narrated documentary). To practise our skills, we wrote a short piece of text describing a hungry wolf pack attacking a hare. We made sure to use all the grammar we had rehearsed over the week including: expanded noun phrases (often with a prepositional phrase), dashes, semicolons and colons. Our teachers were very impressed with our writing - have a read for yourself!



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## NURSERY

We currently have 3 year old nursery places available for Summer term 2025. Please use the following link to apply now - <https://forms.gle/8wGXvtJ9BZUhnHKT9>



## LOST PROPERTY

- Each day, any lost property around the school will be collected and sorted.
- Any items with children's names on will be returned to them.
- Unnamed items will be stored in the boxes inside the KS1 entrance in the front playground. If your child has lost any items, then they will most likely be here for you to collect.
- Lost property will no longer be held in the medical room for you to go and collect.
- On Fridays and/or Mondays, any items will be put out on tables in the front playground for collection.
- Any uncollected items will then be bagged up and stored, and in time either given to the PTA/School Uniform Fund to be repurposed, or they will be disposed of.
- Nursery and Reception (EYFS) lost property will be kept in the EYFS building so please speak to a member of the EYFS team.

## PE & ENRICHMENT UPDATE

There's been lots of exciting developments in PE and Enrichment this half term.

At lunchtimes, we now have basketball and cricket instructors coming in to enhance our active play along with all our other lunchtime activities. The children are loving all the new opportunities and really developing their skills, confidence and resilience in different sports. Today, we were very lucky as the Sports Leaders from QE Girls came to Underhill to deliver girls' football sessions. They loved the sessions last year and these opportunities are really inspiring our girls' to get involved in sport.

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 Netball team who won our local area primary league, we head into play offs against other league winners. This will happen at the end of March- good luck Team Underhill!





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please take note of the following dates for your diary. All calendar and term date information can be found on our school website here - <https://underhillschool.co.uk/term-dates-and-calendar>

March 2025	
Thursday 6th March	World Book day
Friday 7th March	4 Cherry class assembly 14.50
Monday 10th March	Science week
Friday 14th March	4 Larch class assembly 14.50
Friday 14th March	PTA Mothers day sip + paint
Thursday 20th March	Nowruz assembly
Monday 24th March	Assessment week
Friday 28th March	PTA Own clothes day (bring an Easter egg for Easter fair)
Friday 28th March	Year 1 Bake sale
Monday 31st March	Music week
April 2025	
Wednesday 2nd April	Light it up Blue day
Monday 7th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22nd April	INSET DAY - School closed for children
Wednesday 23rd April	Children back to school
May 2025	
Friday 2nd May	EYFS Bake sale
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Friday 9th May	3 Yew Class assembly 14.50
Friday 9th May	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 12th May	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 15th May	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 16th May	3 Hornbeam class assembly 14.50
Friday 16th May	PTA KS1 Underhill's got talent
Monday 19th May	Year 6 Residential to Cuffley
Friday 23rd May	3 Cedar class assembly 14.50
Friday 23rd May	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 26th May	HALF TERM WEEK
June 2025	
Monday 2nd June	Back to school
Monday 2nd June	Year 4 Multiplication check fortnight
Thursday 5th June	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 6th June	PTA Family Bingo
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics screening week
Friday 13th June	Ice cream sale
Monday 16th June	National sports week
Monday 16th June	KS1&KS2 Sports day 9.15am
Thursday 19th June	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 20th June	EYFS Sports day 9.15am
Friday 20th June	PTA KS2 Underhill's got talent
Monday 23rd June	Refugee Art week
Friday 27th June	1 Willow Class assembly 14.50
Friday 27th June	Ice cream sale
Monday 30th June	Assessment week



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# Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

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## Children's Centres

East-Central Locality

Spring Term Timetable  
06.01.2025 – 04.04.2025  
Inset Days: BEYA – 06.01.2025

	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
<b>Monday</b>	Stay and Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ Dancing Together - Toddlers with their Grown-Ups 10.30 am-12 pm 1-2 Years St. Margaret's Nursery School Booking Required (See overleaf for dates)	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30 am 0-5 Years Parent and Toddler Yoga 10.30-11 am Walkers -3 Years Limited Spaces Baby Massage 2-2.45 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking Required	Baby Stay and Play with Self-weighing 10-11 am Non-walkers Stay and Play 1.30-2.30 pm 0-5 Years	Childminders 9.30-11.30 am Registered OFSTED Childminders only Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15 pm 0-5 Years
<b>Tuesday</b>	Stay and Play 9.30-11.00 am 0-5 years St. Margaret's Nursery School Baby Massage 12.00-12.45pm 8 Weeks-Non- rollers St Margaret's Nursery School Baby group with Self-weighing 12.45-2.15 pm Non-Walkers St. Margaret's Nursery school	Baby Stay and Play with Self- weighing 13.15-14.15 pm Non-walkers	Childminders 9.30-11 am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45 pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	Baby Stay and Play 10.30 am-12 pm Non-walkers Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30 am 2-4 Years – 04.02.25, 04.03.25, 01.04.25 Baby Massage 12-1 pm 8 Weeks- 4 Months 3 Week Course - Booking Required
<b>Wednesday</b>	Childminders 9.30-11.00 am 0-5 years St. Margaret's Nursery School Baby Self-weighing 9.30-11.00am Under 1's St. Margaret's Nursery School Baby Group 10-11.30 am Non-Walkers All Saints N20 9EZ	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30 am 0-5 Years Shake, Rattle & Roll 10.30-11 am 0-5 Years	Forest Play 10-11 am Walkers Barnwood N2 Starts: 25.02.25 Baby Massage 2-2.45 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking Required	Stay and Play 10.15-11.45 am 0-5 Years Fun Toddler Circuit 11.45am-12.30 pm 18mths-4 Years Baby Self-weighing 1.30-3 pm Under 1's Booking Required
<b>Thursday</b>	No Sessions	Imagination & Movement by Performing Creations Dance Academy 9.30-10.15 am Walkers -3 Years Limited Spaces	Stay and Play 10-11 am 0-5 Years Baby Self-weighing 1-4 pm Under 1's Booking Required	Stay and Play 9.15-10.45 am 0-5 Years Makaton Meet, Sing & Sign 1.15-2 pm An introduction to baby Makaton 6 Months-1 Year Booking Required Hope Corner Community Centre EN5 2DY
<b>Friday</b>	Stay and Play 12.45-2.15 pm 0-5 Years St. Margaret's Nursery School	Baby Stay and Play with Self- weighing 1.15-2.15 pm Non-walkers	No Sessions	Boogie Mites 9.15-10 am 0-5 Years Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



### Barnet well baby clinic

We provide health and wellbeing advice and support for you and your children aged 0-5 years

#### South Barnet

Child's Hill Clinic  
NW2 2NJ

Thursdays: 9:30am - 12:30pm

#### West Barnet

Grahame Park Old Library  
NW9 5XA

Wednesdays: 9:30am - 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 to make  
an appointment:

Telephone: 0207 288 3211  
Email: hcp.4barnet@nhs.net  
Website: www.whittington.nhs.uk/BarnetHCP

Or simply scan this QR code  
using your phone camera and  
click on the link that appears to  
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## Barnet Parent Champions

### Stay & Play

Fathers and Male Carers  
(Children Aged 0 - 11 Years)

Saturday 11 January 10am - 12pm  
Saturday 01 February 10am - 12pm  
Saturday 08 March 10am - 12pm  
Saturday 19 April 10am - 12pm

FREE  
Monthly  
Session



- FREE Tea & Toast
- Fun activities
- Opportunity to meet other dads
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- Find out more about becoming a Parent Champion



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# External Adverts

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**TEENTECH FESTIVAL ROEHAMPTON**  
A highly interactive event which will inspire young teenagers about the contemporary industries shaping the future!

**THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2025**  
FOR YEAR 6, YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 10, YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS  
WITH AN INTRODUCTORY VIRTUAL EVENT ON THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025, 9.30AM - 11.30AM, FOR YEAR 6, YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 STUDENTS

**SUPPORTED BY**

**TEENTECH.COM/FESTIVALS/ROEHAMPTON**

**TEENTECH FESTIVAL**  
The TeenTech Festival gives students and teachers from across the region the opportunity to try their hand at immersive challenges and experiments, to handle cutting edge technology and, most importantly, to spend time with engineers, technologists and scientists from a wide range of companies influencing their 21st-century lives.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO INNOVATE**  
Pupils will work in teams, in roles aligned with a start-up company, to become the inventors of tomorrow in an hour-long workshop and challenge! Students will be designers, developers and marketing experts, using sensors, data and cutting edge technology. In the final challenge, all students will have the opportunity to develop their ideas further and enter the TeenTech Awards.

**INDUSTRY INSIGHTS**  
Pupils will meet, and talk to real-world innovators, large technology companies, and industry leaders. Pupils get an understanding of the industry, and can participate in simulated tasks that illustrate the real work that goes into science and technology. They will also interact with regional companies, showcasing the wide range of exciting science, technology and engineering companies that the students may not know exist.

**CHALLENGES**  
Pupils will compete in simulated tasks that demonstrate real world work by major science and technology companies. This is a chance to experience innovations in science, technology and engineering, and a chance to show students that they have the skills required to be successful in these areas.

**FOR YEAR 6, YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 STUDENTS**  
This carefully planned programme of activities will give your students insight into the world of science and technology helping them understand how they could be the innovators of the future. There are two parts to the experience.  
On Thursday 20th March 2025, we will run a half-day live virtual TeenTech City of Tomorrow session, after which students will work in teams to create a building for the safer, smarter and kinder city of the future. Schools can engage as many students as they wish in this virtual event and then bring two teams of five students to represent their school at the live Festival Day at The University of Roehampton on Thursday 24th April 2025.

**FOR YEAR 10, YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 STUDENTS**  
Students will attend the Festival Day at The University of Roehampton on Thursday 24th April 2025, for a special programme of focussed events which will include:

- A series of hands-on activities which will enable them to meet a range of employers in digital, science, technology and engineering.
- Workshops providing insight into the wide range of STEAM careers and the different university or apprenticeship programmes that could lead them there.
- A tour of the Roehampton campus where students will be able to ask questions about university life.

**IMPACT**  
We have measured the impact of events since 2008 and know there is a real shift in student perceptions, particularly amongst girls. The Festival day is just part of the TeenTech initiative, with schools working on projects both pre-event and post-event.  
Feedback from teachers and companies is overwhelmingly positive with 94% of schools who attended a TeenTech event in 2019 saying they will definitely attend another.  
It is estimated that more than three-quarters of the jobs that will exist in 2030 don't yet exist! What we do know is that jobs in the future will have a technological or scientific component, and will require transferable skills such as creativity, teamwork, computational thinking, and communication.  
TeenTech Festivals are a powerful intervention before students make GCSE subject choices, dispelling gender stereotypes and shifting perceptions of careers teenagers may have considered "difficult", "geeky" or "boring".

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- Basketball
- Board Games
- Camp Games
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kwik Cricket
- Nerfball
- Parachute Games
- Reading
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Tournaments

**EASTER CAMP 2025**

Dates: (8.30* Start)	7th Apr - 10th Apr
Times:	9.00am - 4.00pm

**COST**

Single day	£34 per child
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**EARLY BIRD - 10% DISCOUNT!**  
Book and pay by 28th Mar 2025 to qualify for the 'Early Bird' discount!  
**DISCOUNT CODE: EBEAS25**

**EQUIPMENT**  
All equipment will be supplied for each and every child.

**WHAT TO WEAR**  
Comfortable sports clothing (including a light waterproof jacket, if required).

**WHAT TO BRING**  
A healthy snack, packed lunch and a drink in a refillable container. Please note, on hot days, sun cream should be applied, before Camp.

**SIBLING DISCOUNT (20%)**  
All siblings receive a 20% discount - if attending the same day/s  
DISCOUNT CODE: SIBCHMP25

**NHS DISCOUNT**  
25% off your booking  
Please call The Elms to verify your NHS status. Please note, proof of your NHS ID will be required, to qualify for this discount.  
020 8954 8767

Camps will only proceed if a minimum of 12 children book - parents will be informed of any cancellations, with a minimum notice period of 7 days. Cancellation Policy: We will require 7 days' notice for a full refund and a minimum of 24 hours' notice for your booking to be moved to an alternative date/venue or session. Please note, only ONE discount code can be applied to a booking.

**BOOK ONLINE: [theelms.co.uk](http://theelms.co.uk)**

## PETER PHILLIPS CRICKET

HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 16



## EASTER CRICKET COURSES

WEEK 1

MONDAY APRIL 7TH - FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

WEEK 2

MONDAY APRIL 14TH - THURSDAY APRIL 17TH

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Or call Peter anytime on 07930 44 55 66



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