



# NEWSLETTER

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Be Curious**

**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

## HEADS' CORNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us at our fabulous Christmas celebrations over the last two weeks. We are honored to be a part of such a wonderful community. Your children really are amazing and it is a delight to teach them. Thank you from all the staff for the kind gifts and Christmas wishes you have sent into school. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We are saying goodbye to Steve Dawson, who has been the Premises Manager at Underhill for many, many years. We are sure you will all join us in wishing him a very happy retirement and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to our school. Alex Blomquist is also leaving us to take up his dream job at TTA as a PE teacher. We thank Alex for his hard work and his contribution to Underhill, and wish him lots of luck in his new role.

Have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 8:40am.

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### January 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – INSET DAY – School closed

4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Back to school



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# ATTENDANCE

## House attendance

House	Last Week	This Week
Balmoral	89.13	76.72
Holyrood	86.47	79.45
Sandringham	88.92	79.72
Windsor	89.12	78.67

## Absence

Please remember to report any absences daily to [attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:attendance@underhill.barnetmail.net)

Absences either side of a school holiday will not be authorised and you will be asked for medical evidence to avoid a Fixed Penalty Fine by the Education Welfare Team

Impact of attendance

100% Attendance	0 Weeks of learning missed	Very Good
95% Attendance	1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Not too bad Attendance officer monitoring
90% Attendance	3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Cause for concern, Educational Welfare officer involvement
85% Attendance	5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Worrying Poor attendance Educational Welfare officer involvement
80% Attendance	7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Poor attendance Cause for concern Educational Welfare officer involvement
75% Attendance	9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed	Poor attendance Serious cause for concern Educational Welfare officer involvement

## Class attendance

Class	Last Week	This Week
Beech	80.51	74.46
Maple	73.31	77.53
1 Hazel	80.67	75.41
1 Oak	86.84	77.53
1 Willow	88.09	74.86
2 Birch	87.73	90.48
2 Chestnut	87.10	89.92
2 Palm	87.80	67.19
3 Cedar	86.73	74.55
3 Hornbeam	87.34	80.68
3 Yew	94.69	76.69
4 Cherry	93.28	83.25
4 Larch	89.69	68.75
4 Pine	87.83	78.05
5 Holly	95.06	88.36
5 Laurel	91.09	85.79
5 Sycamore	86.12	71.20
6 Ash	96.55	86.41
6 Elm	84.15	76.44
6 Hawthorn	90.84	82.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>87.83</b>	<b>78.80</b>



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# NOTICES AND NEWS

## SCHOOL CLUBS

Our staff led clubs letter was sent out last week and can be found here – <https://forms.gle/5iiW4epguzjAJRCW6>

## EAL COFFEE MORNINGS

### EAL Parents Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday starting 11th January 2023



Join us from 9am in the school canteen to:

- Meet other parents
- Chat to your friends
- Take part in 'Knitter natter' or another focus activity
- Keep up to date with what is going on in school
- Enjoy a free tea or coffee!

Fun and informal session for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers, or other family members to ask questions, share experiences, and find out about how to support your child's learning.

## POLITE NOTICE – LITTERING

Please can all parents & Carers not litter outside school or in our neighbouring streets. We have had complaints from some local residents stating some parents have been emptying the whole contents of lunch boxes in their street and lots of litter is being left behind.



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## ADMISSIONS UPDATE FROM EAST BARNET SCHOOL

In accordance with the School Admission Code December 2021 Section 1.45, East Barnet School is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2024-25.

East Barnet School became an academy in 2011 and so therefore is conducting the requirement to consult fully every 7 years, furthermore it is our proposal to increase our admissions PAN from 210 to 220 students in Year 7 for September 2024 and thereafter. There will be no changes to the schools' admission arrangements for entry into the 6<sup>th</sup> form.

The schools' admission arrangements can be viewed on the schools' website:

[www.eastbarnetschool.com](http://www.eastbarnetschool.com).

The consultation will take place for a 6-week period during 1<sup>st</sup> October 31<sup>st</sup> January. If you have any comments regarding the schools' admission arrangements, please contact Ms L Coffill in writing at East Barnet School. Please direct any comments via [enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com](mailto:enquiries@eastbarnetschool.com).

## POTTERS BAR THEATRE COMPANY

Potters bar theatre company's next production is the Wizard of Oz at Wylllyots in April 2023 and they are advertising for children to audition to be part of the production as munchkins!

They are looking for children of 8+ to attend a workshop / audition day from 2pm-6pm on the 15th of January at Chancellors School in Brookman's Park. If any child or parent is interested please email [wizard@pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk](mailto:wizard@pottersbartheatrecompany.co.uk) for more information.



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## GROWS ONLINE AUCTION & PRIZE DRAW

GROW's annual [Online Auction & Prize Draw](#) is now LIVE! GROW are aiming to raise £5K to support their 2023 programmes for local children, young people and families to learn about sustainable food growing through their clubs, holiday activities, and early support programmes at our farm in Barnet.

There are some FANTASTIC prizes that can be won for just £10.



**GROW**  
**CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW & AUCTION**  
**IS NOW LIVE!**

Help raise funds for our 2023 programmes supporting children, young people, and families to learn about sustainable food growing on our farm in Barnet.



**PRIZES INCLUDE:**

- 6 month Hello Fresh subscription
- Weekend away for 4
- Michelin-Starred tasting menu
- £250 Whistles personal shopping appointment
- 3 weeks of unlimited dance classes



[www.wearegrow.org](http://www.wearegrow.org) / @wearegrow\_\_

## WINTER WATER SAFETY

There are some great resources on Winter Water Safety from the Royal Lifesaving Society (RLSS). There is an activity booklet and colouring sheet that or parents may find helpful to address any conversations around the recent tragedy in the news and to educate our children about the dangers of frozen water.

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/winter-water-safety>



## ADULT COURSES SPRING 2023

ESOL - English for speakers of other Languages course Wednesdays 9.15am - 11.15am starting on 11.02.23  
Paediatric First Aid course will be starting after the February half term.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups please email [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net)

Children's Centres				East-Central Locality
Spring Term 03.01.2023 – 31.03.2023				
Inset day: Coppetts Wood CC and Underhill CC on 03.01, BEYA CC on 03.01 and 04.01				
	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>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30 – 11am 0-5years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD  <b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30 – 11am 0-5years Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.30am 0-5years  <b>Baby Play</b> 1.15 – 2.15pm Non-walkers	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30 – 10.30am 0-5 years  <b>Baby Play with self-weighing</b> 2 – 3pm Non walkers	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30 – 11.30am <b>Nursery Stay and Play</b> 10 – 11am 18mnths-4years – 09.01, 06.02, 06.03 – Booking Required <b>Rhyme time</b> 1.15 – 2pm 0-5years
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Albanian Families Stay and Play</b> 9.30 – 11am 0-5years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT <b>Stay and Play</b> 1.00 – 2.30pm 0-5years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.30am 0-5years <b>Baby Massage</b> 11am – 12pm 8wks-non crawlers – Booking Required <b>Baby self-weighing</b> 1 – 3pm Under 1's – Booking Required	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30 – 11am  <b>Baby Rhyme Time</b> 1.15 – 2pm Non walkers	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.45am 0-5years  <b>Baby Massage</b> 1 – 2pm 8wks-4mths – Booking Required
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30 – 11am Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD <b>Outdoor Stay and Play</b> 9.30 – 11am 0-5years Hampden Way N14 5DJ <b>Baby self-weighing</b> 10am -12pm Under 1's St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT <b>Baby group</b> 10 – 11.30am Non-walkers All Saints <b>Baby Massage</b> 1.30 – 2.30pm 2-6mnths All Saints N20 9EZ – Booking Required	<b>Childminders</b> 9 – 11am <b>Baby Play</b> 1.15 – 2.15pm Non-walkers <b>Shake, Rattle and Roll</b> 2.30 – 3pm	<b>Barnwood</b> 10 – 11am Walkers  <b>Baby Massage</b> 2 – 2.45pm 6wks-6mnths – Booking Required	<b>Baby Play with Self-weighing</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm Non-walkers  <b>Dance, Move &amp; Regulate</b> 11.45am – 12.30pm 1-5years
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30 -11am 0-5years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.30am 0-5years  <b>Baby self-weighing</b> 1 – 3pm Under 1's – Booking Required	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10 – 11am 0-5years  <b>Baby self-weighing</b> 1 – 4pm Under 1's – Booking Required	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.45am 0-5years  <b>Rhyme Time</b> 1.30pm – 2.15pm 0-5years Hope Community Centre EN5 2DY
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30 – 11.00am 0-5years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15 – 10.30am 0-5years  <b>Baby Play</b> 1.15 – 2.15pm Non-walkers		<b>Boogie Mites</b> 9.15 – 10am 0-5years  <b>Baby Weighing</b> 11am – 12.30pm Under 1's Booking Required

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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**WE WILL BE  
OPEN AS USUAL  
THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS  
AND NEW YEAR!**

**SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER  
10AM - 12PM**

**TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER  
12PM - 2PM**

**SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER  
10AM - 12PM**

**TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY  
12PM - 2PM**



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