



Newsletter

Be Curious

Be Caring

Be Confident

Be Cooperative

Friday 16th January 2026

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New year to you all!

We've had a great start back to school and everyone has jumped into 2026 with energy and enthusiasm.

On Monday 12th, the Breck Foundation visited us again for more online safety education. The children were excellent and listened really well to the information about being aware of fake news, how to check if something is fake or fact and how to stop fake news spreading. As part of the talk, the children were introduced to three excellent fact checking websites that can help determine if something is fake or real. The children have been advised if they want to know if something is real or not to speak to a trusted adult who can check on one of these sites. They are:

Full Fact: <https://fullfact.org>

Snopes: <https://www.snopes.com>

BBC verify: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/bbcverify>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to a member of staff.

Year 5 had a brilliant day at the Tower of London yesterday despite the rain. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who helped out, and well done to children who kept a positive attitude when it would have been very easy not to!

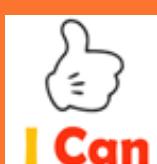
On Monday 19th January, we are marking World Religion Day. This is a really important day to recognise, learn and respect the diversity of beliefs and cultures that make up our school and local community. To help us celebrate, the children are welcome to come to school wearing their own cultural or traditional clothing or something that represents their religion and worldviews. This is optional, so if they choose not to, they can wear their school uniform. We are very lucky at Underhill to have such a diverse community and it wonderful to be able to learn about different cultures and beliefs from each other.

Our wonderful choir are off to the O2 on Monday 19th to perform as part of the Young Voices schools concert. This is an amazing opportunity and they have been practising so hard. We know they will be brilliant and make Underhill proud.

The PTA Bake Sales are back! We are looking forward to sampling the delicious cakes and treat from years 1,2 and 3, and from Nursery and Reception this term! On Thursday 5th it is the PTA Friendship Disco - save the date and there will be information coming soon! If you can volunteer to help at your year group bake sale or at the disco, please let your PTA rep or class teacher know. Thanks!

Have a great weekend.

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles





Attendance

Absence

Please remember any absences need to be reported daily to
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

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	95.14%	97.42%
Earth	94.07%	92.6%
Fire	95.85%	91.24%
Water	91.15%	92.3%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	88.8%	92.72%
1 Oak	90.3%	86.87%
1 Willow	92.6%	92.44%
2 Chestnut	95.2%	94.81%
3 Cedar	95.4%	97.78%
3 Yew	99.4%	100%
4 Cherry	97.1%	95.65%
4 Larch	93.1%	88.89%
4 Sycamore	94.5%	86.52%
5 Holly	92.3%	96.17%
5 Laurel	91.6%	85.19%
6 Elm	97.3%	96.79%
6 Hawthorn	98.7%	96.53%
Total	93.99%	93.35%



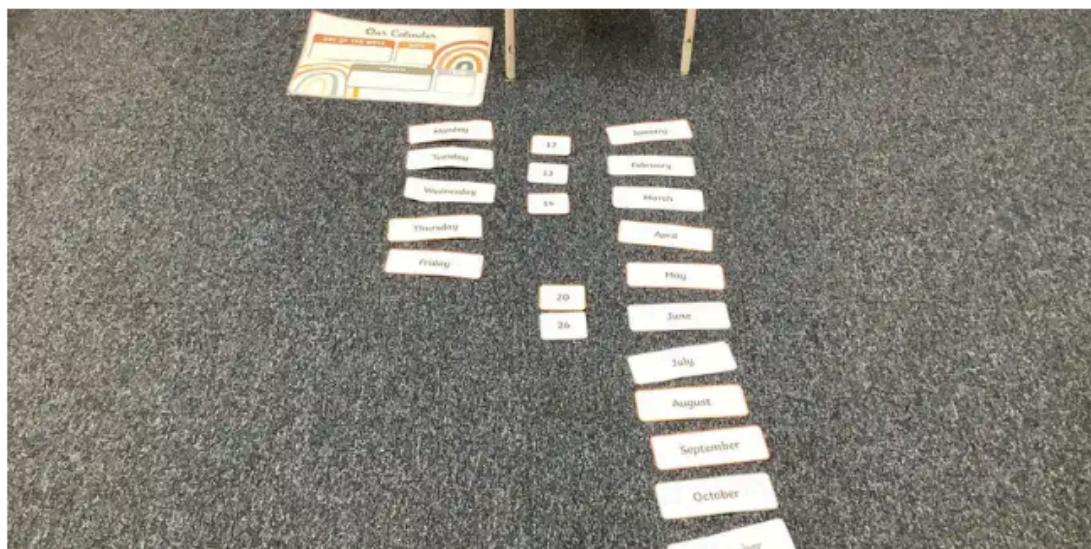
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January	Monday 5th	INSET
	Friday 16th	Year 5 trip to the Tower of London
	Monday 19th	Choir performance at the O2
	Monday 19th	World Religion Day
	Friday 23rd	National Handwriting Day
	Friday 23rd	Y3 Bake Sale
	Tuesday 27th	Holocaust Memorial Day
	Friday 30th	PTA pre-loved uniform sale
February	Thursday 5th	PTA Friendship Disco
	Friday 6th	NSPCC Number Day
	Monday 9th - Friday 13th	Music and Assessment week
	Monday 9th - Friday 13th	Scholastic Book fair
	Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day
	Wednesday 11th	Y1-6 Parents' Evening 3:30-7pm
	Thursday 12th	Y1-6 Parents Evening 3:30-5pm
	Monday 16th- Friday 20th	Half term
	23rd-27th	Design and Technology Week
	Friday 27th	Year 2 Bake Sale
	Friday 27th	3 Cedar Class Assembly



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

9.1.26 A great start to 2026 in Blossom!



We have had a great start to the year in Blossom. This week, we have been learning to read and write some of our phonics words and also learn the days of the week. We have practising saying the date each day and are getting better and better!

9.1.26 Welcome back to Nursery!



This week Conker class started our new topic 'How Many Colours in a Rainbow?' We went on a colour hunt around the building and the children were amazed by how many different colours there were. One child said 'I did not realise how many different blues there are.' They counted at least 5 different shades! When we came back to class we decided to see how many different blues we could make by adding a little bit of white each time. The children then wanted to see how many different colours they could make by adding colours together. We made some lovely colours together but also found out that adding too many colours at once quite often makes brown!

16.1.26 Welcome back to Reception!

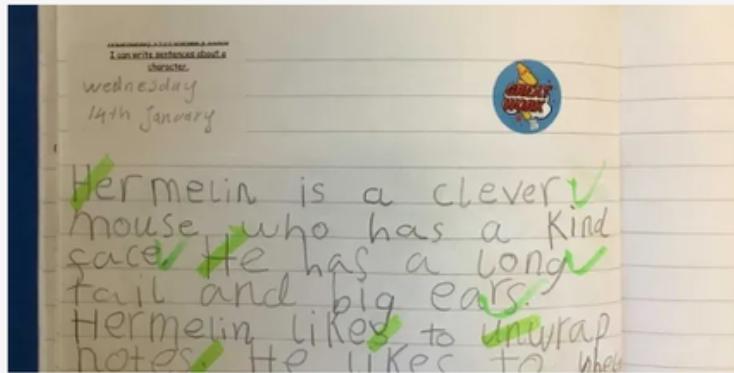


As part of our topic about journeys and transport we have been creating our own paper plate boats using the art technique of collage. The children used pritt sticks to decorate the boats and sails with tissue squares along with a choice of different stickers. We also used a sentence stem to describe where our boats would travel to. Where would your boat travel to?



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

16.1.26 A super new year start in Year 1!



We have had a great week filled with lots of learning! In English, the children have been describing a character from a story, thinking carefully about their appearance and personality. In Maths, we have been working with numbers from 20 to 50, practising counting, recognising, and using them in different activities. In Science, our focus has been on the human body—the children have been learning to label different body parts and discussing how we use our senses to explore the world around us.

Well done to everyone for their hard work this week!

9.1.26 Year 2 have a colourful start to the year!



This week in Year 2 we have been learning about primary and secondary colours.

First, we placed a piece of card in a tray.

Then, we wet the paper using a paint brush.

Next, we dipped our paint brush into water and then the paint. After that, we squeezed the end of the brush to release the paint onto the paper.

Finally, we moved the tray around so the paints would mix together.
(Year 2 wrote this together!)

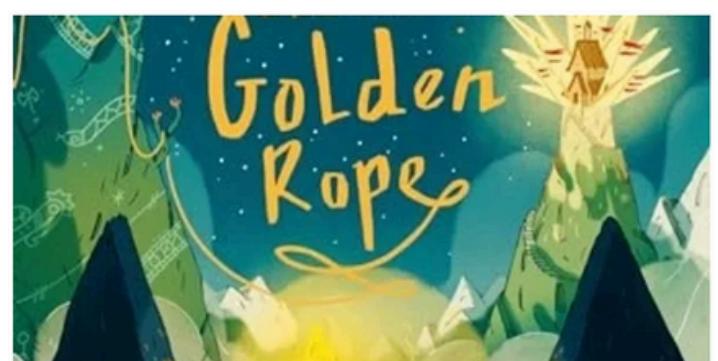
9.1.26 Happy 2026 in Year 3!



Year 3 have had a fantastic week back after the winter break! They have shown their BE words everyday: Caring, Confident, Curious and Cooperative.

This week, we have started reading our new book in English called 'The Rhythm of the Rain', explored rocks with magnifying glasses in Science and learned about instruments in Spanish. What a busy week!

16.1.26 A busy start to 2026 in Year 4!



Year 4 have had an excellent week of learning. In History, they have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and exploring the reasons why they invaded Britain. In Science, the children have been investigating solids, liquids and gases, carrying out an experiment to identify the properties of liquids.

In Art, the children have been learning about shades and tints and have used paint to create different tones of colour. In English, we have begun writing our own myths inspired by *Arthur and the Golden Rope*, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about mythical creatures and traditional stories.



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

9.1.26 Happy New year in Year 5!



Welcome back! Last term, Year 5 had a fantastic end to the year, followed by a well-earned rest. This week has started positively, and we hope this great attitude continues throughout the rest of the term. In English, we have begun reading a new class text, *The Hound of the Baskervilles: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* by Arthur Conan Doyle. The children are already enjoying exploring the story and its intriguing characters.

In Maths, we are continuing our work on fractions, building on prior knowledge and developing confidence with more challenging concepts. In History, we have started learning about the Tudors in preparation for our upcoming trip to the Tower of London. The children have shown great interest and enthusiasm in this topic.

In Science, we are learning about materials, focusing on their properties and changes. This week, we explored the scientific concept of hardness, investigating and comparing the hardness of different materials.

16.1.26 An arty start in year 6!



Year 6 were lucky enough to have an artist called Tania visit from the Courtauld Gallery come and visit us. She showed us some of the impressionist art that is in the gallery and got us to think about the time of day and season these landscapes were painted in. She also asked us to focus on colour. Tania brought with her a huge suitcase of specialist watercolour paper, so we were able to create watercolour paintings like real artists. Tania divided the impressionist paintings up into pieces and gave everyone a section. She asked us to start with one colour at a time and build up the painting like this. It felt funny at first, but we trusted her and over the session we could see the paintings come to life. At the end, Tania asked us to put the photocopies of the original art together and then we put together the individual pieces we created. It was amazing to see our work come to life! We greatly enjoyed working with a professional artist and she highly recommends we all visit the gallery to see the collection. The Courtauld Gallery is well worth a visit as it has many famous works of art by internationally renowned artists.



Spring Term Timetable 2026

05.01.26 – 27.03.26

Inset Days

Underhill & BEYA 05.01.26

Children's Centres

East-Central Locality



BEYA

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Monday
Stay and Play 9.30-10.45am
0-5 years (including Childminders)
Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ
Stay and Play 3.45-5pm
0-5 years
St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT

Tuesday
Baby Massage 12.15-1pm
8 Weeks-Non-rollers
St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT
Baby Stay and Play 1-2pm
Non-walkers
St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT

Wednesday
Stay and Play SEND Support Group 9.30-11am
0-5 years (contact Gill 020 8449 5466)
Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ
Baby Stay and Play 10-11.30am
Non-walkers All Saints N20 9EZ
Childminders Outdoor Stay and Play 1-2.30pm;
0-5 years Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ

Thursday
Outdoor Adventure 9.45-11.15am
0-5 years
Hampden Way Nursery School N14 5DJ
Sing and Dance 2-2.45pm
Under 3's
Hampden Way Nursery N14 5DJ

Friday
Stay and Play 9.30-11am
0-5 years
St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 8SD

Coppetts Wood

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am
0-5 years
Parent and Toddler Yoga 10.30-11am
Walkers-3 years
Baby Stay and Play 1.15-2.15pm
Non-walkers

Stay and Play 9.45-11.15am
0-5 years
Northside Primary School N12 8PJ

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am
0-5 years
Shake, Rattle and Roll 10.30-11am
0-5 years

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am
0-5 years
Dance and Movement 10.30-11.15am
Walkers-3 years

Baby Stay and Play 9.30-10.30am
Non-walkers
Baby Massage 10.45-11.30am
8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking required

Newstead

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Baby Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm
Non-walkers

Childminders 9.30-11am
Baby Rhyme Time 1.15-1.45pm
Non-walkers
Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED

Early Words Together at Two 1.30-2.30pm
2-3 years
Starts: 14.01 – 11.30am
Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11am
Walkers Only
Barnwood N2 Starts: 25.02.26

Stay and Play 10-11am
0-5 years

No Sessions

Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Childminders 9.30-11.30am
Registered OFSTED Childminders Only
Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15pm
0-5 years

Stay and Play 10.30-12pm
0-5 years
Baby Massage 12-1pm
8 weeks-4 mths **Booking required**
Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm
0-5 years

Baby Makaton Sing and Sign 12.45-1.30pm
6 mths-1 year **Booking required**
Baby Stay and Play 1.30-3pm
Non-walkers
Fun Toddler Circuit 12-1pm
18 mths-3 years

Stay and Play 9.15-10.45am
0-5 years
Rhyme Time 1.15-2pm
0-5 years
Hope Corner Community Centre ENS 2DY



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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



Barnet

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Child and Family Early Help

Paediatric First Aid Course

6 Week Course



Monday 9.15am – 11.15am
12 January 2026 – 23 February 2026
Booking required

Resuscitation procedures
Preparing for and dealing with emergencies
Coping with bleeding and choking

Underhill School & Children's Centre
Mays Lane
Barnet
EN5 2LZ
Tel: 020 8449 2423 Ext 206
Email: info@underhilcc.barnetmail.net



www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/childrens-centres
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NHS
Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Speech and Language Therapy Drop-in

Barnet Child's Integrated Therapies

Do you have concerns about your child's talking or communication skills?
Come along to one of our under 5's Drop-in sessions for advice, support and strategies

If your child attends a school setting please speak with the SENCO for support to access the Speech and Language Therapy service.

Face to Face Drop-In sessions – appointment not required

Thursday 22nd January 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fellows Way, off Tarling Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Thursday 29th January 2026 – Underhill Children's Centre 9.15-10.45am
(Underhill Primary School, Mays Lane, EN5 2LZ)

Wednesday 4th February 2026 – Coppetts Wood Children's Centre 9.15-10.30am
(Coppetts Wood School, Coppetts Road, Friern Barnet, N10 1JS)

Friday 6th February 2026 – St Margaret's Nursery (BEYA) 9.30-11am
(Margaret Road, New Barnet, EN4 9NT)

Thursday 12th February 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fellows Way, off Tarling Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Queenswell School 9.30-11am
(Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ)

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 – Underhill Children's Centre 10.30-12pm
(Underhill Primary School, Mays Lane, EN5 2LZ)

Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Coppetts Wood Children's Centre 9.15-10.30am
(Coppetts Wood School, Coppetts Road, Friern Barnet, N10 1JS)

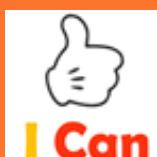
Friday 6th March 2026 – St Margaret's Nursery (BEYA) 9.30-11am
(Margaret Road, New Barnet, EN4 9NT)

Thursday 12th March 2026 – Newstead Children's Centre 10-11am
(1 Fellows Way, off Tarling Road, East Finchley N2 8LG)

Thursday 26th March 2026 – Underhill Children's Centre 9.15-10.45am
(Underhill Primary School, Mays Lane, EN5 2LZ)

Please note – sessions are facilitated by Barnet Children's Centres. Once stay and play sessions have reached capacity you will not be able to enter the group.
Please aim to arrive 5 minutes prior to the start of the session to avoid disappointment.

For advice and more information about our service please scan this QR code:





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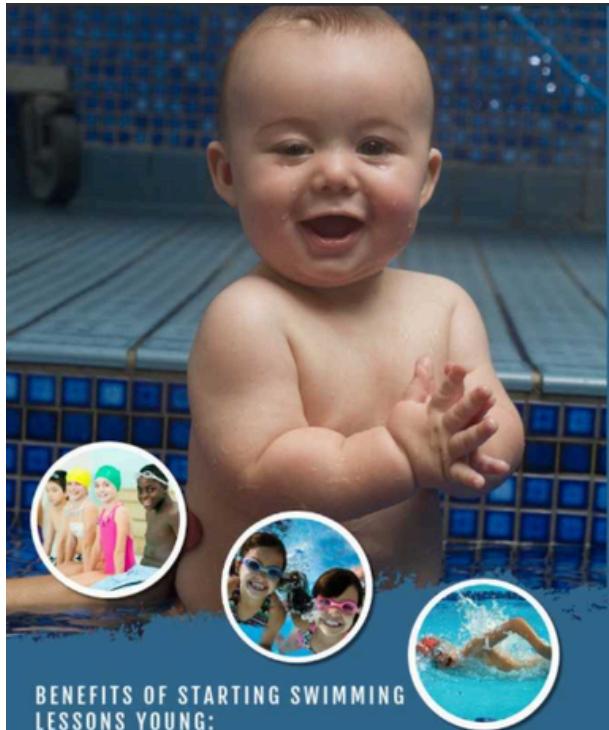






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