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Friday 22nd July 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, we want to take a moment to reflect and say thank you.

It has been a year full of learning, laughter, and growth - and we are incredibly proud of all that our pupils, staff, and wider community have achieved together. From brilliant classroom work and inspiring assemblies to creative projects and joyful trips, there has been so much to celebrate.

A heartfelt thank you for your continued support, kind words, and generous gifts - they are all truly appreciated.

We send our warmest goodbyes and best wishes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they move on to secondary school. You leave us with memories, friendships, and the confidence to take the next step - we are so proud of each of you. We also say goodbye to the families who are moving on from Underhill - thank you for being part of our school community.

This term, we also say goodbye to three much-loved members of staff: Abbie Hennessy-Clift, Sophia Amanor and Louise Maley. Each has made a lasting impact on our school, and we wish them every success and happiness in their new adventures.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and restful summer.

We look forward to welcoming you back on 3rd September at 8:40am for another exciting year ahead.

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed
Co-Headteachers
Underhill School and Children's Centre





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	This Week	Last Week
Air	96.02%	94.44%
Fire	97.27%	95.69%
Earth	96.06%	93.85%
Water	91.17%	89.95%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	96.12%	96.62%
Maple	95.53%	92.63%
1 Willow	95%	91.45%
2 Birch	98.89%	97.51%
2 Chestnut	96.93%	94.51%
3 Cedar	97.01%	93.83%
3 Hornbeam	95%	96.15%
3 Yew	90.91%	85.9%
4 Cherry	97.92%	95.02%
4 Larch	94.3%	94.07%
5 Holly	98.4%	97.78%
5 Laurel	98.33%	93.21%
5 Sycamore	96.82%	96.43%
6 Ash	95.78%	92.11%
6 Elm	92.5%	92.71%
6 Hawthorn	94.29%	96.41%
Total	95.13%	93.49%



SPORTS DAY

Athletic fun was had by all for our annual KS1 & KS2 Sport's Day. There were a range of challenging and entertaining stations on a hot summer's day. The children showed great enthusiasm, agility, stamina but importantly team spirit. The children all shone and showed fantastic sporting ability. We ended each key stage with a traditional parent tug of war! In the KS2 final was Year 6 v Year 4 parents, which ended in a draw as the rope snapped due to the competitive nature of our adults- brilliant!

Results for KS1 & KS2 houses:

Joint 1st Earth & Water - 1284 points

2nd Fire- 1193 points

3rd Air - 1165 points

Thank you to all parents and carers who came we really do appreciate you taking the time to support your children and our school. Thank you also to the PTA who were on hand to sell much need refreshments- we might need the money raised from this to buy a new rope!





STUDENT V STAFF NETBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES

To celebrate a highly successful year in Underhill sport the PE team organised a Student v Staff event. A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the netball and basketball games! Our year 6 teachers and other staff members got to experience first hand how talented our year 6 teams are! There was a competitive energy on the court but it was full of fun, laughter, and school spirit.



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What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

11.7.25 Nursery go to the Seaside!



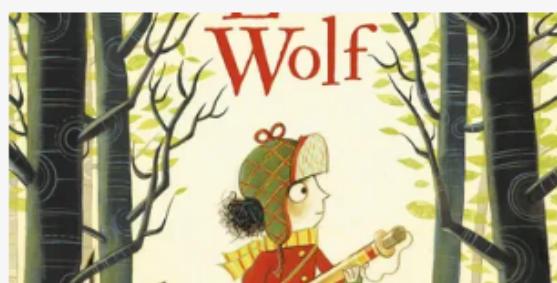
Conker class had a beach day this week. The children came to school with their swimming costumes and towels and had a great day cooling off in our very own 'private beach'! They made sandcastles, dug for shells and had a little paddle in the water. The children then dried off in the sun and had a refreshing snack in the shade.

4.7.25 Reception Rockpools!



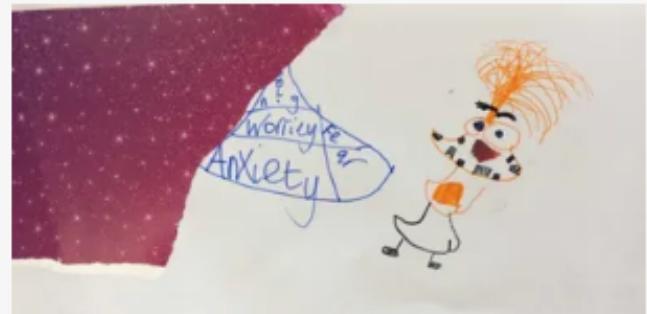
In Beech class the children have been creating their own 3D rock pools using plasticine, self drying clay and pipe cleaners! The children then had an opportunity to reflect on their designs and to research if there were any other rock pool creatures they could add. What would you find in a rock pool?

11.7.25 Busy week in Year 1



Year 1 have had a fantastic week rounding off what has been an incredible year together. We completed our final Big Write, creating brilliant recipes for a very hungry bear, and spent time revisiting and consolidating our phonics sounds and maths learning to help everyone feel ready for Year 2. Sports Day was a real highlight, with the children showing fantastic effort, teamwork, and big smiles throughout. They've also been busy talking about and preparing for their next big adventure in Year 2. I'm so proud of them all and everything they've achieved this year!

4.7.25 Busy week in Year 2

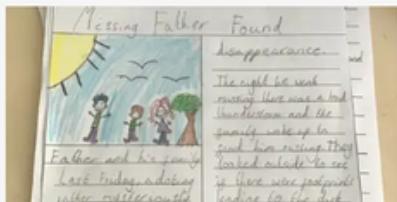


This week year 2 have had an exciting week. We have been busy practicing for our class assemblies, doing our last piece of writing and making monster toys in D&T. In science, we are investigating reusable materials and in PSHE acting out how to safely cross roads. We have also been creating some art to think about big feelings and linking this to Refugee week. We thought about how we can help each other with these feelings.



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11.7.25 Year 3 are journalists!



This week during English, Year 3 have been journalists and have been writing newspaper reports about a father going missing.

This was based on the book 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. Our writing is really impressive!

4.7.25 A busy week in Year 4!



Year 4 have been working hard to complete their final piece of writing this year...a biography. We have researched the fantastic Jacques Cousteau who was so curious about the sea and the creatures that lived there; he helped to invent the Aqua Lung (underwater breathing apparatus).

We have also been learning about rivers and the various parts of the river course. We've looked at where you find rivers, as well as the longest rivers in the UK and the world!

2.7.25 Y5 History and Geography Workshops



This week, eleven of our Year 5 pupils took part in a geography and history workshop at QE Boys School. The workshop offered a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their thinking around real-world issues and historical strategy.

In the first half of the session, the focus was on sustainability in Barnet. The children were challenged to design a sustainable product, carefully considering its features and the impact it would have on the environment. Their ideas showed great creativity and an impressive awareness of sustainable practices. The second part of the workshop introduced a hands-on history activity. The children took part in a strategic game where they were given a budget to build a medieval castle. They had to decide which parts of the castle to construct and justify their choices to earn points. Once the castles were complete, they were "attacked" in the game scenario, and points were lost depending on the effectiveness of their design choices. This part of the workshop sparked lots of enthusiasm and teamwork as pupils balanced cost, defence, and strategy.

Overall, it was a fun and educational experience, giving the children a chance to apply their knowledge in creative and interactive ways.

11.7.25 Lots of trips in Year 6



On the 2nd of July, Year 6 attended Junior Citizen in East Finchley. We were divided into groups and each took part in activities run by TFL, the ambulance service, the fire service and the council's road safety team. Everything

we learnt will help us as we move on to secondary school and in our lives. Did you know you should be your body length away from the edge of train platforms, so you don't get pushed forward? If you're not sure how tall you are - you can stretch out your arms as your length is the same distance finger-tip to finger-tip!

On the 9th we went on our last trip of the year! Ark Pioneer school gave us 60 tickets to their show School of Rock. The cast were so talented - singing, acting and playing instruments! It was great to see a few old Underhill faces this year. As always, the Underhill children were a supportive and engaged audience.

This year has been an amazing one for trips - from two shows at the Bull Theatre to the Imperial War Museum and the Grant Museum of Zoology. We even visited the library! The children have made you and us proud on every single trip. Well done Year 6!





East/Central Locality Summer Holiday Timetable 2025

23.07.25 - 29.08.25

Bank Holiday: 25.08.25

Fixed Closures

Newstead: 28.07.25 - 01.08.25

BEYA: 18.08.25 - 01.09.25

Underhill: 26.08.25 - 29.08.25

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 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 28.07.25, 04.08.25, 11.08.25	Term Time Only	Stay and Play 10-11 am 0-5 Years 11.08.25, 18.08.25	Stay and Play 10-11.30 am 0-5 Years Baby Stay and Play 1-2.30 pm Non-walkers
Tuesday	Stay and Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 29.07.25, 05.08.25, 12.08.25, 26.08.25	Term Time Only	Childminders 9.30-11 am Baby Stay and Play 1.30-2.30 pm Non-walkers	Baby Stay and Play 10-11.30 am Non-walkers Stay and Play 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years
Wednesday	Baby Massage 12-12.45 pm Non-rollers 23.07.25, 06.08.25, 13.08.25 Baby Stay and Play 12.45-2.15 pm Non-walkers St. Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT 23.07.25, 06.08.25, 13.08.25	Term Time Only	Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11 am Walkers Only 06.08.25, 13.08.25, 20.08.25	Stay and Play 10-11.30 am 0-5 Years Stay and Play 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years
Thursday	Childminders 9.30-11 am Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 24.07.25, 31.7.25, 07.08.25, 14.08.25 Stay and Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 28.08.25	Term Time Only	Baby Self-weighing 10 am-1 pm Under 1's Booking Required 07.08.25, 14.08.25, 28.08.25	Baby Stay and Play 10-11.30 am Non-walkers 24.07.25 Stay and Play 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years 24.07.25
Friday	Stay and Play 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 25.07.25, 01.08.25, 08.08.25, 15.08.25	Term Time Only	No Sessions	Stay and Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years 25.07.25 Baby Stay and Play 11 am-12.30 pm Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's

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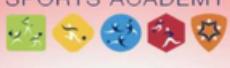
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