



Underhill School and Children's Centre

Newsletter



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Friday 6th March 2026

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a great half term. It's been a very positive fortnight back at school!

We all really enjoyed Design and Technology Week. Thank you again for bringing all the different recycle materials for the children to use. We were all really impressed by the children's design and making skills and then their evaluation skills. The children also demonstrated great teamwork: working together, helping each other out and sharing ideas. They were all very proud of what they made. We now have lots of bug hotels, bird feeders and wind chimes which we will use in our outdoor areas.

The House Captains held their House assemblies last Friday and did an excellent job. They discussed how the children are earning house dojos each day and set them a target of 3000 dojos for next week! They also introduced our new FRED reading reward scheme to the children. From now on, instead of collecting ticks, the children will be collecting tokens. Each time they read at home, they will be given a token for their house reading jar. When each house has collected 2000 tokens, they will win their reward. The children voted for their reward from a selection that the School Council had decided. Each house chosen Juice and Biscuits in the staffroom! Which house will be first to 2000 tokens?

Our Roots and Wings project is making steady progress. The open space upstairs in the KS2 building has been painted and we are ready to order the materials for the Pollinator Power garden in the front playground. We are also applying for a School Garden grant from School Food Matters to support getting our Kitchen garden ready for use. Once these two outdoor areas are ready for planting and maintaining, we are hoping that any keen gardeners among you would like to come along and support in any way you can. For example, we would love for you to come and help out during lessons or to come and use the garden during the holidays. If you are interested in supporting, please do let us know or send us an email at: head@underhill.barnetmail.net.

As part of Roots and Wings, we have moved on from our Winter theme of 'Planting our Roots' to our Spring theme of 'Branching Out'. We are going to be using the strong roots that we have developed this year to give us the motivation to challenge ourselves and grow as learners. The children have been tasked with trying new things with confidence. The children have come up with some great ideas such as improving their art skills, learning to box, becoming fluent in Japanese and joining crochet club!

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book day and it was wonderful to see so many of the children coming into school as different words. There were some very clever ideas! They all enjoyed the treasure hunt out on the field and this afternoon have been enjoying choosing books in our great big book give-a-way! We have also introduced our new Fred reward scheme so the competition for the first to 2000 tokens is on!

Next week is Science Week and the theme this year is- Curiosity: What's your Question? During the week, the children will be asking lots of questions and carrying out investigations and experiments to find the answer. We are looking forward to finding out what the children discover!

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles





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/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	96.1%	97.13%
Earth	96.12%	98.06%
Fire	93.91%	96.45%
Water	93.76%	93.88%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	94.1%	92.66%
1 Oak	94.66%	98.36%
1 Willow	97.58%	98.67%
2 Chestnut	95.47%	95.56%
3 Cedar	97.6%	98.22%
3 Yew	100%	99.07%
4 Cherry	97.73%	94.69%
4 Larch	92%	97.31%
4 Sycamore	89.23%	96.15%
5 Holly	97%	98.52%
5 Laurel	95.52%	95.93%
6 Elm	95%	96.84%
6 Hawthorn	91.56%	94.1%
Total	94.98%	96.18%



YEAR 4 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our year 4 girls football team put on a fantastic display of teamwork and determination at their recent football tournament at Christs College. The players supported each other brilliantly, with lots of enthusiasm and impressive skills. The tournament was an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We are so proud of our year 4 girls.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March	Thursday 5th	World Book Day
	Friday 13th	PTA Own Clothes Day and bring an Easter Egg
	Friday 13th	3 Yew Class Assembly
	Monday 9th- Friday 13th March	British Science Week
	Monday 16th - Friday 20th	Neurodiversity week
	Friday 20th	Year 1 Bake Sale
	Thursday 26th	PTA Easter Fair
	Thursday 26th	House Easter Egg Hunt
	Friday 27th	Break up 1:30pm
April	Monday 13th	INSET
	Friday 17th	Just One Tree day
	Monday 20th - Friday 24th	Assessment and Art Week
	Friday 24th	EYFS Bake Sale
May	Friday 1st	5 Holly Class Assembly
	Monday 4th	May Bank Holiday
	Friday 8th	PTA Stay and Paint Event
	Monday 11th-Thursday 14th	KS2 SATs Week
	Friday 15th	PTA Ice Cream Sale
	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd	Walk to school week
	Friday 22nd	5 Laurel Class Assembly
	Monday 25th - Friday 29th	Half Term

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

27.2.26 Colour matching in Blossom



The children in Blossom have been having fun colour matching and selecting colour for a purpose this week.

27.2.26 Caterpillars in Nursery!



This week in Conker Class, we have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children have really enjoyed exploring the story and learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. We talked about how a butterfly's habitat is different from ours. The children noticed that butterflies sleep outside on trees or plants, while we sleep safely at home in our beds.

We also had some fantastic discussions about food. The children compared what butterflies and caterpillars eat with what humans eat. One child thoughtfully said, "We use a knife and fork and eat off a plate. A caterpillar just eats from the floor!" We loved hearing their observations and comparisons.

In the art area, we made our own caterpillars. Our art focus this half term is printing, so the children explored different objects to print with to create their very unique caterpillars. They carefully chose different sized objects, making sure the eyes were smaller than the body. The results were colourful, creative, and full of character!

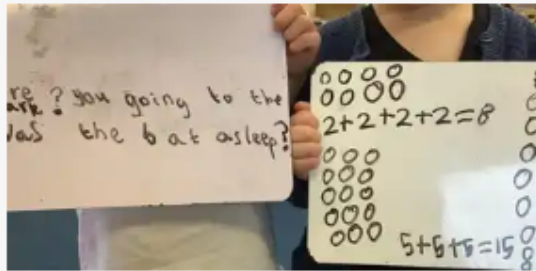
6.3.26 Mystery Reader visits Reception!



In Reception we have been so excited by the launch of a new initiative called Mystery Reader. Each week there is a knock on our classroom door and a surprise 'mystery' visitor enters which is often a mum or dad of one of the children in the class. It was lovely to have a Mystery Reader this week as we were celebrating World Book day and it was such a lovely story about a bear. The children also loved doing a book treasure hunt on the school field and could name all the different stories we found! We can't wait to see which Mystery Reader knocks on our door next!

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

13.2.26 A super week in Year 1!



We have had a fantastic week in Year 1! For Music Week, we really enjoyed learning about different instruments and performing for our parents. We were so proud to share what we had learned.

In English, we have been working hard on our sentence writing and improving our handwriting. The children are doing a great job remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths, we have been learning about arrays and making equal groups. We have been using practical resources to help us understand how numbers can be grouped in different ways.

In Science, we carried out a taste test which was both scientific and tasty! We explored our senses and talked about our results like real scientists.

Well done, Year 1, for all your hard work this week!

27.2.26 D&T week in Year 3!



Our DT week project is making bird feeders out of recycled materials. The children planned their designs and will be making them today, using either plastic water bottles, milk cartons or toilet rolls. Here is an example of one of their creative designs!

27.2.26 Grandad's Island in Year 2!



In English we have are reading 'Grandad's Island' written by Benji Davis. It is about a boy called Syd and his Grandad, whose house is through a gate at the bottom of Syd's garden and they go on a magical adventure together. The children have been writing descriptions of the illustrations using expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases.

In DT the children have enjoyed designing, creating and evaluating their own bug hotels using a variety of recycled materials.

6.3.26 Twisted Tales in Year 4!



Year 4 have had another great week of learning. In Geography, they enjoyed learning all about fairtrade and created their own posters to encourage this. They are really enjoying our English topic based around the book 'The Lost Happy Endings' and have been planning their own twisted endings for a well know fairy tale, we are looking forward to reading the finished products next week. They really enjoyed World Book Day and doing a treasure hunt around the field answering questions about popular books. In Science, the children are learning all about sound and have learnt all about how sound is made by vibrations!

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

27.2.26 A busy week in Year 5!



Year 5 have had a great start to the new half term.

*In English, we have begun exploring a new book, *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. The children have been identifying and discussing the different themes that emerge throughout the story and sharing some thoughtful ideas. In Maths, we have been focusing on division with remainders, building confidence in applying our knowledge to a range of questions and problems.*

In PSHE, we have been learning about the law. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a mock court session and re-enacting jury service. Many of our Year 5 pupils made very convincing (and quite strict!) lawyers and jurors.

To celebrate DT Week, we have been designing and creating wind chimes using natural resources and recycled materials, showing great creativity and care in our designs.

We also had a group of Year 5 pupils visit QE Boys for a creative writing workshop, where they represented the school brilliantly and produced some excellent work.

6.3.26 A visit from a Magistrate in Year 6!



Year 6 were lucky to have a visit this week from a magistrate. No one knew what a magistrate was before the visit! Tim is a local magistrate who sits at the magistrates' court in Willesden. We learnt a great deal about what being a magistrate involved. We found out that magistrates are not judges, although they do a similar job. Judges preside over the very serious crimes, whereas magistrates deal with crimes that are not seen as being so bad.

Judges have a legal background, but magistrates can from any background (they have a legal advisor assisting them in the court). Anyone can be a magistrate (as long as they are aged between 18 and 75) but you cannot be a magistrate if you have committed a crime, are a police officer/traffic warden/member of the armed forces or a member of the Royal Family. Magistrates are volunteers - which means they do not get paid.

This fact astounded us - we thought they would be paid up to two million pounds for all they do!

These are some other things we found out:

- magistrates have to be convinced 100% someone is guilty - if they are not, the person has to be found 'not guilty'
- three magistrates sit in a court at one time so there is always a final decision
- magistrates can impose fines, community service or prison sentences of up to two years
- magistrates and judges never use gavels - the TV shows lied to us!
- magistrates are vetted and only 7 out of 100 applicants get accepted
- magistrates receive ongoing training and even visit prisons so they know what they are like
- 95% of court cases in England and Wales are dealt with by magistrates, judges only preside over 5% of cases!



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	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 (including Childminders) Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ Stay and Play 3.45-5pm 0-5 years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT	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	Baby Stay and Play 1.30-2.30pm Non-walkers	Childminders 9.30-11.30am Registered OFSTED Childminders Only Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15pm 0-5 years
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	Stay and Play 9.45-11.15am 0-5 years Northside Primary School N12 8PJ	Childminders 9.30-11am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	Stay and Play 10.30-12pm 0-5 years Baby Massage 12-1pm 8 weeks-4 mths Booking required
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	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 years Shake, Rattle and Roll 10.30-11am 0-5 years	Early Words Together at Two 1.30-2.30pm 2-3 years Starts: 14.01 – 11.02 Booking Required Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11am Walkers Only Barnwood N2 Starts: 25.02.26	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
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	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 years Dance and Movement 10.30-11.15am Walkers-3 years	Stay and Play 10-11am 0-5 years	Stay and Play 9.15-10.45am 0-5 years Rhyme Time 1.15-2pm 0-5 years Hope Corner Community Centre EN5 2DY
Friday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 8SD	Baby Stay and Play 9.30-10.30am Non-walkers Baby Massage 10.45-11.30am 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking required	No Sessions	Boogie Mites 9.15-10am 0-5 Years Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2pm Under 1's

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



Children's Centres

BEYA

A Sure Start Children's Centre

BEYA Nursery School and Children's Centre
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Coppetts Wood

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Coppetts Wood Children's Centre
(based at Coppetts Wood School)
Coppetts Road, Friern Barnet N10 1JS
Tel: 020 8883 0248 option 3
childrenscentre@coppettswood.barnetmail.net

Newstead

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Newstead Children's Centre
1 Fallows Close (off Tarring Road), East Finchley N2 8LG
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childandfamilyhub-eastcentral@barnet.gov.uk

Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Underhill Children's Centre
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For more information about Children's Centre visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk/childrenscentres



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'Barnet Child and Family Early Help'

Baby Weighing Appointments

Underhill Please call to book	Thursday 1-4pm
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East-Central Locality

Healthy Start

What is NHS Healthy Start?

If you're pregnant or have children under the age of 4 you can get payments every 4 weeks to spend on:

- cow's milk
- fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
- infant formula milk
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

For more information and to apply to the NHS Healthy Start scheme, visit:
www.healthystart.nhs.uk
Or call 0300 330 7010
The contact centre is open
Monday – Friday, 8am – 6pm (except public holidays)



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A Sure Start Children's Centre

Child and Family Early Help

ESOL

English for speakers of other languages



Wednesday 12.30pm – 2.30pm
(Term time only)

Start date: 14.01.26

Booking required

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Entry is £10 (under 12s free), with just 100 places available. All walkers receive a goody bag and medal for completing the Big Barnet Walk.

Funds raised support Cherry Lodge Cancer Care, providing free support and therapies to local people living with cancer and their loved ones.

Sign up and help make a difference.

How to take part:

Date
Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2026

Time
9am - 12:30pm

Route
Darlands walk - start and end at The Orange Tree, Totteridge

To register
bigbarnetwalk@cherrylodgencancer.org.uk

For individual or team sponsorship please visit:
cherrylodgencancer.org.uk/ct/the-big-barnet-walk

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