



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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# Newsletter

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Friday 17th January 2025

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all having a good January and getting into the swing of 2025 after the holidays. We have all had a positive start to the new term and the children are back, working in hard and having fun!

As part of Team Underhill; Team World focus, the quest for this half term is Understand your Impact. We will be thinking about how we have a positive influence and impact on others, both with our friends and families, and also in the wider world. This week we are thinking about the power of the language and the words we use, and the effect they can have. We want the children to help each other to feel confident and positive, and have a good understanding of how damaging negative language can be on others. As you can imagine, your children are thinking about this in a very positive way and some really good conversations are being had.

Year 6 had a great trip to the Grant museum as part of their topic on evolution. It is a really interesting museum to visit and the children had lots to talk about when they came back! The museum is free to all so if you fancy a visit, follow this link for more details. <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/culture/node/7/about>

Our sports teams have been very busy since we returned with netball and football matches, and a basket ball tournament today. We have had some losses and some victories and the children have really put their all into each game. We are very proud of them all for all their efforts and more importantly their resilience when things didn't quite go our way. Go Underhill!

Underhill, along with other schools in Barnet, both primary and secondary, is supporting the national Smartphone Free Childhood campaign which you may have heard about. This is campaign that was started by parents to combat the damage that smartphones are causing to children's mental health and wellbeing as they grow. Our Parent Champion group will be meeting with Nova Eden, who leads the Barnet group in March and will then be arranging some parent meetings to discuss the campaign and how we can all support it.

To find out more about the campaign, please follow this link <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk> There is also a parent meeting on 23rd January, details of which are in the poster below. By schools and parents working together, we can really make a difference to the health and happiness of our children.

Have a great weekend,

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





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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 WB 6.1.25

House	Last Week	This Week
Air	93.89%	94.56%
Fire	94.11%	95.15%
Earth	89.87%	92.75%
Water	93.34%	92.72%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	97.7%	93.24%
Maple	94.9%	92.66%
1 Willow	90.8%	94.38%
2 Birch	88.3%	92.72%
2 Chestnut	89.8%	94.05%
3 Cedar	99%	96.69%
3 Hornbeam	92.9%	95.17%
3 Yew	91%	91.01%
4 Cherry	97.1%	96.49%
4 Larch	87.2%	91.02%
5 Holly	91.4%	95.12%
5 Laurel	94.1%	95.28%
5 Sycamore	90.7%	92.18%
6 Ash	94.5%	94.24%
6 Elm	96.3%	93.5%
6 Hawthorn	95.9%	94.73%
Total	92.67%	93.75%



## PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Supporting parents and schools in **BARNET** navigating smartphones and social media with children

A talk with Children's Mental Health Advocate  
and SFC North London Regional Leader  
**Nova Eden** and tech expert **Kevin Tibble**



Thursday 23rd January 2025, 19.00-20.30

Saracens School, Corner Mead, NW9 4AS



### NON UNIFORM DAY MONDAY 20TH JANUARY

To support the charity 'Hands Up for Your Hospital' we will be having a non school uniform day on Monday 20th January. The theme for the day is to wear something purple. (The children can wear red and blue instead as together they make purple!)

We are asking for a £1 donation that the children can bring with them on the day. All proceeds will be going to the charity.

We have included some more information about who the charity supports and a website address if you would like to read more.

Thank you for helping us to raise money for this wonderful cause.

Our services bolster the care and treatment patients receive from the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Free London).



By putting your hands up for your hospital, you can help us to deliver vital services that support the 12,000 members of staff and the 1.6 million patients they care for across our hospitals.

Many hands make light work. By supporting our charity, you'll be lending a hand to make a huge difference to your local hospital.

#### Why you should put your Hands Up! for your hospital

Our services directly improve the experience of patients and staff across our hospitals, but we can't deliver them without your support.

- Our support hub helps patients with long-term health conditions so that they can receive practical support, such as housing, financial and benefits advice.
- Our complementary therapy service (CTS) team provide specialised therapeutic massage to patients and staff.
- We deliver one of the NHS's largest and most advanced volunteering services. Our dedicated volunteers offer companionship to patients with dementia, help with mealtimes on wards, direct patients to their appointments and much more.

- 400 volunteers in our hospitals
- 11,000 patients treated by our CTS team in 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> Our support hub is the first of its kind in a UK hospital
- 17 pet therapy dogs

Read more by visiting our website <https://royalfreecharity.org/handsup>





## 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>

<b>January 2025</b>	
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY- School closed for children
Tuesday 7th January	Children back to school
Tuesday 7th January	Channukah assembly
Thursday 23rd January	PTA Movie night sing-a-long
Friday 24th January	Year 3 Bake sale
Monday 27th January	Holocaust memorial day assembly
<b>February 2025</b>	
Monday 3rd February	Design Technology week
Thursday 6th February	PTA Parents bingo night with fish and chip supper
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number day
Monday 10th February	INSET DAY - School closed for children
Monday 10th February	Assessment week
Monday 10th February	Book fair week
Tuesday 11th February	Safer internet day
Wednesday 12th February	Parents evening Year 1-6 15.30-19.00
Thursday 13th February	Parents evening Year 1-6 15.30-17.00
Monday 17th February	HALF TERM WEEK School closed for children
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Friday 28th February	Just One Tree day
Friday 28th February	Year 2 Bake sale
<b>March 2025</b>	
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



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

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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**Barnet**  
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**Child and Family  
Early Help**

**ESOL**  
English for speakers of other languages

Wednesday 9.15am – 11.15am  
15 January 2025 – 2 April 2025  
\*No class on Wednesday 19 February 2025

Booking required

Improve your English speaking, maths, reading,  
writing and listening skills.

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Mays Lane  
Barnet  
EN5 2LZ  
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**Child and Family  
Early Help**

**Makaton Meet, Sing and Sign  
6 Week Course**

Thursday 1.15 – 2pm  
Booking Required

An introduction to Baby Makaton  
Simple communication skills to help develop your baby's  
speech and language through songs and signing.

Age 6 months – 1 years old

At Hope Corner Community Centre  
185 Mays Lane  
Barnet  
EN5 2DY

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## **Barnet** A Sure Start Children's Centre

**Child and Family  
Early Help**

### Nursery Stay & Play



For children aged 2 - 4 years old

"Come and interact with the nursery teacher, staff and  
children once a month, for a fun packed session in the  
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04.02.2025, 04.03.2025 & 01.04.2025  
10.30am - 11.30am

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Please note, proof of your NHS ID will be  
required, to qualify for this discount.  
020 8954 8787

FEB HALF TERM 2025

Dates: 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
(18<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Times: 9.00am - 4.00pm

COST

Single day £34 per child

EARLY BIRD - 10% DISCOUNT!  
Book and pay by 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 to  
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DISCOUNT CODE: EBFEB25

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timetable of the sports available at each of our camps.

Camps will only proceed if a minimum of 10 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/credit an account. \*Please note, very ONE discount code can be applied to a booking.



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