



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Newsletter

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Friday 21st March 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've all been busy bees over the last couple of weeks and the children have all been producing lots of fantastic work!

Science week was brilliant fun and the children from Nursery to Year 6 carried out lots of different investigations around the theme of 'Change and Adapt'. From growing bean seeds to testing to the pH of different liquids using red cabbage, the children have really been using their science skills and knowledge to predict, observe and understand lots of different things. We love Science at Underhill!

Our Year 6 dancers made us very proud on Monday at the Barnet Schools Dance Festival. What a performance! Ms Sidney has been so impressed by the dancers since their first rehearsal. They have all shown real skill and dedication, and that enabled her to choreograph a routine that had real complexity to it. On the night they performed it perfectly! A huge thank you to Ms Sidney and a massive well done to all our amazing dancers!

Eight of our Year 2 girls went to a football tournament today and had a wonderful time. They were so excited to go and at the tournament all played their very best. They won some games and lost some others but they never stopped smiling! Well done to them all for such wonderful and positive attitudes and making it such a great experience.

Thank you to everyone who has been coming around to the Lost Property area to collect any lost items. We have far less lost property in school now and hopefully that is because everything is with the right owners. Do let a member of staff know if you are still looking for anything and we will see if we can help you find it.

We have had 2 class assemblies from 4 Cherry and 4 Larch over the last couple of weeks and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers coming to watch them. The assemblies were excellent and it is wonderful to see how confident and proud the children were to share their learning. A lot of hard work goes into the assemblies and it was really clear to the audience just how much effort and teamwork had been put in. Well done to year 4! All the dates of the assemblies are on the school calendar so do save the date for your child's assembly time!

A very happy Nowruz to our families who were celebrating. We hope you all had a great time with your friends and families.

Have a great weekend,

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed

Co-Headteachers

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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

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

7.3.25

House	Last Week	This Week
Air	96.16%	94.5%
Fire	93.97%	95.3%
Earth	93.55%	95.97%
Water	91.67%	90.63%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	95.9%	95.7%
Maple	92.5%	93.8%
1 Willow	89.1%	87.9%
2 Birch	93.2%	98.4%
2 Chestnut	97.1%	94.1%
3 Cedar	96.2%	95.8%
3 Hornbeam	94.2%	99.6%
3 Yew	91.5%	84.2%
4 Cherry	99.2%	95.4%
4 Larch	94.9%	91.5%
5 Holly	97.8%	98.7%
5 Laurel	98.7%	98%
5 Sycamore	88%	90.7%
6 Ash	92.5%	94.6%
6 Elm	91.4%	92.3%
6 Hawthorn	93.5%	95%
Total	93.69%	93.85%



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight ?

7.3.25 Lots of learning in Blossom!



The children have been having fun and doing lots of different activities to develop their emotional regulation and their attention along with their gross and fine motor skills. They have been learning about colour and made a colour monster painting together. It has been lovely weather all week so we have been enjoying our lunch outside this week. On Tuesday, it was Pancake Day and everyone tried some pancake!

14.3.25 Jack and the Beanstalk in Nursery



This week, Nursery have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children have really enjoyed the part where the beanstalk grew and Jack saw the giant. Each child was given a 'magic bean' and they planted them in small pots. The children are going to carefully water their beans over the next few weeks to see if they turn into beanstalks!

4.3.25 - Pancake Day in EYFS



This week, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. Parents have been so generous and donated different types of pancakes, which the children taste tested. Maple class voted for the pancake they thought was best and decided it was a scotch pancake though were split on if it was better plain or with honey.

This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate events from different religions, practice our democracy skills and begin to explore food technology within design and technology.

Thank you so much to our wonderful parents for helping us provide these fun opportunities.

7.3.25 A busy week in Year 1



This week, in 1 Willow, we have been very busy in maths, learning how to accurately measure objects using a metre stick. It was quite tricky to start but we did it!

On Thursday, we really enjoyed World Book Day!

The children looked fabulous in their World Book Day costumes and they all made some amazing book characters using a range of repurposed materials.



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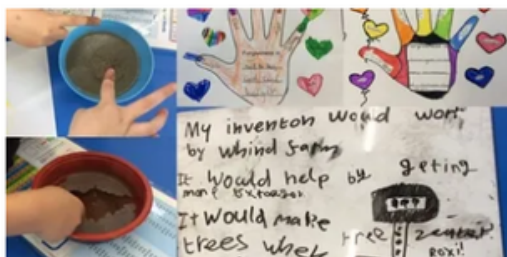
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14.3.25 Science and RE in Year 2



Year 2 have been immersing themselves in Science Week exploring the theme of 'Change and Adapt'. They thought about inventions that would change the world to help reduce climate change, and have also conducted an experiment to show how soap helps fight bacteria.

In RE we looked at forgiveness and made hands to remind us how important it is. We thought about the importance of showing forgiveness and helping each other to learn from our mistakes. We also thought about the importance of showing that we are sorry.

14.3.25 - Science Week and more in Year 3



It has been a fantastic week this week in year 3, filled with lots of learning and exciting experiments.

To celebrate this year's science week, we have been looking at change and adapt and the children designed inventions that would help the human race. Keeping with the theme of the week we carried out an amazing investigation looking at how red cabbage reacts with different chemicals.

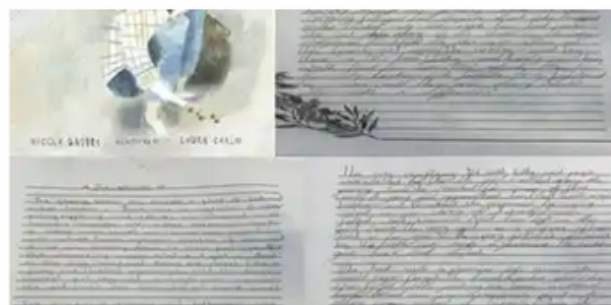
In English we have been developing our writing skills and we are writing a return narrative based on the story of Jimmy Button. For maths we have been exploring fractions, looking at wholes and parts and then applying this knowledge to help us divide shapes into equal amounts.

14.3.25 Writing in Year 5

7.3.25 - Story writing in Year 4



This week in Year 4, we have been reading the book, 'Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. Using the text as inspiration, we have been learning how to write twisted fairy tales. We have been looking at contrasting descriptions of evil and good characters. Over the next week, we will write a traditional fairytale, WITHOUT a happy ending! The children have so many wonderful ideas and we can't wait to read their twisted stories!



This week, the children in Year 5 have been writing character narratives inspired by The Promise by Nicola Davies. They've thoroughly enjoyed crafting their own stories in the style of the author, using themes of hope to guide those who may feel lost or overwhelmed. Although the stories explore some other darker themes, each narrative offers a glimmer of hope, reflecting the book's message of resilience and renewal.



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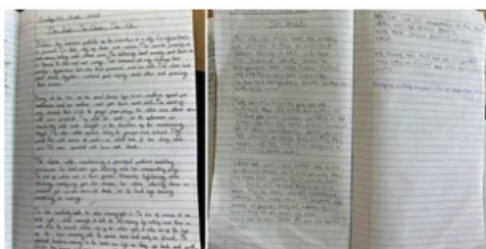
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14.3.25 Lots of Learning in Year 6



This week in Year 6 we have begun revising different areas of maths, ready for May as well as continuing our work on *The Way of the Wolf* and playing with circuits in Science for Science Week (Do YOU know what happens to an electrical circuit if you add more bulbs to an existing circuit?). Here are a couple more fantastic pieces of writing that were written up this week - look at the wide variety of punctuation we have used. Can you imagine the wolves playing and hunting as you read these texts? Now, we are moving on to create a balanced argument about whether wolves should be re-introduced to the UK in order to benefit the eco-system. Did you know wolves are a 'key stone' species - an essential part of the environment? Do you know what a 'trophic cascade' is? Ask someone in Year 6 to explain!

NURSERY

We currently have 3 year old nursery places available for Summer term 2025. Please use the following link to apply now - <https://forms.gle/8wGXvtJ9BZUhnHKT9>





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>

March 2025	
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
April 2025	
Wednesday 2nd April	Light it up Blue day
Monday 7th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 22nd April	INSET DAY - School closed for children
Wednesday 23rd April	Children back to school
May 2025	
Friday 2nd May	EYFS Bake sale
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Friday 9th May	3 Yew Class assembly 14.50
Friday 9th May	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 12th May	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 15th May	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 16th May	3 Hornbeam class assembly 14.50
Friday 16th May	PTA KS1 Underhill's got talent
Monday 19th May	Year 6 Residential to Cuffley
Friday 23rd May	3 Cedar class assembly 14.50
Friday 23rd May	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 26th May	HALF TERM WEEK
June 2025	
Monday 2nd June	Back to school
Monday 2nd June	Year 4 Multiplication check fortnight
Thursday 5th June	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 6th June	PTA Family Bingo
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics screening week
Friday 13th June	Ice cream sale
Monday 16th June	National sports week
Monday 16th June	KS1&KS2 Sports day 9.15am
Thursday 19th June	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 20th June	EYFS Sports day 9.15am
Friday 20th June	PTA KS2 Underhill's got talent
Monday 23rd June	Refugee Art week
Friday 27th June	1 Willow Class assembly 14.50
Friday 27th June	Ice cream sale
Monday 30th June	Assessment week



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Spring Term Timetable
06.01.2025 – 04.04.2025

Inset Days: BEYA – 06.01.2025

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

Caring for people, our places and the planet

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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External Adverts

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EASTER CRICKET COURSES

WEEK 1

MONDAY APRIL 7TH - FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

WEEK 2

MONDAY APRIL 14TH - THURSDAY APRIL 17TH

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Friday 25th April - Friday 18th July
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