



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Newsletter

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Friday 4th April 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so we come to the end of another term. This year really is flying by.

It has been a wonderful last couple of weeks and the children have all been having lots of fun.

We are so pleased that so many of you have been able to come and see your children performing in the Music Week concerts. They have all been working really hard on their performances and they were so proud and excited to perform for you. Thank you so much as well for all your kind donations. We will be able to buy more musical instruments for the school to further improve your child's music education.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA who have put together so many fantastic events this term. So much time and effort goes into organising these and we are so grateful. Yesterday's Easter tombola was a great success and we were very honoured that the Easter Bunny was able to take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us again!

Our House Captains have launched a design competition to design a logo for each of our houses now that we have new names. We think this is a great idea and hope that everyone has a go designing an exciting new logo for their house. The children can give their entries to us or their class teacher, or you can email the entries to the school office if they are done on the computer. The competition closes on Friday 25th April. Good luck!

We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all our families who celebrated last weekend and a very Happy Easter to those who will be celebrating in the holidays. We hope that everyone has a wonderful time with friends and families over the Easter break and have a well deserved rest.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 23rd April at 8.40am!

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

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

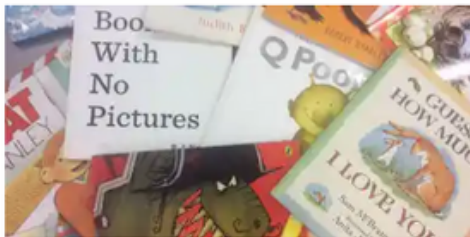
House	Last Week	This Week
Air	93.69%	90.47%
Fire	98.08%	90.13%
Earth	94.81%	86.76%
Water	91.9%	88.02%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	92.4%	80.93%
Maple	95.8%	89.74%
1 Willow	88.2%	84.92%
2 Birch	97%	89.71%
2 Chestnut	97%	89.11%
3 Cedar	94.4%	89.37%
3 Hornbeam	97.9%	87.7%
3 Yew	88.1%	77.18%
4 Cherry	98.6%	93.53%
4 Larch	93.4%	89.57%
5 Holly	95.7%	90%
5 Laurel	96.1%	92.81%
5 Sycamore	97%	96.97%
6 Ash	94.3%	92.83%
6 Elm	98.6%	89.25%
6 Hawthorn	91.7%	90.48%
Total	94.5%	88.79%



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight ?

4.4.25 Tummy time Reading in Nursery



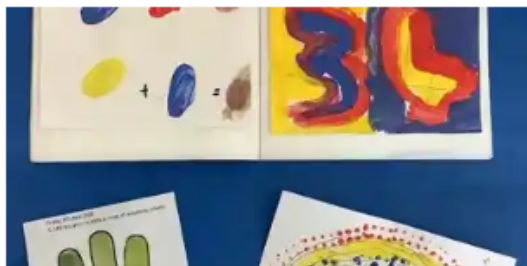
The children in Nursery love reading stories and looking at picture books. We read as a class every day and have a new story every week. Once a week we put on relaxing music and lay on our tummies for 'tummy time' reading. This enables the children develop their core strength which will help the children when they start to write.

19.3.25 Fruit kebabs in Reception



In the Reception classes this week, the children have made their own fruit kebabs as we have been enjoying the story 'Handa's Surprise' as well as learning about healthy foods. The children loved designing and carefully making their kebabs. Some children even made some repeating patterns! The best bit of all was eating them altogether!

4.4.25 Music Week in Year 1



It was music week this week and Year 1 did absolutely brilliantly. 'Dance Monkey' is now a top hit in our classroom and it instantly brings a smile to both the children's faces, and the staff. We were very proud how well the children performed to all the parents and carers on Wednesday!

We have been busy completing a sequence of science and art lessons which the children have loved. In Science we have been learning about animal groups, looking at their features and their diet. In art, we have been mixing primary colours and using several techniques to create abstract art!

28.3.25 Year 2 Out and About



We've had a fabulous week in Year 2, starting off with our local Geography trip to the Old Courthouse Park to record data on what plants and animals we saw. The children then enjoyed playing on the equipment. Thank you to the parents who came to support!

In Science, we were looking at patterns of growth and had some special guests from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to help us.

In DT, the children got to make their own healthy wraps as well as use a grater to grate some cucumber. Most of the children thought their wraps were delicious. We may have some future chefs in the making!



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4.4.25 Designing castles in Year 3



This week during English, Year 3 wrote a letter to Jemmy Buttons family, talking about his experience in the city and all the things he saw and did! In Maths, Year 3 have been working hard in maths and finding equivalent fractions as well as adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. This can be challenging and the children did really well! Look at the brilliant castles that Year 3 have been building! They used recycled cardboard boxes and made sure to include all the features of a castle.

21.3.25 Year 5 meet Helen Sharman



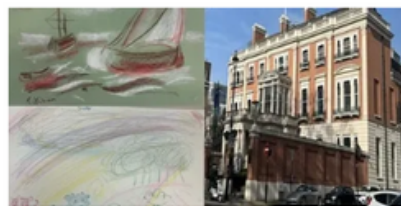
On Monday, our Year 5 children had the opportunity to attend a Zoom session with Helen Sharman, the first British woman in space. During the session, the children were able to ask Helen questions about what life is like as an astronaut, as well as the exciting future of space travel. The students loved her stories and insights, learning about the challenges and wonders of space exploration. It was an inspiring experience that sparked their imaginations, and they walked away with a deeper understanding of space and the remarkable journey of being an astronaut.

4.4.25 The British Museum with Year 4



This week, Year 4 has been finishing our twisted fairy tales. We needed to write a letter to persuade the witch to return the happy endings and save bedtimes across the world! We have produced some amazing letters that use persuasive language so well, Year 4 are sure to defeat the witch with kindness. Stay tuned for our published pieces. Year 4 also spent the day at the British Museum, where we saw the Sutton Hoo helmet and shield. During our history lessons, we studied pictures of them, so it was so exciting to see them in real life! We also saw many historical artefacts and even got to hold a Stone Age axe!

7.3.25 Y6 Visit to the Wallace Collection



This week, Year 6 visited the Wallace Collection. This is a publicly-owned collection of art, ceramics, furniture, clocks and one of the biggest private armoury collections in the country! Joshua described the house as 'grandiose' and it indeed was. We were welcomed by Marie-Therese who got us thinking about what kind of collection it was and then led us in some art sessions called "Landscapes and Seascapes". She made us take a walk into the picture and then explore different parts of the painting. We looked at how the artist used triangle shapes to draw us in and lead us into the picture. We used pencils and then chalks to sketch a landscape and then a seascape. Marie-Therese said her nickname is 'Quick Draw' as she gets people to sketch quickly. This speed made us leave our inhibitions and doubts behind us so we could focus on creating the art. After lunch in one of the school rooms, we had some time to look around the armoury where we looked at some amazing armour and weaponry. We saw an elaborate suit of armour made in Greenwich and a rare set of horse armour. We also looked at non-European armour and weaponry, including seeing the official regalia of the Asante people (in what is now Ghana). We had a lovely day, but it was impossible to see everything in the collection in just one visit. We highly recommend you visit (it's an easy walk from Bond Street tube) to see The Laughing Cavalier, Canaletto's and many, many more amazing works of art.



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YEAR 2 GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Underhill Year 2 girls football team recently showcased their incredible talent and teamwork during a series of matches against other schools. The girls won most of their games, proving they're a force to be reckoned with. Melissa scored in every match, helping lead her team to victory. The girls absolutely loved the experience, and it's clear that we have a fantastic group of players coming through. Big things are ahead for this rising team! Huge well done to Meltem, Melissa, Vihaa, Humeyra, Zenab, Muntaha, Zeanat and Nafas



YEAR 5&6 NETBALL

The Year 5 and 6 netball team had an outstanding performance in their recent tournament this week, dominating the competition and winning all their matches! The team's shooting was absolutely on point, with every player contributing to the victory. Their skill, teamwork, and focus were evident throughout the tournament, making them the standout team of the day. It's clear that these players are a force to be reckoned with, and we can't wait to see what they achieve next!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Our internal club offers went live on Arbor last week. Thank you to all parents who have signed up their children using the new booking system.

You can view which clubs you have registered for in the clubs section of your Arbor account.

Parents can view information for all of our external clubs on our school website here -

<https://underhillschool.co.uk/school-clubs>





DANCE FESTIVAL 2025

Huge congratulations to our wonderful Dance Festival troupe! They dazzled the audience with a high energy, jaw dropping performance of Footloose at The Arts Depot Theatre on Monday 17th April. The children were highly dedicated and enthusiastic during the rehearsal process and their hard work paid off in abundance! We couldn't be prouder of them, they were spectacular!



NETBALL BOROUGH PLAY OFFS

In an exhilarating display of teamwork and talent, our 8-member team played at Copthall School to take on the other league champions in an intense borough showdown. With heart-stopping moments, they fought fiercely, only to narrowly miss out on the borough league title by a single point. Despite coming in second out of all the Barnet schools, their dedication, sportsmanship, and sheer determination shone through, leaving an unforgettable mark on the competition. An enormous congratulations to; Griff, Jude, Ethan, Halle, Belinay, Scarlett L, Victoria and Nicole. Underhill's netball is thriving.





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>

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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External Adverts

Underhill School and Children's Centre

U12s OPEN TRIALS




When: Sunday 27th April and Sunday 4th May, 10.30am-12pm
Where: Bethune Park, London N11 3AL (Beaconsfield Road entrance)

For *girls* currently in Years 5&6. Scan the QR code or call Charmaine on 07495 572839 to register your player.



QUARTER-FINALIST CAPITAL GIRLS LEAGUE CUP 2025 / WEEKLY MATCHES
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PETER PHILLIPS CRICKET

HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 16



EASTER CRICKET COURSES

WEEK 1

MONDAY APRIL 7TH - FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

WEEK 2

MONDAY APRIL 14TH - THURSDAY APRIL 17TH

Working Mums and Dads? Early bird drop off and late pick up available!

Absolute beginners to established club players Everyone is welcome!

With fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities it's ...

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Our Easter courses take place at:

Finchley Catholic High School, Woodside Lane, London N12 8TA

For more information and to book please visit: www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk

Or call Peter anytime on 07930 44 55 66

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2025-26 TRIALS

SIGN UP NOW!



Sunday 27th April
 2-3pm U5 & U6

Monday 28th April
 5-6pm U7
 5-6pm U8
 6-7.30pm U9
 7.30-9pm Women's U18+

Tuesday 29th April
 5-6.30pm U10
 6.30-8pm U13
 8-9.30pm U17 & U18

Wednesday 30th April
 5-6.30pm U12
 6.30-8pm Girls U10, U11, U12 & U13
 6.30-8pm Girls U14-U18
 8-9.30pm U16

Thursday 1st May
 5-6.30pm U11
 6.30-8pm U14
 8-9.30pm U15

Starts 27th April

www.hmhiyc.org/trials-registration

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- End of term presentation for family and friends

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 Your child's first class is free, so why not give it a go? Classes take place all over, have a look online or call us:

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WOODY'S SPORTS ACADEMY



EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

8TH APRIL WEEK 1: **10TH APRIL**
15TH APRIL WEEK 2: **17TH APRIL**

>>> 10AM - 3PM <<<

£90 FOR BOTH WEEK 1 & 2 BOOKED TOGETHER
 BOOKING PRICE £50 (DISCOUNTED RATE)
 £5 EARLY DROP OFF 9AM AND £5 LATE PICK UP AT 3.30PM.
 £22 INDIVIDUAL DAYS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 1-7.

Our camp includes easter egg hunt, games, skills, drills and quizzes. **THURSDAY** is pizza lunch day! Children will need packed **LUNCH AND A WATER** bottle.

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APTITUDE TEST DATES FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Please read our [Admissions Policy and Procedures Document](#) which details our oversubscription criteria and our Aptitude Test process before registering for an Aptitude Test. Here is the direct link to the required website page <https://www.mhchs.org.uk/1591/sept-2026-intake>

Registrations for Aptitude Tests will open on **Friday 21st March 2025** and close at 3pm on **Friday 9th May 2025** in line with our [Admissions Policy Procedures Document](#).

Registrations for Aptitude Tests are to be made online via the Mill Hill County High School website <https://www.mhchs.org.uk/1763/apply-for-aptitude-tests-4>

Please note registrations must be **completed by 3pm on Friday 9th May 2025** late registrations will not be accepted.

Technological Aptitude Test - Verbal Reasoning and Abstract Reasoning

- Saturday 13th September 2025

Musical Aptitude Test

- Saturday 7th June 2025
- Saturday 14th June 2025
- Sunday 22nd June 2025
- Sunday 29th June 2025

Dance Aptitude Test

- Sunday 8th June 2025
- Saturday 28th June 2025

Additional dates may be added at short notice to meet the number of registrations received for any of the Aptitude Tests.

Slots will be allocated at the discretion of the school and requests for alternative dates and times will not be accommodated except in the incident of religious or medical grounds as outlined in the schools [Admissions Policy Procedures Document](#).

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OLD FOLD MANOR GOLF CLUB

EASTER JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

8th, 9th, 10th April
15th, 16th, 17th April
9am-12pm

£40 PER DAY
£100 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

AGES 4-16
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
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Old Fold Manor Golf Club, Hadley Green,
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Email joe@oldfoldmanor.co.uk to book!

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BACE Family Fun Day

East Finchley

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Join us for a fun-filled family Day to celebrate the Spring Holidays

This **FREE** event is perfect for families and packed with exciting activities:

- ★ Glitter Bar & Henna Tattoos
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Messy Play
- ★ Music & Entertainment
- ★ Lego and Arts & Crafts and so much more.

Plus, discover useful information from local services and activity stalls in the Borough of Barnet. Enjoy tasty snacks, lunch and refreshing drinks throughout the event!

Wednesday, 16th April 2025
 10.30AM – 2.30PM
 Tarring Road Community Hub,
 20 Fallows Ct, London N2 8LG

Hosted by the East Central Early Help Team & Barnet Parent Champions – come celebrate with us!

This event is free to families in Barnet.
 You can turn up or book a place: www.barnetyouth.uk

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