



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Newsletter

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Friday 14th November 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy couple of weeks since we returned from half term! On Friday 7th November, it was our fabulous fireworks night. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and all the volunteers and helpers who made Fireworks Night such a huge success this year! It was wonderful to see so many of you here, and great to see so many people from the local community as well.

On Monday, it was Odd Socks day, all the children were proud to show off their odd socks! We celebrated how we are all unique, different and welcome in our school. Odd Socks Day is the launch of Anti-bullying week and this year the theme is 'Power for Good'. The children have been thinking about how they can use their power for good by being kind to others and to show that we do not tolerate bullying in any form! This was summarised brilliantly in 4 Sycamore's class assembly today about Heroes and how it is the small acts of kindness that make the biggest impact.

On Tuesday, the children all held special assemblies in class for Remembrance day and we held a 2 minute silence at 11am. Thank you to everyone who has bought poppies over the last couple of weeks. We hope to have raised lots of money for the British Legion

On Wednesday, the Eco-Warriors visited the Everyman cinema to watch Ocean with David Attenborough as part of the Into Film season. Their behaviour was wonderful and they had lots of very interesting thoughts and comments about the film. Next week, there are several more trips to the cinema. Lucky Underhill!

On Wednesday afternoon, we had a visit from Steel from Gladiators. He visited all the children in their classes and then he delivered a fantastic assembly about the 4 key ways to be safe, happy, healthy and confident. He talked about his story and reminded the children about 1) healthy eating 2) drinking lots of water 3) getting a good night's sleep and 4) the power of a confident mindset. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and funding this for all the children!

The PE enrichment trips have continued. Last week, a group of year 5 and year 6 children went to a Boccia competition and had a great time. They really enjoyed the game and did Underhill proud. Yesterday, the girls' football were at a football tournament and really impressed everyone with their progress since September. They had a fantastic afternoon and are really starting to show off their football skills and play as a team with confidence.

And to cap off a fun-filled couple of weeks, we have celebrated Children in Need Day today and it has been a huge success as it is every year! The children have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the fundraising and show such generosity and creativity. Thank you so much to you all as well for your support. We will let you know how much we have raised next week!

Have a great weekend,

Nicola Hayles and Jennie Reed
Co-Headteachers





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/JK1N3J7hzy2FR1fJ6> 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	94.99%	95.38%
Fire	94.85%	94.15%
Earth	97.7%	95.79%
Water	93.94%	94.75%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	96.86%	97.65%
1 Oak	98.18%	94.33%
1 Willow	97.6%	96%
2 Chestnut	97.24%	99.25%
3 Cedar	97.64%	97.78%
3 Yew	95.22%	91.79%
4 Cherry	97.2%	98.22%
4 Larch	90.43%	85.25%
4 Sycamore	93.85%	93.59%
5 Holly	95%	98.81%
5 Laurel	92.5%	95.63%
6 Elm	98.75%	99.31%
6 Hawthorn	94.38%	97.92%
Total	95.5%	95%



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November	Monday 3rd	Be Bright Be Seen Day
	Friday 7th	PTA fireworks night
	10th-14th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Monday 10th	Odd Socks Day
	Friday 14th	4 Sycamore Class Assembly
	Friday 14th	Children in Need Day
	Friday 21st	Y4 Bake Sale
	Friday 21st	4 Larch class assembly
	Friday 28th	4 Cherry class assembly
December	Monday 1st - Friday 5th	Assessment week
	Thursday 4th and Friday 5th	Bull Theatre trip
	Friday 5th	PTA own clothes day; bring chocolate for the Christmas Fair
	Tuesday 9th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal AM
	Wednesday 10th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal PM
	Thursday 11th	PTA Christmas Fair
	Friday 12th	KS1 Nativity 2:30pm
	Monday 15th	KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal AM
	Monday 15th	KS2 Carol Concert for y3-4 parents 1:30pm
	Tuesday 16th	KS2 Carol Concert for y5-6 parents 10:30am
	Wednesday 17th	EYFS Christmas Concert 2:30pm
	Friday 19th	Break up 1:30pm



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BOCCIA EVENT

A huge well done to our amazing Underhill children who took part in the recent school boccia event! They showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. Team Underhill won an impressive 4 games out of 5, and we couldn't be prouder of their effort and enthusiasm. Well done, Team Underhill - you were brilliant! 🎉



UNDERHILL FIREWORKS 2025



A huge thank you to the following people and companies for their generosity and donating their time, goods, and money for our event. Without whom, it would not have been the success it was.

Winkworth - Advertising and £300 via the Estate Agent boards

The Rivington Print Group - for donating the printing our wonderful fireworks tickets

Waitrose - for their donations of bottled water, cartons of orange juice, and crispy onions

Trish Thomas-James - for loaning us tables

Dave Bellman and Anniina Limbrick - for loaning us long extension leads

Kinjal Wagh and Okiemute Leleji - for loaning us tongs

And finally, thank you to the amazing staff, parents, pupils and families of Underhill School, the dedication of the Underhill PTA Committee and its wonderful volunteers.



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Thank you!

Underhill School

For your incredible Harvest Festival collection in support of our Foodbank.

Your dedication and support will make a huge difference to the lives of local people living in poverty.

Victoria Miller
Foodbank Manager

Registered charity number 1163042. Registered in England and Wales.

What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

14.11.25 Remembrance Day in Blossom



This week, the children helped to make poppies for Remembrance Day on Tuesday. They then took them around the school to give out to people.

We have also been using emotion rag dolls and core boards to talk to the children about how they are feeling.

7.11.25 Firework art in Nursery



The children in Conker Class have had a very busy week. They have been learning about Guy Fawkes and bonfire night. We discussed how to keep safe around fireworks and what to do if we got scared of the noise. One of the children said 'you don't need to be scared of bangs, just put your hands over your ears.' We

watched a video of some fireworks and discussed all the lovely bright colours and sounds. We used the musical instruments to make firework noises and the children then made their own fireworks pictures using cardboard tubes and cotton buds.

14.11.25 Exciting art in Reception!

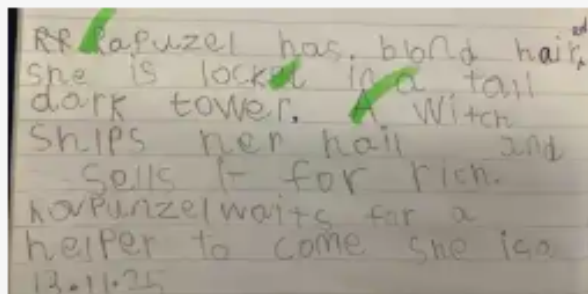


In Reception, the children have been exploring making mixed media art. The children experimented with spooning different coloured paints and glitter onto some paper in a salad spinner. After giving a very energetic spin, they created some amazing pictures!



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14.11.25 Brilliant Year 1 writing

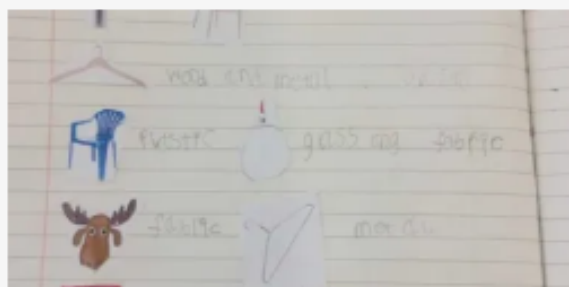


Year 1 have been showing off their writing skills this week in English by writing sentences about Rapunzel.

In maths we have been exploring 2-D and 3-D Shapes by naming and sorting them in different ways.

We really enjoyed our Geography lesson this week because we got to draw an aerial map of our classrooms.

7.11.25 Materials Science in Year 2



This week in Year 2 we started our new Science topic 'Materials and their Properties'.

First, we talked about the different types of materials that everyday objects are made of.

Then, we looked at their properties (strong, flexible, hard, soft) and why they were suitable for their uses. Finally, we looked at a variety of objects and identified what materials they were made of.

7.11.25 Year 3 Visit Discovery Three!



This week, Year 3 went on a trip to the 3 Discovery Centre in Angel. We had so much fun learning how to create digital music. We created tracks that included drums, guitar, keyboard and synthesisers all without playing a musical instrument! Some even went home and showed their family how to use it!

14.11.25 An exciting week in year 4

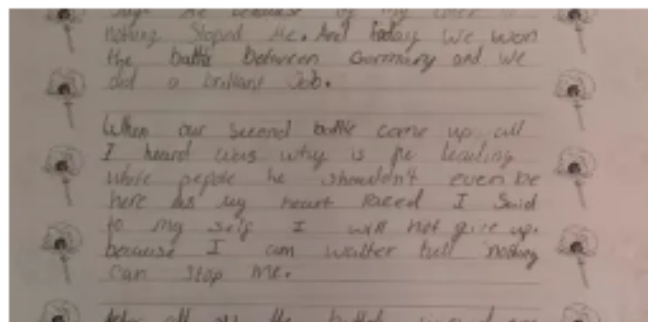


Year 4 have had another excellent week of learning. They have been learning all about multiplication in Maths and have been working on their 7 and 9 times tables. In Geography, they have been enjoying learning all about the layers of the rainforest. In science, children have been learning about electricity and what makes a circuit work. They enjoyed hearing about the discovery of the lightbulb! We have continued our learning based around our book 'Leaf' and the children have been coming up with descriptive language ready to write their narratives next week. Today has been a fun-filled day as they have been participating in a range of activities based around the number 25. This has included a danceathon and 25 star jumps and push ups! They also have been busy setting up and preparing their stalls.



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

17.10.25 A busy week in Year 5!



This week, we celebrated National day of Spain, where we learnt a bit more about Spanish cuisine, landmarks and its geography.

We also learnt about Salvador Dali and created some of our own surrealist work.

We celebrated Black History Month - Standing Firm in Power and Pride where we wrote diaries from Walter Tull's perspective about being a commander in the army or being a Tottenham Hotspurs footballer. We also published our literacy work of a Mission Log to Mars, we drew pictures to accompany our fantastic writing!

24.10.25 BHM in Year 6



This week Y6 continued with Black History Month and looked at the life of Walter Tull. He was a professional footballer for Spurs and then Northampton Town. In 1917, he was the first person of African descent to sign for Rangers! Sadly, he never got to play for them. World War 1 interfered. In 1914, Tull became one of the first professional footballers to "sign up" for the war and he joined the Middlesex Regiment. His leadership skills became clear early on and he was made an officer, becoming one of the very first non-white officers in the British Army. Sadly, on 25th March, Tull was killed in action in France. Like so many of his generation, he never got to return home. However, he has left a legacy as a pioneer in football and the armed services. On Friday, we also looked at the contribution of people from the Caribbean during and after World War 2. Our history work this term showed us how devastating the war was for Britain. We learnt how people from the Caribbean responded to the British call for help and not only served in the armed forces during the war, but also helped with the essential recovery after the war. Without the "Windrush Generation" Britain would not be what it is today! As Black History Month draws to a close, we remember and celebrate the heroes who shaped this country and who helped create a world where we stand together in pride.



External Adverts

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Free Child Car Seat Checks

Friday 21st November, 10am – 3pm

Asda Colindale car park
off Capitol Way, Edgware Rd, London NW9 0AS

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat safety checks to ensure children are travelling safely. A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be available to **inspect seats, fix errors and provide advice**, no booking required.

A check can be made on your child car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, we can also check they are seated correctly and safely.

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