



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Newsletter

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Friday 14th February 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the half term! It's been a great 6 weeks and the children have been brilliant as always: working hard and having fun every day both in the classroom and around the school.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the letter that we sent out about there being no planned proper crossing at Mays Lane/Leaside when the width restriction is removed. If you have not yet responded, you can find the letter from Barnet Council and the letter that we sent out, by following this link: <https://underhillschool.co.uk/information-%26-support>

It was Safer Internet Day 2025 on Tuesday with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. The children engaged really well with their learning and were able to tell us how they would protect themselves and their friends from online scams. We also did a pupil survey so we can find out more about how they are behaving online. We will then tailor their learning so we can cover any issues raised. We will also be sending a parent and carer survey out to you after half term. If you do have concerns about online safety, then we have information and advice on our website that you can see by following this link: <https://underhillschool.co.uk/online-safety>.

On March 4th, our Parent Champions will be meeting with Nova Eden from the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign to discuss how we can support children's mental health and well being by addressing the use of smartphones by children and young people. We, with many schools from across Barnet are supporting this campaign and you will be receiving a letter from the Barnet Smartphone Free Childhood Consortium today. Please do find out more about the campaign and if you have any questions, please do come and speak to us.

Our sports teams have been doing exceptionally well this term. Four of our brilliant Y5 and Y6 basketball players played in a Barnet Schools Basketball tournament last Friday and they won! The team will now go on to represent Barnet in the London Schools Tournament. Last night, our netball won their league and will now go into the playoffs where they will compete to be the overall winners in Barnet. Our football teams have also been doing brilliantly and have played in some tough matches, where they all played their best and made everyone very proud. Congratulations to all our teams for their commitment and hard work. Go Underhill!

Today was Yes Day at Underhill. The children collected 10,000 FRED ticks by reading at home everyday and today they have been celebrating. Thank you for supporting your children to read at home every day. The impact that it has on your children's progress is huge and enables them to succeed in their learning across the curriculum.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. It was brilliant to see you all. A special thank you to our House Captains who were very helpful, supporting at the Book Fair and escorting everyone to their children's classrooms. The Book Fair has been another great success and we will be able to buy some more fantastic books for our library!

Have a wonderful half term and well-earned rest, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February at 8:40am!

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

| House | Last Week | This Week |
|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Air | 95.6% | 93.36% |
| Fire | 93.72% | 94.03% |
| Earth | 93.21% | 95.12% |
| Water | 93.97% | 92.47% |

| Class Attendance | Last week | This week |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Beech | 93.2% | 92.3% |
| Maple | 99.1% | 97.1% |
| 1 Willow | 94.8% | 91.8% |
| 2 Birch | 93.1% | 96.5% |
| 2 Chestnut | 92.6% | 97.1% |
| 3 Cedar | 98.1% | 86.7% |
| 3 Hornbeam | 99.2% | 90.8% |
| 3 Yew | 87.7% | 85.6% |
| 4 Cherry | 93% | 95.2% |
| 4 Larch | 92.6% | 92.1% |
| 5 Holly | 94.4% | 99.4% |
| 5 Laurel | 97.5% | 98.4% |
| 5 Sycamore | 90.7% | 95.8% |
| 6 Ash | 94.3% | 96.3% |
| 6 Elm | 94.3% | 96.8% |
| 6 Hawthorn | 98% | 91.8% |
| Total | 94.13% | 93.74% |



YEAR 1 WORKSHOP

In Our Year 1 Willow class, we've had the exciting opportunity to collaborate with creative producers and the world-renowned author, Dr. Jacqueline Harding. Dr. Harding is currently writing a book, *The Brain that Loves to Laugh*, aiming to highlight the powerful connection between laughter, fun, and improved learning outcomes. Rachel, Katie, and Jacqueline visited our school and led two engaging workshops centered around the theme of time. The children learnt about clock faces, clock hands, and the concepts of "o'clock" and "half past." It was a fantastic experience—our students were highly engaged, had a lot of fun, and, of course, laughed plenty along the way!

YEAR 6 NETBALL TEAM TRIUMPHS IN RECENT MATCHES!

We are thrilled to announce that the Year 6 Netball team has achieved an outstanding victory in their recent matches, winning all three games with impressive scores!

1. 10-1 vs Danegrove: The team stormed ahead with a fantastic win against Danegrove. They showcased incredible teamwork and skill, dominating the court from start to finish.
2. 12-0 vs Christ Church: The momentum continued in the second match, where they delivered a commanding victory against Christ Church. Their defense was rock-solid, and the attack was relentless.
3. 6-3 vs St Catherine's: The final match was equally impressive, with the Year 6 squad securing a 6-3 win against St Catherine's. It was a competitive match, but our team's determination and strategy led them to another well-deserved victory.

A huge congratulations to our talented players - Griff, Jude, Ethan, TJ, Jayden M, Halle, Belinay, Victoria, Nicole, and Scarlett L - for their hard work, commitment, and sportsmanship. Their teamwork, passion, and energy on the court were inspiring, and it was clear that their dedication paid off!

In what can only be described as an exhilarating decider match, the team emerged victorious with a solid 9-4 win against Livingstone School.

Right from the start, the players brought their A-game, pushing forward with incredible energy and determination. Livingstone School was no easy opponent, but our team's resilience and focus made all the difference.

With this 9-4 win, the team has proven they have what it takes to compete at the highest level. The journey continues, and there's no doubt that this victory will be a highlight of the season!

We can't wait to see what's next for this exceptional team! Keep up the great work! 🌟🏆

GIRLS AND BOYS FOOTBALL

Both the boys' and girls' football teams have wrapped up a fantastic season. The boys finished strong in 2nd place in the league, while the girls secured 3rd place. The girls also made it to the quarter-finals of both cups, narrowly losing on penalties in one match and falling 1-0 in the other. After half-term, both teams will be playing for their overall position in the league, aiming to finish the season on a high. Their efforts so far have been commendable, showcasing incredible teamwork and determination.



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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REPORT BY JUDE JOHNSON

Pool Games

Game 1 Underhill 14 vs Danegrove 0

Game 2 Underhill 10 vs Barnfield 4

Game 3 Underhill 6 vs Martin 4

Game 4 Underhill 8 vs Danegrove 2

Game 5 Underhill 6 vs Barnfield 2

Quarter Finals

Underhill 10 vs Orion 4

Semi Finals

Underhill 10 vs Wessex Garden 4

Final

Underhill 8 vs Goldbeaters 2



The first game of eight started with Underhill versus Danegrove. A distinct and clear victory of 14 - 0 to Underhill.

The second game was against Barnfield, but the end score was a second win to Underhill 10-4.

Game three was no different, a difficult but fair game ending 6 - 4 to Underhill.

The fourth game against martin was 8 - 2 to Underhill.

The fifth game versus Barnfield ended 6 - 2 to Underhill, securing Underhill a spot in the Quarter Finals.

Our Quarter Final game was against Orion. The goals went back and forth until Underhill got a few clear, with the game ending 10 - 4 to Underhill, securing Underhill a spot in the semi finals.

In the Semi Finals it was Underhill against Wessex Garden. The score was, as luck would have it, the same as the previous match, ending 10 - 4 to Underhill - a splendid win! This meant that Underhill went into the final as firm favourites to win to tournament.

The final was against Goldbeaters. Underhill ended up winning 8 - 2. Everyone who participated received gold medals and a clean victory was claimed.

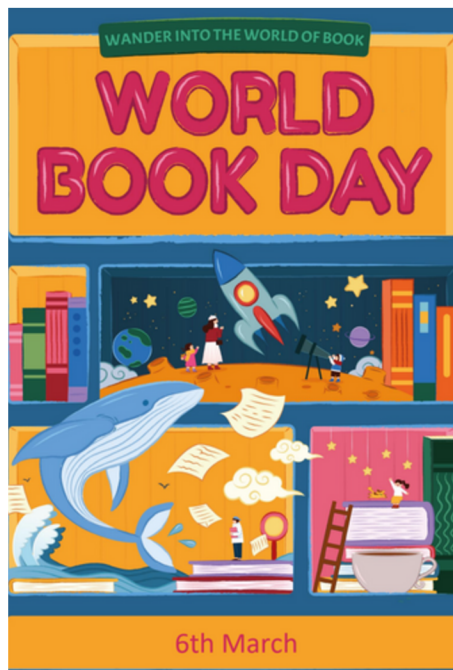
Our tournament victory secures us a spot in the County Youth games in April where we will represent the Borough of Barnet.

Go on Underhill!





WORLD BOOK DAY LUNCH MENU



MENU

*Lady and the Tramp Meatballs in
Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti*

*Mack and the missing Cheese
(Macaroni Cheese)*

*Jack-et Potato and the Beanstalk
(Jacket Potato with Beans & Cheese)*

*Can you catch THE Gingerbread Man?
(Gingerbread Biscuit)*

or

SALLY Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt



COUNCILLOR SURGERY

NEW UNDERHILL COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Councillor Zahra Beg LLB(Hons)



Im excited to announce that my new
Councillor Surgery will begin on
Wednesday 12 Feb 2025 from 2 to 3pm.

**Hope Corner Community Centre
185 Mays Lane EN5 2DY**

Thereafter, it will be held regularly on the
Second Weds of every month 2-3pm.

I am here to listen to you. This is your
opportunity to share your concerns, ideas
and suggestions or ask for support on
local issues.



BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers An Online Parent/Carer Training Course

A comprehensive **online** training and support programme for parents and carers of children
aged 6-19, with a **diagnosis of Autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

A 6-session online training course, covering topics including:

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents and carers an opportunity to meet each other and share
experiences.

Please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course.

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers Spring Term 2025 (Two). A 6-session evening course

Dates and times:

Monday 24th Feb. 6.30-8.00pm
Monday 3rd March 6.30-8.00pm
Monday 10th March 6.30-8.00pm
Monday 17th March 6.30-8.00pm
Monday 24th March 6.30-8.00pm
Monday 31st March 6.30-8.00pm

Sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/cuNZHsdSnE>

For any enquiries please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk with 'BACPAC course' as the
subject, thanks.



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ATOM LEARNING

We're pleased to let you know that Underhill School has been offered free KS2 learning and 11+ support to primary school children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

Pupil Premium Eligibility: You can sign up for your free Atom account by following this link:

<https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/primary-schools>

Non- Pupil Premium: In addition, there is a 5-day free trial of Atom available for non-PP families and you can also use the discount code: Underhill20 to receive 20% off your first month's payment.

All KS2 Parents have been emailed a letter containing this information however the letter can also be viewed on our website here in case you missed it- <https://underhillschool.co.uk/information-%26-support>



YOUNG CARERS



Is your child a young carer?

Is your child a young carer? Or do you think they may be? Barnet has over 6,500 young carers and only a small percentage of these young people are receiving the support they deserve. Caring roles vary and can affect many aspects of daily life, some of which are not always obvious to parents/carers. At Barnet Young carers, we offer a variety of support;

A one to one 8 week mentoring programme with a trained mentor.

10 weeks on line tuition in a subject of their choice/s.

School groups to encourage peer support and a community focus.

School holiday activities including theatre trips, workshops, theme park trips, fun activities and much more.

A mental fitness programme (for age 15+).

Barnet Better Gyms leisure pass with free swimming and discounted activities.

If you think your child would benefit from this support, please contact me on the email below. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or queries you may have. I am happy to help in any way I can.

Sandra.Langham@barnetcarers.org

<https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk>





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>

| February 2025 | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Friday 7th February | PTA Friendship Disco |
| 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 |
| 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 |



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Spring Half-Term Timetable 2025
17.02.2025 – 21.02.2025

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 & Play 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD | CLOSED | Baby Stay & Play with Self-weighing 10-11 am Non-walkers Stay & Play 1.30-2.30 pm 0-5 Years | Stay & Play 10-11.30 am 0-5 Years Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15 pm 0-5 Years |
| Tuesday | Stay & Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD | CLOSED | Childminders 9.30-11 am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45 pm Non-walkers | Baby Stay & Play with Self-weighing 10.30-12 pm Non-walkers Baby Makaton Taster Session 1.30-2 pm 6 Months – 1 Year |
| Wednesday | NO SESSIONS | CLOSED | Baby Massage 2-2.45 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking Required | Stay & Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15 pm 0-5 Years |
| Thursday | Childminders 9.30-11 am Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD | CLOSED | Stay and Play 10-11 am 0-5 Years Baby Self-weighing 1-4 pm Under 1's Booking Required | Baby Stay & Play 1-2.30 pm Non-walkers |
| Friday | Stay & Play 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD | CLOSED | NO SESSIONS | Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's |

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/childrens-centres
www.barnet.gov.uk/earlyhelp

Barnet
A Sure Start Children's Centre

Child and Family
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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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External Adverts

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- Improve Fitness
- Create A Fun Environment
- Maximising Football Potential
- Linking Football To Important Life Skills

Who Can Join?

- Boys and Girls
- Ages 7-11

What Do I Need?

- Any Kit & Shinpads (A Must)
- Astros Or Trainers
- Jacket (If Required)
- A Drink

How Much?

- £10 per session
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