



# Newsletter

**Be Curious**

**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Heads corner

Dear parent and carers,

It's been a great start to the last half term of the year!

Year 6 have been working hard on their writing ready to be assessed as part of their end of KS2 assessments. They have been writing some brilliant biographies about Ernest Shackleton and are really demonstrating what confident writers they are.

Year 1 and some of Year 2 have been doing the Phonics Screening Check. They have really made the KS1 team proud with their positive have-a-go attitudes. They have really made excellent progress. Thank you for all your support at home.

Year 4 have completed the Multiplication Tables Check. This is done to ensure that the children are secure in their times table facts before they move into year 5 and Year 6. It is a very fast paced test with the children only having 6 seconds to answer the questions and the children really impressed with their focus. Well done Year 4!

Some of our of our gifted artists from Year 5 went to QE Boys this week for a special Art workshop. They created some amazing abstract art pieces and had a brilliant time! The teachers and pupils at QE Boys were really impressed by with their talent!

Next week is National Sports Week and the children will be celebrating by participating in a variety of physical activities every day next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our children to be more active, try out some new sports and be coached by specialists in their field. Some children are also going to be partaking in sports such as tennis in a professional venue!

Please can you ensure children are in their PE kit everyday next week, as it's going to be an energetic 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@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

Please complete an Absence request form  
<https://forms.gle/JK1N3J7hzv2FR1fJ6> 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	Last Week	This Week
Air	94.74%	94.77%
Fire	95.4%	95.35%
Earth	93.46%	93.55%
Water	92.91%	92.9%

Class	Last week	This week
Beech	93.5%	93.6%
Maple	93.6%	93.7%
1 Willow	94.6%	94.5%
2 Birch	94.6%	94.7%
2 Chestnut	94.8%	94.9%
3 Cedar	96%	96%
3 Hornbeam	95.2%	95.3%
3 Yew	90.3%	90.4%
4 Cherry	96.6%	96.6%
4 Larch	91.4%	91.4%
5 Holly	95.9%	95.8%
5 Laurel	95.5%	95.6%
5 Sycamore	94.6%	94.6%
6 Ash	94.4%	94.5%
6 Elm	93.6%	93.5%
6 Hawthorn	95%	95%
<b>Total</b>	94.13%	94.14%



## **NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK (16TH -20TH JUNE)**



Our annual sports week is fast approaching! Children from Nursery to Year 6 will be celebrating and participating in a variety of physical activities every day next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our children to be more active, try out some new sports and be coached by specialists in their field. Some are partaking in their sport in a professional venue!

## **LONDON YOUTH GAMES**

On Thursday June 5th our exceptional Yr5&6 basketball team represented our local borough of Barnet. Our children competed against 24 other London boroughs and were a force to be reckoned with! Their extraordinary skills, resilience and teamwork were admired by other schools and coaches. We won the majority of our games but unfortunately lost out to a place in the semi's by a small margin (10-13). Overall we placed 8th in London.

Underhill have never represented Barnet in basketball and we couldn't be prouder! Huge congratulations and well done to Griff, Jude, Scarlett L, Bilal and Luis.





## What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

### Bug Hunting in Nursery!



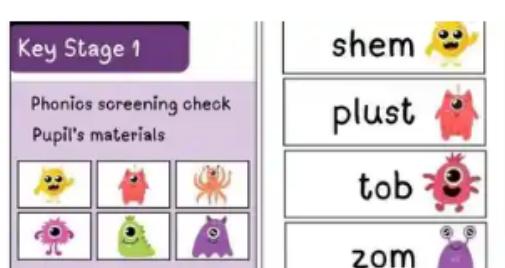
The children in Conker class have been enjoying the sunny weather this week. They have noticed lots of bugs visiting our bug hotel 'Buggingham Palace.' The children have used the magnifying glasses to get a better look at the bugs. Some of the children have discussed how to keep the bugs healthy so they decided to make sure there is enough water and leaves available for the bugs so they don't get too hot in the sun!

### Busy Bees in Reception!



In Reception we have been learning about bees this week. We have decorated pebbles to create our own bees and have been learning about where bees like to live and how they make honey. We even tasted some honey on some bread. We really liked it and we all think bees are brilliant!

### Year 1 Brilliant Phonics!



This week in Year 1 has been full of achievements and exciting learning! The children have completed their phonics screening check, and we are incredibly proud of how well they did – they've all made such fantastic progress!

In Literacy, we've been busy planning our paragraphs in preparation for our Big Write next week. In maths, we've been exploring the concept of sharing into equal groups, building our understanding of division. We've also been hard at work rehearsing for our class assembly all about explorers, which ties in wonderfully with our history topic.

### Year 2 visit the Science Museum!

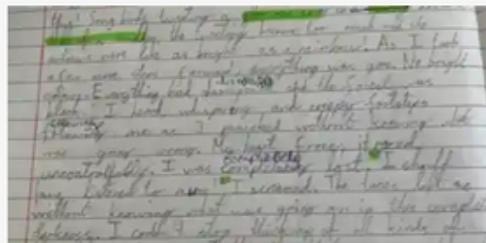


Year 2 have been busy learning about Monarchy this term and this week and how castles have developed. This week we had a great time designing and building our own castles!

The most exciting thing though, was that on Thursday, Year 2 went on a trip to the Science Museum. We had a brilliant time, exploring the Pattern Pod and visiting the Exploring Space exhibitions. The children's behaviour was fantastic and they all asked lots of fascinating questions. Thank you to all the parents who came and helped!



### Lots of learning in Year 3



This week in English, Year 3 have explored a lost narrative called *Into The Forest* by Anthony Browne. Next week they will writing their own lost narrative. In maths, Year 3 have been learning to divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number with remainders.

They are doing really well!

The children have also started their new Design and Technology topic which is 'Eating Seasonally'.

They have been learning about what fruits and vegetables traditionally grow at different times of the year. We are looking forward to doing some cooking using healthy fruit and vegetables!

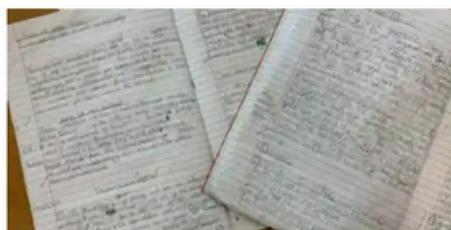
### Year 4 Times Tables Champions



In the afternoons this week, Year 4 have been taking part in the national Multiplication Tables Check. The thought of it was quite scary but when the children completed it, they realised it was just like TT Rockstars!

The Year 4 team are so proud of everyone for working so hard to practice their times tables, and for showing all the Be Words throughout the week! Well done!

### Year 6 Shackleton Biographies



### Year 5 Adventure Writing



This week in English, Year 5 have been diving into the thrilling story of *King Kong* by Anthony Browne. They have explored the mysterious Skull Island and uncovered its incredible inhabitants, from mighty Kong to ferocious dinosaurs. Building on this, next week the children will be planning and writing their own adventure narratives, imagining themselves as brave explorers journeying through Skull Island in search of one of its legendary creatures.

This week Year 6 have been focusing on finishing up their biographies of Ernest Shackleton ready to show the borough moderators on Wednesday: we know they will be impressed! All the teachers and support staff have been staggered by the amount of progress being shown by every single child. At the beginning of the year, we could never have hoped for such amazing writers. Year 6 should be very proud of themselves!

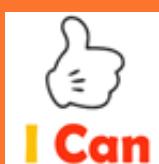
We hope to finish up our neat copies in the next couple of days so we can share them with each other. Ernest Shackleton led a fascinating life and some of the facts the children have researched are very interesting. Did you know Shackleton was the first person to take a car to Antarctica? Did you know he ran for parliament (and lost)? Or, did you know he had such a sweet tooth he always packed sweets on his expeditions? And of course, who could forget his determination to bring his crew home in the face of disaster? Our biographies detail his life - if you get a chance, ask someone in Year 6 to share their biography with you. You're in for a treat!



## 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>

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 Summer Disco
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics screening week
Friday 13th June	Ice cream sale
Monday 16th June	National sports week
Thursday 19th June	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 20th June	EYFS Sports day 9.15am
Friday 20th June	PTA Sip & Paint
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
July 2025	
Thursday 3rd July	Year 6 Secondary transfer day
Thursday 3rd July	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 4th July	2 Birch Class assembly 14.50
Friday 4th July	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 10th July	KS1&KS2 Sports day 9.15am
Friday 11th July	2 Chestnut Class assembly 14.50
Friday 11th July	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 14th July	Year 6 Production dress rehearsals
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 Production
Thursday 17th July	Transition day
Thursday 17th July	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Party until 4pm
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of term 13.30 finish





Summer Term Timetable  
22.04.2025 – 22.07.2025

Inset Days: BEYA – 22.04.2025

## Children's Centres

East-Central Locality

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### BEYA

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Monday

Stay and Play 9.30- 10.45 am 0-5 years  
Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ  
Stay and Play 3.45-4.45 pm 0-5 Years  
Brookhill Nursery EN4 8SD

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 12.45-2.15 pm Non-Walkers St. Margaret's Nursery school

Wednesday

Childminders 9.30-11.00 am 0-5 years  
St. Margaret's Nursery School  
Baby Group 10-11.30 am  
Non-Walkers All Saints N20 9EZ

Thursday

Outdoor Stay and Play 1-2.30 pm  
0-5 Years Hampden Way Nursery School N14 5DJ

Friday

Stay and Play 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years  
St. Margaret's Nursery School

### Coppetts Wood

A Sure Start Children's Centre

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 Stay and Play  
13.15-14.15 pm Non-walkers

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30 am  
0-5 Years

Shake, Rattle & Roll 10.30-11 am  
0-5 Years

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 Years  
Imagination & Movement by  
Performing Creations Dance  
Academy 10.30-11 am  
Walkers -3 Years Limited Spaces

Baby Massage 8 Weeks-Non-rollers  
Booking Required  
Baby Stay and Play 1.15-2.15 pm  
Non-walkers

### Newstead

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Stay and Play 10-11 am  
0-5 Years  
Baby Massage 1.30-2.15 pm  
8 Weeks-Non-rollers  
Booking Required

Childminders 9.30-11 am

Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45 pm  
Non-walkers  
Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED

Forest Play 10-11 am Walkers  
Barnwood N2

Baby Stay and Play with  
Self-weighing  
1.30-2.30 pm Non-walkers

Baby Self-weighing 10 am - 1 pm  
Under 1's Booking Required

No Sessions

### Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Childminders 9.30-11.30 am  
Registered OFSTED Childminders only

Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15 pm  
0-5 Years

Stay and Play 10.30 am-12 pm  
0-5 Years

Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30 am  
2-4 Years – 06.05.25, 03.06.25, 01.07.25

Baby Massage 12-1 pm 8 Weeks- 4 Months  
3 Week Course - Booking Required

Fun Toddler Circuit 11.45am-12.30 pm  
18mths-4 Years

Baby Stay and Play with  
Self-weighing 1.30-3 pm Non-walkers

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 ENS 2DY

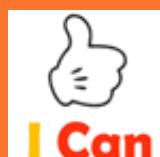
Boogie Mites 9.15-10 am 0-5 Years  
Infant Feeding Support Group  
12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's

Caring for people, our places and the planet

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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# External Adverts

Underhill School and Children's Centre

