



# Newsletter

**Be Curious**

**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers!

It's been a great couple of weeks back at school and the children are all very well settled and enjoying their new classes and teachers. They have been working hard and showing real enthusiasm for their learning as always!

This year, our whole school Big Idea is Roots and Wings. It continues on from last year's Team Underhill; Team World theme. At Underhill, we want every child to feel deeply connected and grounded—knowing who they are, where they belong, and the values that guide them. These are their roots: the sense of security, heritage, and community that helps them grow strong. At the same time, we want to give our children wings: the confidence, curiosity, and creativity to explore new ideas, embrace challenges, and take responsibility for themselves and the wider world. Throughout the year, we will be developing these ideas through seasonal themes or quests in assemblies, classroom learning, and special projects.

As part of Roots and Wings, we are developing and upgrading our indoor and outdoor learning environments. This is a big project and is part of a 3 year plan we have to be able to fully utilise all the amazing learning spaces that we have here at Underhill. To start, we have our new library being installed next week, we are also taking part in the National Nature Education Parks project and are developing Mini-Grow at Underhill. You can find out more about our plans on the website here: <https://underhillschool.co.uk/our-big-idea-for-25%2F26>. We will be asking for help and volunteers so watch this space!

We've had some trips and visits already this year. Year 6 were at the RAF museum on Tuesday as part of their WW11 learning. They had a great time and were very excited by everything that they saw there. A group of our Year 4 children went to visit the GROW farm at TTA on Thursday and had a marvellous time. They saw the chickens, went on a treasure hunt to find different vegetables and tried some freshly picked carrots and 'sweet, sweet' apples! We also had the Breck Foundation in to visit to teach the children more about online safety. It was a very positive day and we hope you have been able to watch the parent meeting video if you weren't able to attend the meeting. More about the Breck Foundation and online safety can be found here:

<https://underhillschool.co.uk/online-safety>

Last week, the children voted for their House Captains and Vice House captains. In assembly on Friday, the year 6 candidates delivered speeches to their houses in an effort to be elected. All of the children did brilliantly and we were all extremely proud of them. In Monday's assembly we announced the winners: Teddy and Rianah for House Earth; Violet and Kayci-J for House Air; Theodore and Charlotte for House Fire and Anik and Mila for House Water. Congratulations to them all!

Thank you to all the parents who came to our PTA AGM on Tuesday. Our wonderful PTA have more big plans for this year and the more people that can help out the better the events will be!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. It was great to see so many of you there. If you weren't able to make it, the presentations are on the website here:  
<https://underhillschool.co.uk/information-%26-support>

Have a great weekend,  
Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles





# 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	This Week	Last Week
Air	95.92%	95.64%
Fire	95.65%	96.54%
Earth	97.17%	95.57%
Water	95.34%	93.32%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	98.81%	95.51%
1 Oak	98.1%	98.99%
1 Willow	96.12%	95.18%
2 Chestnut	99.2%	94.51%
3 Cedar	95.83%	95.73%
3 Yew	97.35%	96.46%
4 Cherry	98.07%	95.26%
4 Larch	89.26%	91.2%
4 Sycamore	96.85%	96.15%
5 Holly	97.59%	98.85%
5 Laurel	95%	94.05%
6 Elm	96.25%	95.62%
6 Hawthorn	99.38%	96.48%
Total	96.06%	94.9%



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

### 19.9.25 Welcome to Reception!



In Reception the children have been settling in really well and each child has drawn their face and had a go at writing their name. Their wonderful work has been displayed on our Star Writing wall so that we can celebrate their fantastic efforts! .

### 19.9.25 Hola from Year 1!

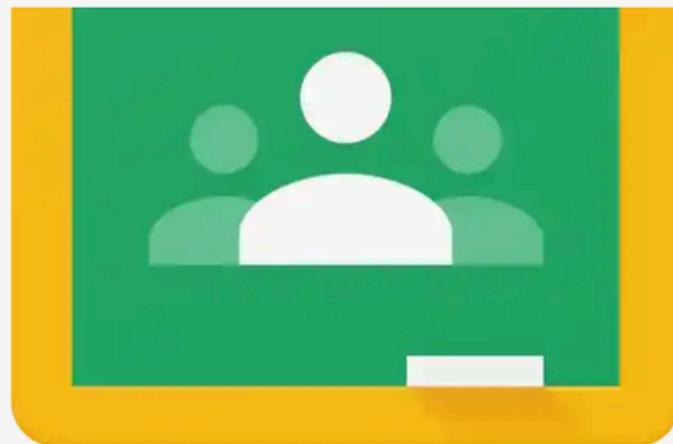


Year 1 have settled in really well to their new classes. This week, children took on the role of their favourite toy and wrote sentences in character - just like Old Bear. We are so impressed with their independent writing! We also had an exciting start to our Spanish lessons. The children have loved learning simple greetings and introductions and have enthusiastically been practising with staff and friends. Gran trabajo, ninos!



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19.9.25 Year 3 are on Google classroom!



For the past two weeks, Year 3 have been working on their computing skills and have learned how to log onto the chrome books and log onto Google Classroom for the first time! They have practised their typing skills - how to write in full sentences, using a capital letter and full stop. They all did very well on their first try!

19.9.25 Year 5 are off to Space!



Year 5 have been busy launching themselves into space in science, literacy and computing. We have begun to write some amazing narratives about landing on the moon inspired by our book 'When we Walked on the Moon'. In science we have been developing our understanding of our solar system. This included how the moon orbits our home, how many moons other planets have and as well as previous theories of our solar system. In computing we discussed transmission of information from the Mars Rover using binary code. In art we have begun to draw to represent movement and we hope to share some of our developing artwork in the coming weeks.



## FREE KS2 LEARNING

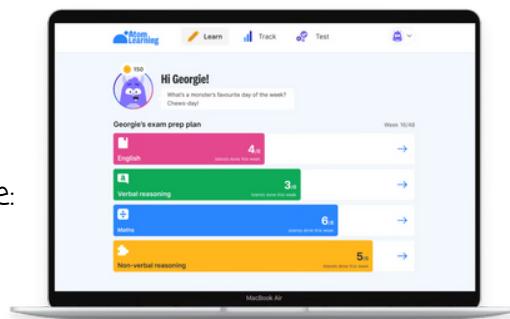
We work in partnership with Atom Learning, the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.

Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence.

If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the link below.

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

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available:  
<https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>



## FREE CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat checks to help families ensure their children are travelling safely.

Wednesday 8th October 2025, 10am - 3pm  
Tesco car park, Coppetts Centre, North Circular Rd, N12 0SH

A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be on hand to check seats, fix errors and offer advice - no booking required. Experts will check your car seat even if your child isn't with you – but if they are, they can also make sure they're seated correctly and safely.

## RECEPTION PARENT SCHOOL TOURS

We are now taking bookings for school tours, they will run every other Tuesday morning at 10am starting from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please call the school office to book your place on 02084492423.



Underhill School and Children's Centre

Autumn Term Timetable  
02.09.25 – 19.12.25

Inset Days  
BEYA & Underhill 01.09.25  
All Children's Centres 03.11.2025

BEYA	
A Sure Start Children's Centre	
Monday	Stay and Play 9.30-10.45am 0-5 Years Queenswell Infant School N20 0NQ
Tuesday	Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 08.09.25 – 20.10.25
Wednesday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years Baby Massage 12.15-1pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Baby Stay and Play 1-2pm Non-walkers St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT
Thursday	Childminders 9.30-11am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 9NT Baby Stay and Play 10-11.30am All Saints N20 9EZ Non-walkers
Friday	Outdoor Stay and Play 1-2.30pm 0-5 Years Hampden Way Nursery School N14 5DJ

# Children's Centres

East-Central Locality

Coppetts Wood

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am  
0-5 Years  
Parent and Toddler Yoga 10.30-11am  
Walkers - 3 Years  
Baby Massage 2-2.45pm  
8 Weeks - Non rollers  
Booking required

Stay and Play 9.45-11.15am  
0-5 Years  
Northside Primary School N12 8PJ  
Baby Stay and Play 1.15-2.15pm  
Non-walkers

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am  
0-5 Years  
Shake, Rattle and Roll 10.30-11am  
0-5 Years

Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am  
0-5 Years  
Dance and Movement 10.30-11am  
Walkers-3 Years  
Baby Massage 11.30-12.15pm  
8 Weeks-Non-rollers  
Booking required

Perinatal Mums Group 11-12.30pm  
6 Week Course  
Booking required  
Baby Stay and Play  
1.15-2.15pm  
Non-walkers

Newstead

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Baby Massage 2-2.45pm  
8 Weeks-Non-rollers  
Booking Required

Childminders 9.30-11am  
Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm  
Non-walkers  
Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED

Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11am  
Walkers Only  
Barnwood N2 8LG

Stay and Play 10-11am  
0-5 Years  
Under 1's

No Sessions

Underhill

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Childminders 9.30-11.30am  
Registered OFSTED Childminders

Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15pm  
0-5 Years

Stay and Play 10.30-12pm  
0-5 Years  
Nursery Stay and Play 10.30-11.30 am  
2-4 Years-01.10.25, 04.11.25 & 03.12.25  
Baby Massage 12-1 pm  
8 Weeks-4 Months  
Booking required

Fun Toddler Circuit 12-12.45pm  
18 Months-4 Years  
Baby Stay and Play 1.30-3pm  
Non-walkers

Stay and Play 9.15-10.45am  
0-5 Years  
Rhyme Time 1.15-2pm  
0-5 Years Hope Corner Community Centre EN5 2DY  
Baby Weighing appointments  
1 - 4pm, Under 1's Booking Required

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

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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## Baby Weighing for babies under 1 year

Please contact the Children's Centre on details below to book a convenient time to weigh your baby.

Silkstream Children's Centre  
Silkstream Road, Edgware, HA8 0DA  
Tel: 020 8905 7605  
e: SilkstreamCC@barnet.gov.uk  
Tuesdays: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Parkfield Children's Centre  
44 Park Road, Hendon, NW4 3PS  
Tel: 020 8359 3590  
e: Childandfamilyhub-south@barnet.gov.uk  
Wednesday: 9am - 12pm

Underhill Children's Centre  
Mays Lane, Barnet, EN5 2LZ  
Tel: 020 8449 2423 ext 206  
e: info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net

Thursday: 1pm - 4pm

Scan the QR code to find your nearest Children Centre.

Health Visiting assistants can support with weighing your baby and recording this in the red book but they are not trained to give health advice. If you require advice around your baby's health or development please contact the Health Visiting service using the details below. Please contact your GP or 111 if you require medical advice.

Contact your Health Visiting Service  
Telephone: 0207 288 3211  
Email: hcp.4barnet@nhs.net  
Website: [www.whittington.nhs.uk/BarnetHCP](http://www.whittington.nhs.uk/BarnetHCP)



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**I Can**

**We Can**



## Barnet

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Child and Family  
Early Help

ESOL

English for speakers of other languages



Wednesday 12.15pm – 2.15pm

17 September 2025 – 10 December 2025

\*No class on Wednesday 29 October 2025

Booking required  
Email: [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net)

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Underhill School & Children's Centre  
Mays Lane  
Barnet  
EN5 2LZ  
Tel: 020 8449 2423 Ext 206  
Email: [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net)



[www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/childrens-centres](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/directories/childrens-centres)  
[www.barnet.gov.uk/earlyhelp](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/earlyhelp)





# External Adverts

Underhill School and Children's Centre



**GET INVOLVED!**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm  
All ages welcome

**Finchley Rugby Club Girls Activity Day**

Tag rugby | England Rugby prizes  
Games | Food | Creative activities

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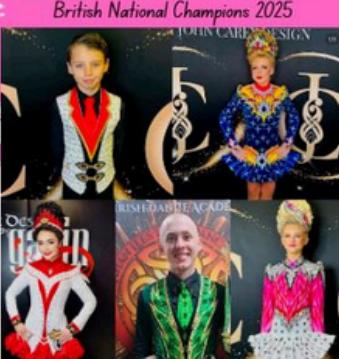
Now enrolling for the new term  
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All of your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them

**Theme: "Won't you be my friend"**  
(The Parable of the Good Samaritan)

**ACTIVITIES** **STORY** **GAMES**  
Ages: Y1 - Y4

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
4 - 6pm

Parent/Carer/Adult has to remain with the child/children  
The afternoon will conclude with a sit down meal for the children

**BOOKING:** 

**St John the Baptist Church**  
Junction of High Street & Wood Street, EN5 4BW  
www.barnetparishchurch.org.uk  
 barnetparishchurch  sjb.barnet.church

