



Underhill School and Children's Centre



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Newsletter

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Friday 3rd October 2025

Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very busy week with lots of trips and exciting learning. You can find out more on our curriculum page on the website! <https://underhillschool.co.uk/our-curriculum-in-action-1>

Wednesday 1st October saw the beginning of Black History Month. The children have been going on a 'treasure hunt' around the school to look for our BHM posters, introducing important figures in British history. They have then been doing further research about their lives and the impact that they have had to different aspects of our society.

As part of Roots and Wings, in last week's assembly, we started to think about biodiversity and how we can increase biodiversity at Underhill. The children have been thinking of some fantastic ways that we can turn some of our grey spaces green, and enhance and increase the different habitats at Underhill. Gardening Club and our Eco Warriors have been doing some habitat surveys and our next steps will be to record these on a digital map, and then we can start planning!

Our school council have been busy planning Harvest Festival collections next week and organising the delivery of the donations to the local food bank and Little Larkins. The children have also been practising their harvest songs in assembly and are looking forward to celebrating in our singing assemblies next week. Thank you in advance for all your donations!

We have some great news about attendance. Since coming back in September, we have had some of our best attendance figures for some time and several classes have had 100% attendance. Well done to all our attendance heroes!

Have a great weekend,
Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles





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	97.04%	97.75%
Fire	96.87%	96.13%
Earth	96.19%	97.75%
Water	91.81%	95.04%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	92.86%	97.65%
1 Oak	96.36%	97.47%
1 Willow	96.92%	95.73%
2 Chestnut	97.41%	99.19%
3 Cedar	96.54%	96.15%
3 Yew	99.12%	99.52%
4 Cherry	95.31%	96.71%
4 Larch	96.67%	94.44%
4 Sycamore	91.12%	96.52%
5 Holly	98.97%	98.85%
5 Laurel	93.21%	93.73%
6 Elm	96.88%	94.44%
6 Hawthorn	95.63%	98.96%
Total	95.36%	96.74%



RAF MUSEUM TRIP

On the 16th of September, Year 6 went on their first trip of the new school year. We went to the RAF Museum near Colindale to gain a better understanding of The Battle of Britain and the part the RAF played during World War Two. This was to complement work on WW2 in History. Everyone was very excited to see the planes and imagine them soaring through the skies. We saw so many planes including the legendary Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster Bomber! It certainly gave us a better understanding of how the Battle of Britain was won.



*DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

October	All month	Black History Month
	Friday 3rd	6 Elm class assembly
	Friday 10th	6 Hawthorn class assembly
	Friday 10th	PTA uniform sale after school
	Monday 13th	Dia Espanol
	Thursday 16th	Flu Vaccinations Rec-Yr6
	Friday 17th	Year 5 Bake sale
	Monday 20th	INSET
	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th	Assessment week
	Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th	Scholastic Book Fair
	Wednesday 22nd	Y1-6 Parents' Evening 3:30-7pm
	Thursday 23rd	Y1-6 Parents Evening 3:30-5pm
	Friday 24th	PTA Break the Rules Day and sing-a-long movie night.
	Monday 27th-Friday 31st	Half term
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



What's been happening at Underhill this fortnight?

2.10.25 Reception self portraits!



The children in Beech class have been looking at themselves carefully in the mirror and then choosing the paint stick colours to match their skin tone, eye colour and hair colour in order to create their very own self portrait. We have displayed these in our classroom and have been learning about how unique and precious we are even though we are all different.

3.10.25 A busy week in Year 1!



We have had such a fantastic week of learning in Year 1. In English we have been looking at our sentence structure and rewriting the story of Bramwell Brown and his pals saving Old Bear from the attic. In maths we have been looking at comparing numbers and using key vocabulary such as less than, greater than and equal to. In history, we have been looking at our own personal time lines and this week we looked at our people from the past celebrated their birthdays.

25.9.25 Nursery welcomes the autumn!



The children in Conker class have been looking for signs of Autumn this week. They went on the field to look for leaves, sticks and acorns. The children were very excited to see lots of squirrels and birds as well. We saw lots of different coloured leaves and one child told us 'leaves go very yellow and fall to the ground in the Autumn.' I asked the children what sound the leaves made when they stepped on them and the children came up with the words scrunchy, crispy and loud. We managed to collect a lot of acorns but decided to make sure there were enough left for the squirrels to eat.



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25.9.25 KS1 go the Little Angel Theatre



Year 1 and year 2 and a wonderful time at the Little Angel Puppet Theatre on Friday. They watched a production of We're Going on a Bear Hunt and were amazed by the creativity and the wonderful way that the puppets were used to tell the story. Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour and thank you so much to all our parents and carers who came and helped!

25.9.25 A busy week in Year 4!



Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning. We have finished our setting narrative writing from our book 'The Whale' and we are so impressed at the lovely vocabulary used by the children. In History, we have been learning all about children in Victorian times and the different jobs they had to do. We have also been learning all about teeth in Science and this week we became biologists and were trying to work which animals were herbivores, omnivores and carnivores by looking at their teeth. The children enjoyed doing this and finding out about lots of different animals!

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A Sure Start Children's Centre

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Autumn Term Timetable

02.09.25 – 19.12.25

Inset Days

BEYA & Underhill 01.09.25

All Children's Centres 03.11.2025

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 and Play 9.30-10.45am 0-5 Years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ Stay and Play 3.45-4.45pm 0-5 years Brookhill Nursery School EN4 8SD 08.09.25 – 20.10.25	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	Baby Massage 2-2.45pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers Booking Required	Childminders 9.30-11.30am Registered OFSTED Childminders Boogie Mites 1.30-2.15pm 0-5 Years
Tuesday	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	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	Childminders 9.30-11am Baby Rhyme Time 1-1.45pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	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
Wednesday	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	Stay and Play 9.15-10.30am 0-5 Years Shake, Rattle and Roll 10.30-11am 0-5 Years	Outdoor Stay and Play 10-11am Walkers Only Barnwood N2 8LG	Fun Toddler Circuit 12-12.45pm 18 Months-4 Years Baby Stay and Play 1.30-3pm Non-walkers
Thursday	Outdoor Stay and Play 1-2.30pm 0-5 Years Hampden Way Nursery School N14 5DJ	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	Stay and Play 10-11am 0-5 Years Under 1's	Stay and Play 9.15-10.45am 0-5 Years Rhyme Time 1.15-2pm 0-5 Years Hope Corner Community Centre ENS 2DY Baby Weighing appointments 1-4pm, Under 1's Booking Required
Friday	Stay and Play 9.30-11am 0-5 Years St Margaret's Nursery School EN4 8SD	Perinatal Mums Group 11-12.30pm 6 Week Course Booking required Baby Stay and Play 1.15-2.15pm Non-walkers	No Sessions	Boogie Mites 9.15-10am 0-5 Years Infant Feeding Support Group 12.30-2.30pm Under 1's

Caring for people, our places and the planet

Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



Barnet well baby clinic

For children aged 0-5 years. Clinic available by appointment only

South Barnet

Child's Hill Clinic
NW2 2NJ

Thursdays: 9:30am - 12:30pm

West Barnet

Unitas, Barnet Youth Zone

HA8 0DT

Mondays: 09:30am - 12:30pm

East Barnet

Vale Drive Health Centre

EN5 2ED

Tuesdays: 9:30am - 12:30pm

(1:30pm - 3:30pm last Tue of month)

Contact Us

Telephone: 0207 288 3211

Email: hcp.4barnet@nhs.net

Website: www.whittington.nhs.uk/BarnetHCP

Or simply scan this QR code using your phone camera and click on the link that appears to visit our website.



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Barnet Infant Feeding Support Service

Free and friendly infant feeding support across Barnet. The team is highly qualified and supportive. Contact us for support, or come along to one of our drop-ins.

Non-judgmental support for all types of infant feeding.
No question, or baby, is too big or too small!

Monday

Child's Hill Children's Centre

NW2 1 HY

By appointment only

Tuesday

Bell Lane Children's Centre

NW4 2AS

Drop-in (from 23 September):

12:30-14:00, term time only

No appointment necessary

Friday

Newstead Children's Centre

N2 8LG

By appointment only

Tuesday

Newstead Children's Centre

N2 8LG

Drop-in (from 23 September):

12:00-13:30, term time only

No appointment necessary

Wednesday

Silkstream Children's Centre

HA8 0DA

By appointment only

Friday

Underhill Children's Centre

EN5 2LZ

Drop-in: 12:30-14:30

No appointment necessary

Contact the Barnet Health Visiting Team for more information, support, or to make an appointment:

Telephone: 0207 288 3211

Email: hcp.4b.bfsupportteam@nhs.net

Website: www.whittington.nhs.uk/BarnetHCP



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I Can



You Can



We Can



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External Adverts

🎃 PUMPKIN TIME IS COMING! 🍂

On Saturday 25 October we're hosting our annual mini autumn celebration on the GROW farm, 10am-2pm, and we'd love you to come along.

🌟 Pick your own agroecologically-grown pumpkin from our polytunnels (we've grown over 8 beautiful varieties this year - all chemical-free, and delicious in their different ways!)

🔥 Cosy up round the fire with a bowl of homemade soup, fresh bread & treacly bakes made by our volunteers.

🌱 Join an agroecological farm tour with our Farm Manager, Chris & Senior Grower, Marta, swap seeds, share growing tips & pumpkin recipes.

🌻 Buy seasonal produce from our stall - flowers, veggies, pickles, and more to take home.

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Bring the kids! We'll have family-friendly activities running throughout the day.

This will also be your last chance to visit a GROW farm event this year - the perfect way to mark the end of the season, connect with the community, and enjoy the turning of the year.

💎 FREE tickets available now: wearegrow.org/events
(Pay for pumpkins & food on the day)

GROW PUMPKIN TIME

Explore the farm & pick your agroecologically grown pumpkin!

WHEN?
Sat 25 October
10am-2pm

WHAT?
Farm tours, homemade soup, fire pit, seed-swap, kid's activities, seasonal produce & pumpkin collection.

EVERYBODY welcome.
Solidarity pricing available.

FREE tickets!
wearegrow.org/events to book.

The GROW Farm at The Totteridge Academy, N20 8AZ

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MONDAY OCTOBER 27TH TO FRIDAY 31ST

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Absolute beginners to established club players ...

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