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# Newsletter

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Friday 16th May 2025

## Heads corner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well and have had a good couple of weeks.

We've been very busy at Underhill, working hard and having lots of fun.

The PTA have been very busy, organising the year group cake sales, and we are all very happy that the PTA Ice Cream shop has returned! Tonight, they are holding a Sing-a-Long screening of Moana, which we know is going to be a great night. Thank you so much to all our PTA members and helpers for making all of these events possible!

We had a wonderful day last Thursday, learning about and celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children all looked so wonderful in their fancy dress and they really enjoyed learning about this very important time in history, along with enjoying games, music and dance from the 1940s. Thank you for your support in making this such a great day. It was described by some children as the 'best day ever!'.

This has been a big week for Year 6 as they undertook their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. We could not be prouder of how hard they worked and the determination and focus that they demonstrated in every one of the tests. They all really tried their best. A huge well done to all of our wonderful year 6 children. And now it is time for the all the excitement of school trips, school journey, Enterprise week, the Y6 production and getting ready to move to their new secondary schools!

We finish our newsletter today with some sadder news. Joe Ephgrave, our KS1 Lead and 2 Chestnut class teacher has successfully secured himself a Deputy Headship at a school in Essex, and will be leaving Underhill at the end of this half term. In addition, Clare Smith, who works as one of our Teaching Assistants in Year 2, is also leaving us at half term as she has decided to retire. Both have been at Underhill for some years and we are really going to miss them very much. We would like to say a huge thank you to both Mr E and Clare for all the amazing work that they have done whilst at Underhill and we know you will join us in wishing them every success in the future!

Have a great weekend!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles





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# 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

## 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

7.3.25

House	Last Week	This Week
Air	95.88%	97.04%
Fire	95.98%	98.61%
Earth	94.7%	95.04%
Water	92.96%	95.13%

Class Attendance	Last week	This week
Beech	95.3%	97.5%
Maple	94.2%	98.4%
1 Willow	92%	94.1%
2 Birch	95.5%	93.8%
2 Chestnut	95.5%	99.2%
3 Cedar	95.8%	96.3%
3 Hornbeam	94.9%	98.6%
3 Yew	83.9%	86.2%
4 Cherry	97.8%	96.9%
4 Larch	93.9%	92.5%
5 Holly	96.7%	99.1%
5 Laurel	100%	97.4%
5 Sycamore	97.4%	98%
6 Ash	97.7%	100%
6 Elm	96.2%	96.9%
6 Hawthorn	99%	99.6%
Total	94.89%	96.4%



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

### 9.5.25 The Tiger came to tea in Nursery!



Conker class have been reading 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' this week. The children really enjoyed it when the tiger ate all the food in the house. They asked if they could have their own tea party and invite a friendly tiger. The children wanted to make flapjacks and sandwiches. When making the sandwiches one child asked 'what goes first, the butter or jam?' As a class we discussed what order a sandwich should be made. The tea party was a huge success and the tiger did not eat everything!

### 12.5.25 Growing Beans in Year 1



This week in Year 1 we have been planning and writing our stories by choosing our own characters and thinking about where our stories will be set. The class have been incredibly creative!

In RE, we have been learning about Judaism, specifically focussing on Shabbat. We really like finding out about different religions and beliefs. We have really been enjoying learning about plants and growing in Science and have planted our very own beans! Whose beans will grow the fastest and the tallest?

### 1.5.25 Minibeast hunting in EYFS!



Reception have been on a minibeast hunt today on the school field. We turned over some logs and looked in lots of different places! We saw crane flies, slugs, flies and even a millipede! We have talking about what the word 'habitat' means and where minibeasts can live and thrive. Which minibeasts can you find?

### 8.5.25 VE Day in Year 2



What a fabulous week we've had in Year 2! On Wednesday amongst all of our usual lessons, the children took part in a fantastic sculpture making workshop with local artist Angela Filby. The children learnt how to make their own pinch pots using a variety of advance techniques such as how to slip and score.

On Thursday, many of the children across KS1 said 'it was the best day ever!' as we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children looked amazing in their 1940's outfits and took part in a range of activities including poster making, bunting & flag making. In the afternoon, it was great to see some of the Year 6s leading a range of games for the KS1 children such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf?'

Seeing the older children play so nicely with the younger children was a joy to watch.



### 2.5.25. Egyptian History in Year 3



Year 3 have had a great week of learning! We have continued to learn all about the Ancient Egyptians and we learnt about how important the River Nile was to the Egyptian civilisation in History.

In Art, we have been planning our designs for our Egyptian scrolls.

In Science, we have been investigating shadows and how they change throughout the day.

We enjoyed learning how to play tennis in PE in the sunny weather and being on the field for playtimes!

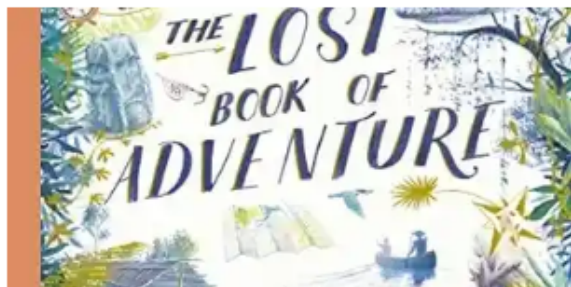
### 8.5.25. VE Day in Year 4



This week Year 4 have been putting their problem-solving skills to the test in Maths. We've been looking at how to solve tricky problems systematically. It was hard to start thinking differently when approaching problems but by the end of the week, we were having lots of fun.

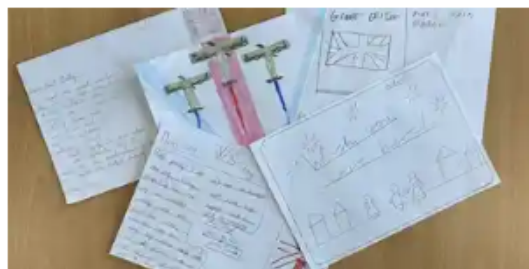
We also had so much fun learning about VE day, 40s songs and dances and playing games. Everyone looked very smart and we even had a few soldiers.

### 2.5.25 Year 5 and the Amazon



This week, Year 5 have been enjoying their exploration of *The Lost Book of Adventure*, a new text filled with sketches and notes believed to be left behind by a mysterious, lost explorer deep in the Amazon. The book has sparked curiosity and imagination, as pupils have jumped into the detailed accounts of survival, discovery, and the wonders of the natural world. Next week, the children will begin crafting their own narratives, focusing on survival in the wilderness, using their knowledge and creativity to bring their own tales to life.

### 8.5.25 VE Day in Year 6



Along with the rest of the school, on the 8th May Year 6 commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day. To start the day, KS2 had an assembly where we learnt to sing the Vera Lynn classic "We'll Meet Again". Later, we learnt a bit more about the history behind the day and made celebratory bunting. We also wrote postcards, imagining we had been at the actual VE Day in 1945. In the afternoon we all went on the field where we played some classic games -

Year 6 were absolutely brilliant at involving the younger children and helping them enjoy the special day.



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## GROW

Our Year 5 GROW team is proud to announce that on Tuesday 13th May, 10 members of the team successfully passed their GROW wheelbarrow driving test and are now proud owners of official GROW wheelbarrow licences.

Congratulations to our licence holders! Anandu, Conor, Charlotte, Castiel, Logan, Lily, Leila, Mutmainah, Sophie and Theodore.





**Summer Term Timetable**  
**22.04.2025 – 22.07.2025**  
 Inset Days: BEYA – 22.04.2025

## 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	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30- 10.45 am 0-5 years Queenswell Infant School N20 ONQ <b>Stay and Play</b> 3.45-4.45 pm 0-5 Years Brookhill Nursery EN4 8SD	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15-10.30 am 0-5 Years <b>Parent and Toddler Yoga</b> 10.30-11 am Walkers -3 Years Limited Spaces	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10-11 am 0-5 Years <b>Baby Massage</b> 1.30-2.15 pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers <b>Booking Required</b>	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11.30 am Registered OFSTED Childminders only <b>Boogie Mites</b> 1.30-2.15 pm 0-5 Years
Tuesday	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30- 11.00 am 0-5 years St. Margaret's Nursery School <b>Baby Massage</b> 12.00-12.45pm 8 Weeks-Non-rollers St Margaret's Nursery School <b>Baby group</b> 12.45-2.15 pm Non- Walkers St. Margaret's Nursery school	<b>Baby Stay and Play</b> 13.15-14.15 pm Non-walkers	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11 am <b>Baby Rhyme Time</b> 1-1.45 pm Non-walkers Finchley Youth Theatre N2 9ED	<b>Stay and Play</b> 10.30 am-12 pm 0-5 Years <b>Nursery Stay and Play</b> 10.30-11.30 am 2-4 Years – 06.05.25, 03.06.25, 01.07.25 <b>Baby Massage</b> 12-1 pm 8 Weeks– 4 Months 3 Week Course - <b>Booking Required</b>
Wednesday	<b>Childminders</b> 9.30-11.00 am 0-5 years St. Margaret's Nursery School <b>Baby Group</b> 10-11.30 am Non- Walkers All Saints N20 9EZ	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15-10.30 am 0-5 Years <b>Shake, Rattle &amp; Roll</b> 10.30-11 am 0-5 Years	<b>Forest Play</b> 10-11 am Walkers Barnwood N2 <b>Baby Stay and Play with Self-weighing</b> 1.30-2.30 pm Non-walkers	<b>Fun Toddler Circuit</b> 11.45am-12.30 pm 18mths-4 Years <b>Baby Stay and Play with Self-weighing</b> 1.30-3 pm Non-walkers
Thursday	<b>Outdoor Stay and Play</b> 1-2.30 pm 0-5 Years Hampden Way Nursery School N14 5DJ	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15-10.30am 0-5 Years <b>Imagination &amp; Movement by Performing Creations Dance Academy</b> 10.30-11 am Walkers -3 Years <b>Limited Spaces</b>	<b>Baby Self-weighing</b> 10 am - 1 pm Under 1's <b>Booking Required</b>	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.15-10.45 am 0-5 Years <b>Makaton Meet, Sing &amp; Sign</b> 1.15-2 pm An introduction to baby Makaton 6 Months-1 Year <b>Booking Required</b> Hope Corner Community Centre ENS 2DY
Friday	<b>Stay and Play</b> 9.30-11 am 0-5 Years St. Margaret's Nursery School	<b>Baby Massage</b> 8 Weeks-Non-rollers <b>Booking Required</b> <b>Baby Stay and Play</b> 1.15-2.15 pm Non-walkers	<b>No Sessions</b>	<b>Boogie Mites</b> 9.15-10 am 0-5 Years <b>Infant Feeding Support Group</b> 12.30-2.30 pm Under 1's

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



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## 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>

May 2025	
Friday 2nd May	EYFS Bake sale
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday
Friday 9th May	3 Yew Class assembly 14.50
Friday 9th May	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 12th May	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 15th May	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 16th May	3 Hornbeam class assembly 14.50
Friday 16th May	PTA KS1 Underhill's got talent
Monday 19th May	Year 6 Residential to Cuffley
Friday 23rd May	3 Cedar class assembly 14.50
Friday 23rd May	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 26th May	HALF TERM WEEK
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 Family Bingo
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics screening week
Friday 13th June	Ice cream sale
Monday 16th June	National sports week
Monday 16th June	KS1&KS2 Sports day 9.15am
Thursday 19th June	PTA Ice cream sale
Friday 20th June	EYFS Sports day 9.15am
Friday 20th June	PTA KS2 Underhill's got talent
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
Friday 11th July	2 Chestnut Class assembly 14.50
Friday 11th July	PTA Ice cream sale
Monday 14th July	Year 6 Production dress rehearsal
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



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# External Adverts

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**WUMA SPORTS**  
**BARNET BULLDOGS**  
HALF TERM BASKETBALL CAMP

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**FRIDAY 30TH MAY**

**AGES: 8-16**  
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**10:30AM - 3PM**

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## PETER PHILLIPS CRICKET


HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 16



**MAY HALF TERM COURSE**  
**TUESDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

Working Mums and Dads?  
Early bird drop off & late pick up available!  
Absolute beginners to established club players ...  
Everyone is welcome!  
With fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities it's ...  
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Our courses take place at:  
The Totteridge Academy - Barnet Lane, London, N20 8AZ  
For more information and to book please visit: [www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk](http://www.peterphillipscricket.co.uk)  
Or call Peter anytime on 07930 44 55 66



**Monday 26 May**

**GROW Plant Sale**

Get your agroecologically grown veg, flowers, and herb plants!

10am-2pm  
Just turn up!  
Explore the farm & get expert advice from our growers.

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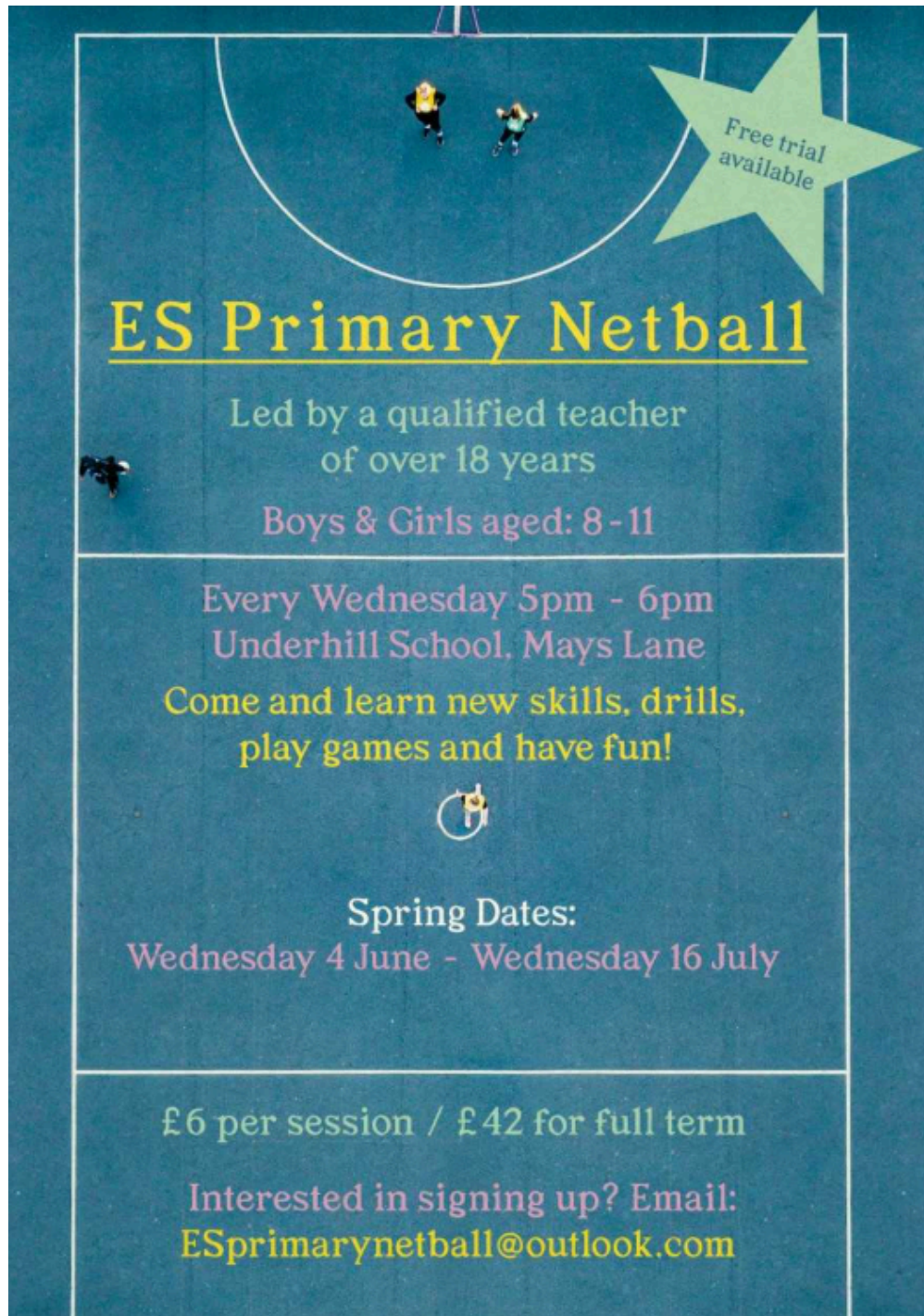
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Free trial available


## ES Primary Netball

Led by a qualified teacher  
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Boys & Girls aged: 8 - 11

Every Wednesday 5pm - 6pm  
Underhill School, Mays Lane

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Spring Dates:  
Wednesday 4 June - Wednesday 16 July

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[ESprimarynetball@outlook.com](mailto:ESprimarynetball@outlook.com)

