

BANDON HILL BULLETIN

ISSUE 25
FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
2024



Assistant
Headteacher Update



A very warm welcome back to everyone from half term
- we hope you all had a lovely break.

It has been a busy first week back, with two of our year groups going on fantastic school trips. Year 2 visited the Tower of London and thoroughly enjoyed seeing the King's Guards. On their walk from London Bridge station, they saw the amazing HMS Belfast, before walking across Tower Bridge and learning all about the Gunpowder Plot.

Year 5 visited Kew Gardens for their Amazon Rainforest topic and they were mesmerised by the impressive palm house which is home to many tropical plants. They attended a workshop which took them all around the gardens and they enjoyed exploring the diverse rainforest habitats and plants.

Some of our Year 5 children attended a multi-skills event at Purley Sports club this week, where they had the opportunity to try some new sports. They learnt the basic skills needed for hockey, played a competitive mini game of cricket, perfected their forehand and backhand shots in tennis and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to try out squash!

We also attended an arrows festival this week, in which some of our children had the chance to try out archery. Although it was tricky at first, they did an amazing job of aiming for the bullseye and great fun was had by all.

Next week, we have Sutton Sports in to talk to us all about water safety and how we can keep ourselves safe throughout the summer and winter months. We also wish our netball teams the best of luck in their first fixtures against Foresters Primary School.

Miss Hatchett

WHAT'S
NEW?

Reminders for the Year



Autumn Term 2024

| First Day | Last Day |
|---------------------------|---|
| Monday 2nd September 2024 | Friday 18th October 2024 @3.15pm (Finish for October Half Term) |
| Monday 4th November 2024 | Friday 20th December 2024 @1.00pm (Finish for Christmas) |

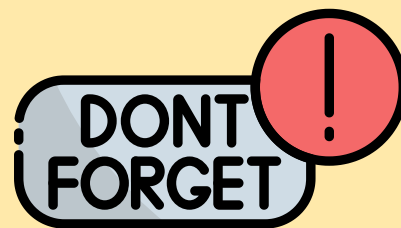


Spring Term 2025

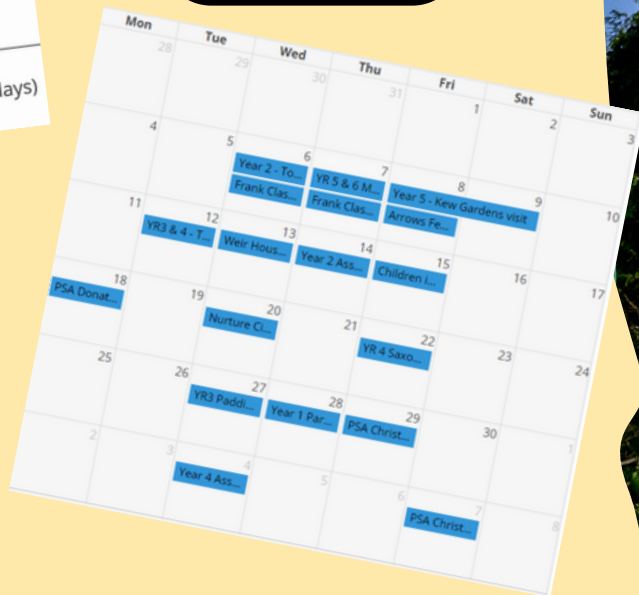
| First Day | Last Day |
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| Tuesday 7th January 2025 | Friday 14th February 2025 @3.15pm (Finish for February Half Term) |
| Monday 24th February 2025 | Friday 4th April 2025 @1.00pm (Finish for Easter) |

Summer Term 2025

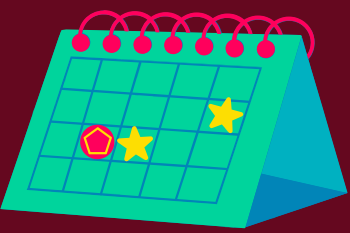
| First Day | Last Day |
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| Tuesday 22nd April 2025 | Friday 23rd May 2025 @3.15pm (Finish for May half-term) |
| Monday 2nd June 2025 | Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @1.00pm (Finish for Summer Holidays) |



Don't forget, our 'live' school calendar can be found on our school website or by clicking [here](#)



Everything you need to know can be found at:
<https://www.bandonhillprimary.co.uk>



PSA UPDATES

bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com



If you can spare an hour or two to help support the Christmas Fayre please email us. Thank you

BANDON HILL PSA

Upcoming Events



~~FRIDAY
11 OCTOBER
Favourite Friday
£1 suggested donation
Clothing, shoes, snack etc,~~

~~14 - 15 OCTOBER
Party, Toy & Christmas jumper
£1 suggested donation~~



MONDAY
18 NOVEMBER
Christmas Fayre
donation and
mufti day

FRIDAY
29 NOVEMBER
Bottle donation
day



SATURDAY
7 DECEMBER
Christmas Fayre
12 - 2pm

TUESDAY
10 DECEMBER
Santa visit
£1 suggested donation

Ho ho ho!

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Volunteers always needed! For more information please contact bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com

Winter Craft *afternoon*



*Date for
your diary:*

Monday 16th December
1:45 – 2:45 pm

*Come and make
winter crafts with
your children.*

CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

N

We are so proud of how the children have settled back into Nursery after the half term break. It was lovely to see their smiling faces coming through the doors on Monday morning!

This week has been full of fun! We used a salad spinner to create super firework paintings. The children loved adding glitter to their work and making it sparkle! We have also introduced our phase 1 phonics lessons and will now be doing these lessons every day alongside our rhyme time work.

Our focus next week, will be people who help us at school. We will be creating thank you letters and cards for the amazing school staff who help us every day. In maths, we will be exploring and building with shapes and objects. We will also begin to learn our Christmas songs in preparation for our big performance!

We are now collecting donations for the voluntary Nursery fund. The suggested amount is £3 per half term. This money helps us to fund messy play, playdough and other resources. Thank you in advance!

Have a lovely weekend!



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It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school ready for Autumn 2! This half term, we are focusing on Autumn and celebrations.

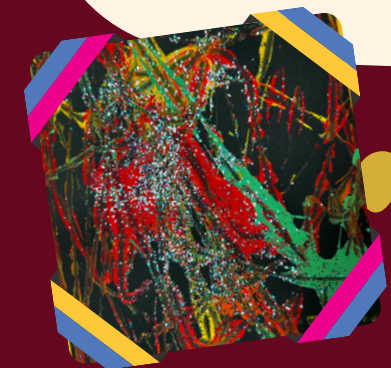
In phonics this week, we have focused on the sounds H, B, F and L and also learnt the tricky word 'the'. Please do ask the children about the sounds they have learnt. You may get them to find objects around the house that start with the sound. Next week, our focus sounds are ll, ss, ff and j.

In maths, we have been comparing quantities of something and deciding what groups have more objects. We have also looked at simple patterns and the children have been carrying them on.

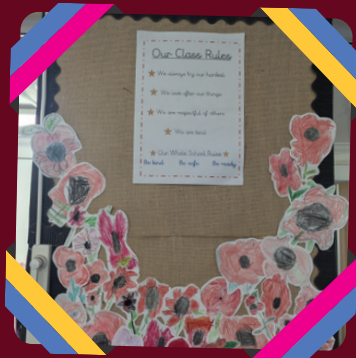
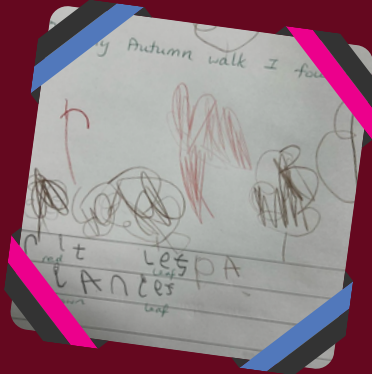
If you have any photos of your children during special festivals you have celebrated or a holiday you have been on, please do send them in so that we can display them on our Reception diversity display! We would love to see the different celebrations and holidays our children have been on as well as acknowledge them within our classrooms.

Friendly Reminders:

- PE is on a Wednesday for both classes. Please send your child in wearing their colour t-shirt to match the house they are in. You can find this in their contact books.
- Show and tell has now started. Each day a different colour group can share something with the class. (Red will be on Monday, yellow on Tuesday, orange on Wednesday, green on Thursday and blue on Friday.)



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



HOUSE POINTS

UPDATE

Mason
House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

1674

1495

1415

1522

WINNER



CURRICULUM UPDATE KSI.

1

It has been lovely welcoming the children back and hearing about all the fun they had during their half term. The children have settled back into their routines really well and we are proud of them.

In English, we are focusing on using adjectives to enhance our sentences and make good vocabulary choices. We started the week going on an adventurous exploring session around the Meadow to think of adjectives to describe the Meadow. We used our 5 senses to think of adjectives. "The crispy, golden leaves!" We then used the vocabulary and adjectives to write poems all about Autumn.

In Phonics, we have started phase 5 and covered the following sounds: ay, oy, ea, ou, ie, ir. Please practise these at home and children can write words/sentences with those sounds, such as 'stay' and 'cried'.

In Maths, we have been finding the missing "part" of a whole using subtraction. We have also been learning about fact families. For example - $6+2=8$ / $2+6=8$ / $8-2=6$ / $8-6=2$.

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the Tower of London this week to undertake a workshop about the Gunpowder Plot. They travelled by train from Wallington to London Bridge and walked across Tower Bridge. The workshop was fantastic as they travelled back to the year 1605 and recreated how Guy Fawkes and his friends managed to get the barrels of gunpowder into the House of Lords and what happened to all of the men afterwards. The children also saw the Crown Jewels, the animals that were kept in the Tower and some of the King's guards. One guard reminded the children to 'Get off the fence!' and that was when they realised the guards were real! Thank you to all of the staff and parents who ensured the trip ran smoothly and safely.

Next week is our year group assembly. Year 2 have been practising really hard. Please can you encourage your child to practise their line at home over the weekend.

You are invited to come and watch the children on **Thursday 14th November at 2pm**. The doors will open from 1:50 pm.

Additionally, in English, we will be looking at the features of a newspaper report and in maths we are continuing the topic 'adding and subtracting'. In Geography, we are continuing to look at London and its human and physical features and in science, we are studying 'What is a life cycle?'

PE DAYS

ALI - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Owens - Tuesdays and Thursdays

READING

Please read every day with your child and write a comment in the Contact Book.

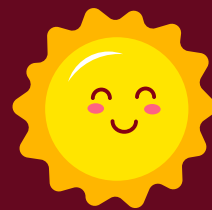
SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK

are set and tested every FRIDAY

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Safeguarding Update



If you have a worry, please talk to a DSL

DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads)

At Bandon Hill Primary School

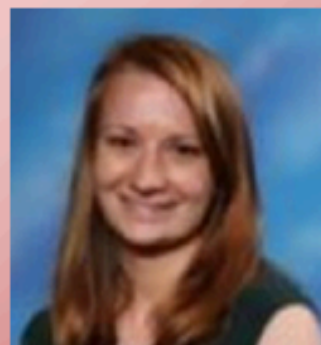


Mr Haddock

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Newsome (DDSL)



Miss Hatchett (DDSL)

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



Owens (95%)
&
Curie (98%)

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK



Owens
&
Curie



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2



3

What an amazing week!
Year 3 have come back from half term refreshed and ready to learn.
In English, we have started looking at our next text 'A Bear Called Paddington'. The children have really enjoyed writing instructions for a delicious marmalade sandwich ensuring that they include lots of imperative (bossy) verbs.

Next week, we will be trying some tangy marmalade and creating our own adverts for this, carefully choosing some exciting adjectives to grab the reader's attention.
In maths, we have been learning to subtract using a number line, next week we will continue with this by subtracting 3 digit numbers.

This week, we have continued to develop our scientific skills when learning about light sources, maybe your child can spot some on their walk to school!
Following feedback, spelling books will be going home on Fridays, please can these be brought into school every Friday ready for our spelling test.
Our trip to London for The Paddington Bear Experience is fast approaching, thank you to everybody who has already completed the permission slip and paid for this. We will be confirming adult helpers next week.



4

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week. We have a busy half term to look forward to, with lots of activities between now and the Christmas break.

In maths, we are currently revisiting addition and subtraction. We have investigated different methods for each, including estimating to help us quickly find total amounts and learning alternative methods when doing subtraction. Next week we will begin to look at multiplication and division strategies.

Our new focus text in English for this half term is 'Hello Lighthouse' by Sophie Blackall. We have been working on writing a detailed setting description using personification and interesting vocabulary that we have learnt. Next week, we will become more familiar with the story and will write an informal letter from the Lighthouse Keeper's point of view.

We have also begun our new history topic 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?' learning about Anglo-Saxon history. We are looking forward to our Saxon workshop on Friday 22nd November, which will really help bring this topic to life. If you have not yet paid for the workshop please pay via the MCAS app. If you have any problems with this, please feel free to contact the school office who will be able to assist you.

A polite reminder to please check and initial your child's contact book each day and to write in their reading record for the week (children should be aiming to read at least 3 times per week). Please also ensure spelling books are returned each week prior to our weekly spelling tests on Thursdays. As the weather has started to get colder and more unpredictable, please ensure children have a coat with them every day at school.

Our next times tables test on Friday 15th November will be the 11 times tables.

CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

6

5

It has been wonderful, welcoming the children back this week.

Our new geography topic this half term is the Amazon Rainforest, where they'll be learning about: its ecosystem, who lives there, what is changing about it and how we can protect it.

In English, we are researching the Amazon rainforest to help create a non-chronological report, next week.

Our reading book this half term is 'The Explorer' by Katherine Randall. This is an exciting story about four children who get stranded in the Amazon Rainforest and the adventures they find themselves in.

Do you know the life cycle of a plant? In class, we have enjoyed exploring the life cycle of a plant, by dissecting a range of flowers and looking at their different components.

Thank you to those who joined us on our visit to Kew Gardens!

We had a wonderful time visiting the amazing Palm House which houses a range of tropical plants.

Also, the workshop let the children explore the complexity of rainforest habitats and plants.



We have had a great first week back after half-term, and have engaged in some great learning.

In our maths lessons, we have started our topic on fractions. We have focused on equivalent, improper and mixed fractions.

Our English focus this half-term will be based on the book 'Darwin's Dragons'. We will write a non-chronological report over the next two weeks based on the Galapagos Islands.

Additionally, linking our English topic to science, we will study 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Children will learn about the Peppered Moth as well as how creatures in the Galapagos Islands have adapted to their environment.

Date for your diary:

Friday 13th December - Christmas Community Party.

ALL of the children in Year 6 will be required to stay at school until 4:15pm.

Further information will be sent out over the next few weeks.



SPELLINGS FOR THE WEEK



YEAR 1

people their
tried your
they are
oh was



YEAR 2

Group 1 - write, wriggle, wrap, wrestle, written, wrecked, wrapped, wren, wrong, wrote.

Group 2 - looking, buzzing, jumping, helping, fizzing.



YEAR 3

Group 1- disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree

Group 2- table, apple, bottle, little, middle, bubble, cable, uncle, ankle, eagle.



YEAR 4

Group 1 - adoration, admiration, coronation, detonation, observation, location, generation, exploration, combination, illustration

Group 2 - they, out, down, now, Mrs, on, this, dad, came, called



YEAR 5

abundance, abundancy, brilliance, dominancy, elegance, extravagance, hesitancy, relevancy, tolerance, vacancy



YEAR 6

Group 1 - apparent, committee, curiosity, especially, guarantee, lightning, parliament, recommend, soldier, vegetable

Group 2 - write, wriggle, wrap, wrestle, written, wrecked, wrapped, wren, wrong, wrote



NURTURE UPDATE



Welcome back!

We were delighted to welcome the children back to class this week and hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. It has been wonderful to hear about the children's adventures. At the start of the week, we eased slowly back into the school routine.

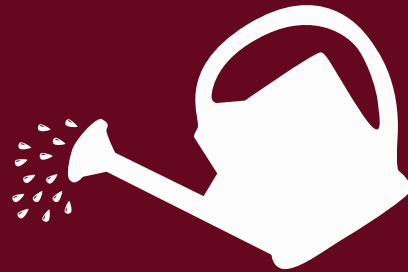
On Monday, we had a sweet start to the week! We baked cookies together, and enjoyed eating them too.

We also explored the book 'I Am Human' by Susan Verde. It opened up a beautiful conversation on empathy. We spoke about the difference between empathy and sympathy, as well as shared our own thoughts and insights on showing understanding towards others. The children thoughtfully engaged, demonstrating wonderful examples of empathy throughout the week.

In Maths, we practised subtraction and everyone showed confidence and progress mastering the skill.

We continued our work on 'Starving the Anxiety Gremlin', and everyone earned a star for their hard work in managing their worries. Their skill in self-regulation is improving well.

Lastly, the children were eager to get back on to using the Chromebooks for the IDL reading programme. They really enjoy this interactive learning time and it has been a positive tool in their development.





Safeguarding Update

Bandon Hill Primary School

Safeguarding

NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE?
SPEAK TO: TAs, TEACHERS, OFFICE STAFF

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All adults within Bandon Hill Primary School must wear a lanyard which holds an ID card to show who they are. The following colours of the lanyard explain what role in school they have...

-  Rainbow - Designated Safeguarding Leads
-  Burgundy - Bandon Hill Primary Staff
-  Blue - Supply Teachers and Students
-  Green - School Governors and DBS checked visitors
-  Red - Visitors without DBS checks (who should be supervised during school hours)

Additional Support

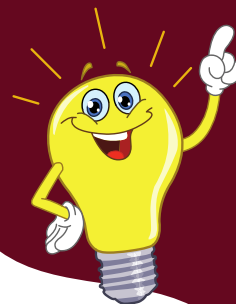

0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk


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CEOP THINK U KNOW

DON'T FORGET YOUR WORRY BOX IN YOUR CLASSROOM!

We are committed to safeguarding our children and value the contribution that staff, governors and parents can make. We work hard to ensure that our pupils feel secure, well cared for, and able to reach their full potential.



Teachers and their favourite books

My favourite book is 'The Runaway Dinner' by Allan Ahlberg. It is about a dinner that decides it doesn't want to be eaten, so runs away.

I enjoy reading it because it's funny and I love the thought that the different foods have cheeky personalities.

I read it during my job interview at Bandon Hill, the headteacher must have enjoyed it as she gave me the job!

Mrs Stirrat



Family Support



Primary Family Support Group

Empowering parents to
build healthy relationships
with their children

When: Wednesdays at 1pm-2pm/2.15pm

Venue: Limes College, Sutton West Site, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, SM1 2SD

Entrance: Walk down the drive. On the right you will see the family centre and on the left next to a concrete ball court there are some blue gates (directly opposite the family centre) (not the car park gates) The gate is locked so a member of staff will meet you at the gate at 12.50pm/12.55pm to let you in

Dates:

25/09/24: Introductions, ground rules, parenting styles

02/10/24: Parent's mental health and well-being

09/10/24: Promoting positivity in children

16/10/24: Trauma and the developing brain

23/10/24 – No Group, Half Term

30/10/24 – No Group, Half Term

06/11/24: Rules/boundaries, sanctions/rewards, bedtimes etc.

13/11/24: Online Safety

20/11/2024: Attachment

27/11/24: Supporting children's mental health, anxiety, self-esteem /Zones of regulation

04/12/24: Review ending, what next, evaluation

11/12/24: Optional additional session

All welcome

Whilst we know that some parents may not be able to attend every session, we do encourage parents to attend as many sessions as possible. As the group develops with each session, trust and relationships will build and parents will hopefully feel more supported by each other and grow in confidence.

Once you have signed up to the group, we ask that parents contact Elaine or Nibby if for some reason you are unable to

We would like to extend this invite to all parents of a primary aged child in the London Borough of Sutton. We hope to offer parents a safe space to meet other parents in a similar situation to learn more about different topics and explore new ideas that will support your child's social emotional growth and development.

Parents will:

Feel more empowered and confident to trust their own judgements when supporting their children

Build self-esteem and confidence

Share ideas and tips with each other

For more information and to register your interest and to discuss any queries please call or email either: Nibby, Jackie or Elaine

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nibby.withers@cognus.org.uk

Elaine: 07736338601
eberriman@thelimescollege.org

Jackie: 07736 338809
jlawrence@thelimescollege.org



**Does your child have
an EHCP or SEN
provision?**

**Join us at the Parent
Trainings Cognus
Therapies is offering!**

**with valuable information, engaging
sessions and resources from our fantastic
team of therapists!**

TOPICS

- ✓ Sensory Integration
- ✓ Emotional Regulation
- ✓ Communication rich environments
- ✓ Fine, gross motor and independence skills

INTERESTED?

- ✓ Visit the Cognus website or use the QR code below.
- ✓ Look for upcoming trainings.
- ✓ Fill in the form to reserve your spot (only 50 spots available per training!)

Scan the QR code to
find out more
information and to book
your slot!





7:30 - 8:30am

WRAP AROUND CARE



3:15 - 6:00pm

Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



- ✓ Child Led Nurturing Activities
- ✓ Homework and Reading Support with experienced and qualified TA's
- ✓ Opportunities to Socialise and Learn Social Skills
- ✓ A start and/or end of day reflection to motivate and encourage
- ✓ Snacks and Drinks

For pricing and to book, please contact the main office.



7:30 - 8:30am

Our wrap around care offer ensures that we are supporting not just our own pupils, but their whole family to..

Dare to Dream



3:15 - 6:00pm

Telephone: 020 8647 5377 or
E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk
for more information...

