

# BANDON HILL

# BULLETIN

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2024



Assistant  
Headteacher Update



We have had another very busy week at Bandon Hill, with sports events, trips and choir performances.

Our netball teams started the week off well with two fantastic wins against St Elpheges. Our A team won 9-3, followed by an excellent performance from our B team, who won 3-0. Well done to everyone who played - you are doing us all proud!

Year 3 travelled up to London this week for their school trip to 'The Paddington Experience'. They had the most wonderful time completing the quest to help Paddington find his marmalade! They were all incredibly excited for the trip and could not stop talking about it when they returned to school.

Year 1 are studying our local area in their geography lessons this half term, so they took a trip to the park and surveyed the local topography in preparation for drawing their maps next week.

A big well done to our Year 5/6 football team, who had a tough match against Muschamp Primary School yesterday. They fought hard to come back from 2-0 down, holding them to 2-2 until the last minute, in which they were able to sneak a 3rd goal in. Albeit a narrow loss for our amazing team, we are very proud of the way you worked together and supported one another.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents and carers who have helped on the different trips and activities this week - these would not be possible without your help!

Good luck to our wonderful choir this evening for their performance at the Christmas Lights event in Wallington.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Hatchett*

WHAT'S  
NEW?



## *Nursery Places Available*



*Please get in touch with the office:*

*Telephone 020 8647 5377*

*or*

*E-mail: [office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)*

# 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)

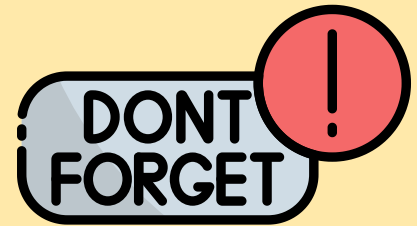


## Spring Term 2025

First Day	Last Day
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
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](#)



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Year 2 - To...	YR 5 & 6 M...	Year 5 - New Gardens visit			
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25			YR 4 Saxo...			
	26	27	28	29	30	
	YR3 Paddl...	Year 1 Par...	PSA Christ...			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Year 4 Ass...				PSA Christ...	

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW CAN BE FOUND AT:  
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# December Dates

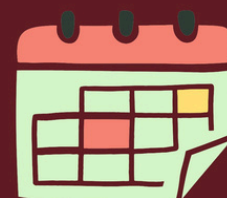
Monday 2nd	Ali Class - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6 pm
Wednesday 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 Assembly</li><li>• Ali Class - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6 pm</li></ul>
Friday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sutton High School Netball tournament 1-3.30 pm</li><li>• Year 6 Football vs. Epsom Downs (leaving at 1 pm)</li></ul>
Saturday 7th	PSA Christmas Fayre - 12 - 2 pm (Volunteers needed)
Tuesday 10th	Father Christmas visits the children
Wednesday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas Diversity Concert Ali, Goodall &amp; Donaldson classes @ 9.30 am</li><li>• Christmas Dinner Day - wear a Christmas jumper</li><li>• Parent Partnership Meeting 2 @ 2 pm</li></ul>
Thursday 12th	Christmas Diversity Concert Owens, Goodall & Jeffers @ 9.30 am
Friday 13th	Year 6 Community Christmas Party @ 1.30 - 4.30pm
Monday 16th	Winter Craft Afternoon @ 1.45-2.45
Tuesday 17th	KS2 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
Wednesday 18th	Nursery Singalong @ 10 am
Thursday 19th	Christmas Parties
Friday 20th	School ends @ 1 pm





# PSA UPDATES

Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com



SATURDAY 7  
DECEMBER  
12 -2 PM

## Bandon Hill's Christmas Fayre

Tombola & Games   Stalls & Raffles   Christmas Crafts

Not to be missed!

Come down and join us for Bandon Hill's annual Christmas Fayre. Lots of exciting stalls, refreshments, and Christmas activities for all ages.

BANDON HILL, SANDY LANE SOUTH, SM6 9QU

Follow the PSA for more info  
@bandonhillschool\_psa



CHRISTMAS CAKE CELEBRATION



### Hobby Baker?

We are looking for some cakes for the Christmas Fayre Prize for best decorated

Drop off Friday 6th to School Office

PLEASE INCLUDE ALLERGEN LIST

We still need  
some helpers  
please support  
the school

# Winter Craft *afternoon*



*Date for  
your diary:*

**Monday 16th December**

**1:45 – 2:45 pm**

*Come and make  
winter crafts with  
your children.*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR  
PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP?**



Our Parent Partnership Group meets six times a year, to discuss 'all things Bandon Hill'. We discuss actions we can take to improve the school and welcome all parent and carer suggestions. If you would like to join our group, our next meeting is on:

**Wednesday 11th December – 2.00 pm**

# CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

Nursery have had a great week, full of fun. They have enjoyed learning about healthcare staff and have enjoyed caring for the baby dolls. The children are making brilliant progress with their phonics work, they are hearing initial sounds and beginning to blend sounds.

Next week, we will round up our topic on people who help us and begin learning about Christmas, which will be very exciting. The children will begin their Christmas crafts by making Christmas cards. Our book of the week is one of Miss McIntyre's favourite stories, *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs!

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Nursery fund this week. This money really helps us to enhance the children's experiences and provide valuable extras.  
Dates to remember - 18th December Singalong 10am  
19th December Nursery party

Elmer class to attend the morning session on both of these days.

**Please note that 19th December is the last day of Nursery which is different to the main school.**



R Reception have been busy this week. We have looked at the Nativity story and discussed the different roles in the book. Some children were also able to cut and stick a story map to show the Nativity story! Next week, we will be looking at Hanukkah and how it is celebrated. The children are doing so well learning our songs for the Diversity concert, we are so proud of them!

In maths, we have been looking at different parts that make a whole! Next week, the children will be investigating ways to compose and de-compose 5. In phonics, we will be focusing on the sounds: **sh, th, ng and nk.**

Please remember our Christmas Diversity shows are:  
Donaldson: **Wed 11th December at 9:30**  
Jeffers: **Thurs 12th December at 9:30**

Please remember we only have space for 2 adults per child. Thank you.  
In your child's book bag you will find a slip telling you what you need to send in for the Christmas Show.



# AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



## HOUSE POINTS

**UPDATE**

**Mason  
House**

**Shanahan  
House**

**Weir  
House**

**Widdowson  
House**

**2432**

**2104**

**2108**

**2148**

**WINNER**



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

# 1

This week in English, we have been looking at extending our sentences using 'and.'  
We are still using the story 'Gruffalo' to write our own stories! We used predictive language to make sense of what animal came into our classroom and were intrigued by the footprints and clues!

In phonics, we will cover the following sounds:  
e-e (even), ew (chew), ie (field) and aw (saw)

In maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes and using them to create pictures as well as describing the features on the shapes, such as how many corners and sides the shape has.

We loved our trip to Mellows Park this week!

## PE DAYS

Attenborough - Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Goodall - Mondays and Thursdays

Please remember to write important messages in your child's contact book, for example pick up arrangements.



This week in English, we enjoyed reading the story 'The Queen's Handbag' by Steve Antony. The text inspired the children to create a missing poster advertising that the Queen's handbag had been stolen by a sneaky swan!

In maths, we continued to work on adding and subtracting across ten, by exchanging one ten diene for ten ones dienes.

Continuing the topic of London, the children learnt in greater detail about London landmarks and designed a route that a London taxi could take.

Year two have been learning the songs that they will be singing to you at the Christmas Diversity Concert.

In science, the children had fun measuring each other, comparing their heights to prove a feature of a living thing is growth. Next week, they will be measuring children from different year groups to answer the question, 'Are children the same height in every year group in the school?'

Next week, on Monday and Wednesday, Mrs Harris will be holding Parents' evening for Ali class. It will start at 3:30 pm until 6:10 pm. Please come to the main entrance. Additionally, please note that Ali class now has PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays - no longer on Wednesdays.

## **PE DAYS**

ALI - Tuesdays \* and Thursdays

Owens - Tuesdays and Thursdays

\*This has changed from Wednesdays (due to the colder weather).

## **READING**

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

## **SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK**

Is set and tested every FRIDAY

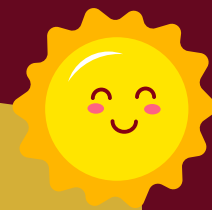
## **LIBRARY DAYS**

Owens: Wednesday/Ali: Thursdays



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# Safeguarding Update



The Child Accident Prevention Trust have shared a list of potentially dangerous children's gifts they have asked parents to be made aware of. The link can be found [here](#).

If you have any safeguarding concerns about your child, please contact one of the safeguarding leads below via the school office.

## DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads)

At Bandon Hill Primary School

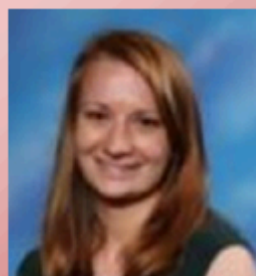


Mr Haddock

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Newsome (DDSL)



Miss Hatchett (DDSL)

**ATTENDANCE FOR  
THIS WEEK**



**Goodall 98%  
&  
Keller 97%**

**PUNCTUALITY FOR  
THIS WEEK**



**Jeffers & Goodall  
&  
Hadid**



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2



3

It has been an exciting week for Year 3!  
The children were fortunate enough to visit the Paddington Experience. This memorable trip will help to spark creativity within the children's writing. Next week, they will start drafting an engaging narrative inspired by the Paddington book.

In mathematics, the focus has been on understanding the inverse of calculations and exploring connections within fact families.

Next week, we will transition to the topics of multiplication, grouping, and arrays.  
We extend our gratitude to all the parent volunteers whose support contributed to the success of this week's trip.

**Please could you donate a box of tissues if you are able to.**



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*Year 4, have continued learning about the Anglo-Saxon way of life and have put the finishing touches on their Anglo-Saxon villages.*

*In science, we learnt about the need for a complete circuit so that the electric current can flow through the components.*

*In English, we discussed the use of formal and journalistic language and have begun to plan the content of our report about the shipwreck event in the 'Hello Lighthouse' book.*

*Next week, we will be writing our newspaper articles about this dramatic incident.*

*In our Maths lessons next week, we will be revising some of the concepts that we have covered this term.*

*Our next times tables test will be on **Friday 6th December** and will be the **12** times tables.*

*Please would you ensure that your child has a winter coat to wear for break and lunch times.*

### **Date for your diary:**

- **Wednesday 4th December: Year 4 Class assembly**, arrival from 2.20 pm, assembly to commence at 2.30pm.

# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

# 6

# 5

What herbs would you like in your bread?  
In D&T, we've been taste-testing breads as well as herbs and spices in preparation for making our own in a couple of weeks time. Some varieties proved more popular than others!

What adventures would five children go on in the rainforest? In English, the children finished off their fantastic narratives, they thought of some wonderful ideas and used descriptive language, personification and metaphors in their writing.

What is changing in the Amazon Rainforest?  
In geography this week, we explored ways in which the landscape of the Amazon is changing (deforestation) and how this is affecting the communities who live there.

The children have worked hard in maths this week by tackling a range of questions relating to fractions and mixed numbers.

Do you know the life cycle of a bird?  
In science, we investigated this question and how a bird's life cycle compared to that of a mammal. The children got stuck into acting out the different stages in class before putting their knowledge to the test by drawing and annotating a bird's life cycle.

In computing, we have been developing and creating our own space-themed piece of music! After playing around with the different sounds on Scratch, we discovered how we can make coding loops.



Lara, Sofia, Kerem and Nikhil started off the week by taking part in the Carshalton Rotary 'Top of the Form' competition. They won the first round against Holy Trinity and are through to the next.  
Well done!

Our science lessons have been hands on this week. We focused on natural selection and took part in a practical activity where the children used different tools to replicate a finches beak. This helped the children see how finches with different beak sizes would survive in different habitats.

In English, the children completed their own chapter of 'Darwin's Dragons'. They used ambitious vocabulary as well as figurative language.

Two letters have been sent to all Year 6 children.

**The first**, is about our leavers hoodies. Please return the form back to your class teacher ASAP. Payment must be made via MCAS by the very latest on **Monday 3rd February 2025**.

**The second**, is about the **Community Christmas Party** - this will be held on **Friday 13th December**.

Please reply to this letter with how your child will travel home after the party and if you could donate a nut-free cake for the party, that would be appreciated. Please note that **All children need to stay at school until 4:15pm** on this day.  
Thank you.



# SPELLINGS FOR THE WEEK




## YEAR 1



mouse  
house  
water  
want  
these


## YEAR 2



**Group 1:** metal, petal, capital, hospital,  
animal, equal, final, pedal, local,  
magical.

**Group 2:** fresher, higher, quicker,  
hardest, darkest

## YEAR 3



**Group 1:** forgetting, forgotten,  
beginning, propelled, preferred,  
permitted, regretting, committed,  
forbidden, equipped

**Group 2:** pencil, fossil, nostril,  
pupil, April, gerbil, lentil, evil,  
anvil, basil

## YEAR 4




**Group 1: Words where 'ch' makes a sh  
sound**

chef, chalet, machine, brochure,  
parachute, chute, chaperone,  
chandelier, crochet, quiche

**Group 2:** his, some, looked, people,  
make, but, so, very, your, an


## YEAR 5



comfortably, dependably, horribly,  
incredibly, legibly, possibly, reliably,  
sensibly, terribly, visibly



## YEAR 6



**Group 1:** antonym, crystal, lyrics, mystery,  
oxygen, rhythm, symbol, symptom, system,  
typical

**Group 2:** metal, petal, capital, hospital, animal,  
equal, final, pedal, local, magical

# NURTURE UPDATE



This week we have been reading 'The Invisible String' and exploring the comforting idea that we are always connected to our loved ones, even when we are not with them. It has been a lovely way to reflect on the bonds that keep us feeling safe and loved.

In English, we continued reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We focused on how the characters' emotions change throughout the story and imagined how we might have felt in their shoes. It has been great to see everyone engaging with the story and sharing their thoughts!

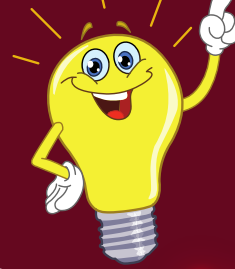
We have also won another star in our 'Starving the anxiety Gremlin' work. We now have 5 stars in total!

In Maths, we have been working on arrays and estimation, building our problem-solving skills in fun and interactive ways. Everyone has been doing a fantastic job practising these concepts!

Well done to our amazing Year 4 children who earned their pen licenses this week, they have put in such an effort to improve their handwriting and we are very proud of them.



## Slinky Malinki by Lynley Dodd



## Staff and their favourite books

One of my favourite books to be read to me when I was younger was Slinky Malinki.

I used to know it off by heart and would say the rhyming phrases as it was being read to me.

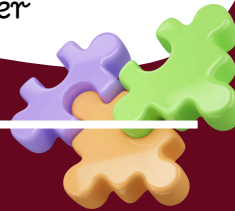
Then, when I read it with my children, they would say the phrases to me.

I can still remember the start ...

"Slinky Malinki was blacker than black, a stalking and lurking adventurous cat, with bright yellow eyes and a warbling wail, and a kink at the end of his very long tail!"

I do enjoy reading stories that rhyme as I like the beat that they create.

Mrs Harris - Ali Class Teacher



# FAMILY SUPPORT



## CARERS' COFFEE AND LEARNING SPRING TERM

Welcoming Sutton carers of  
Children in Care | Previously Looked-After | Special  
Guardianship | Adopters | Kinship Care

Join us for a themed discussion and get advice about the children you care for. Meet other carers and have some time to ask questions. Education and therapeutic specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.



30/01/25 - 10:30-12:30pm

Supporting young people who have anxiety, PDA or neurodivergence - led by Therapeutic Specialist

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family Centre, SM1 2SD

25/02/25 - 1.00 - 1:45pm

Early Years and Primary: Promoting life skills and learning at home - led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor

Where: Virtual session - link provided on sign up

25/02/25 - 2.00 - 2:45pm

Secondary: Promoting life skills and learning at home - led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor

Where: Virtual session - link provided on sign up

20/03/25 - 10.30 - 11.45am

Foster Carers' session on behaviour, helping to regulate and manage emotions - led by Therapeutic Specialists

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family Centre, SM1 2SD

20/03/25 - 12 - 1.15pm

All other Carers' session on behaviour, helping to regulate and manage emotions - led by Therapeutic Specialists

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family Centre, SM1 2SD

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to sign up to these events

Any questions please contact Hannah Miles - Extended Duties Education advisor - [hannah.miles@cognus.org.uk](mailto:hannah.miles@cognus.org.uk)



# FAMILY SUPPORT



For family or friends who step up to raise a child,

**We're here for you on your kinship journey**



## Join the Kinship Community

At Kinship, our community of kinship carers is what makes us really special.

You can sign up and receive emails from Kinship about all our services, events, workshops, campaigns and more. It is up to you how much or how little to get involved.

**We are here for you.**

Visit [kinship.org.uk/community](https://kinship.org.uk/community) to join.

**Kinship Advice Line**  
0300 123 7015

Monday to Friday  
9.30am to 2pm



[kinship.org.uk](https://kinship.org.uk)



0330 016 7235



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# FAMILY SUPPORT



## SUTTON VIRTUAL SCHOOL EXTENDED DUTIES EDUCATION SUPPORT

Who do we support?

We provide schools, social workers and other professionals educational advice and support in relation to young people who have, or had a social worker:

- Children in Need
- Child Protection
- Previously Looked-After
- Kinship
- Special Guardianship

What do we offer?

- Advice and guidance
- Education consultations
- Training and CPD for schools and social care
- Training and support for foster carers, PCLA, SGO and Kinship carers
- A package to support schools to embed relational practice

### Contact us:

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Please contact Hannah if you have a query or need advice.

Sara Martin  
Strategic Lead for Children with a Social Worker  
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For CLA queries or more information, head to our website [here](#)





# WRAP AROUND CARE



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.



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

*Dare to Dream*



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