

BANDON HILL BULLETIN

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Headteacher Update



I would like to begin this week by thanking our fabulous PSA team who organised the Superwoman Gifting Day. It was lovely to see so many families engaging with this initiative and also the children actively taking part! So much work goes on behind the scenes for these events to be a success and we could not do it without the support of our PSA! The team have also raised invaluable funds through discos and non-uniform days this year, and a huge thank you must go to the wider community for supporting these events too.

After the Easter break, we welcome back Mrs Miles to our school after her maternity leave. Mrs Miles will be working across a range of classes when she returns. She will also supporting some of our younger children with their phonics too.

Looking forward to the Summer Term, we will be holding our annual sports days, parents evenings, awards evenings, class transition days as well as all parents and carers receiving annual reports for their children too. It is going to be a busy term! Well done to Year 1 this week for sharing their class assembly in the main hall. Mr Haddock said he was impressed with how confident the children were with such a large audience. Again, thank you to all the parents and carers who visited to support this event. We know how much it means to the children to have an audience full of their family and friends present.

Another reminder from us in school is to please ensure that children have water bottles in school for the Summer Term, along with a Bandon Hill hat. It really does help protect the children from the sun and also from becoming dehydrated. As always, we do have cups and water fountains in school for the children to use if they need to - we just know they prefer having their own personal bottles to rehydrate with!

Our netball teams have had a fantastic season so far and currently sit in second or third place (depending on other results we are waiting on) in their league. Despite a loss to a very competitive Cheam Common this week, the girls performed brilliantly. I know Mrs Seeteram and Miss Long were so impressed with the attitude and hard work of the whole team. Some of our squad had not played Netball out of school before this year, making their finishing position the year even more impressive!

We look forward to a great final week of the Spring Term next week, with school finishing at 1pm on Friday 4th April.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the sun will be shining for us all so we can be outside enjoying the weather!

Mr Hopkins

NEXT WEEK



School ends 1.00 pm
Friday 4th April

Please note the last day for Nursery is
Thursday 3rd April

Important Update

The Easter Bonnet Parade, originally scheduled for Thursday 3rd April, will not be going ahead as it falls too soon after the Art Gallery event.

Instead, we're excited to announce a Cultural Celebration Day on Thursday 22nd May as a vibrant and engaging replacement.

Stay tuned — more details to follow soon!

Cultural Celebration Day

Thursday 22nd May





PSA UPDATES



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We hope you
enjoy your gifts.

We are fundraising to ...

... enhance the children's learning in topics with workshops and
resources.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

Nursery have had a fantastic week! We have enjoyed creating our own patterns in our maths work based on the work of famous artists. Next week, we will be learning about Easter celebrations.

Our rhyme of the week next week is 'Baa, Baa, Black Sheep'. The link to the Little Wandle rhymes was recently sent to all children's Tapestry accounts so you can access them at home.

Please can we ask that all jumpers and cardigans are clearly named now that the nicer weather is coming, it is very difficult to match them to their owners otherwise!

We would love to see photos from home of learning or adventures your child may get up to at home. Please remember that these can be added to your child's Tapestry account.

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Mother's Day!



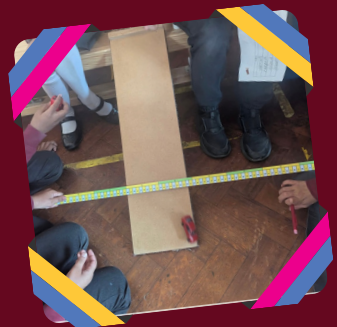
We have had a super week in Reception! The children have loved exploring transport on water and we all agreed we would love our own yachts! Next week, we are finishing the Spring term by learning about the traditions and celebrations of Easter.

We will be finishing our term by focusing on shape next week in math. Please do look at shapes in your environment at home with your children, for example, spheres as footballs etc. In Phonics, we will continue to revisit our phase 3 sounds and tricky words!

Over the Easter holidays it would be lovely if you could take your child on a bug hunt around your local park or garden ready for us to start our new topic 'Minibeasts' after the holidays. You can upload pictures to tapestry! If you have any junk modelling to send in we would also be very grateful! (yogurt pots, toilet/kitchen rolls, boxes)

We hope you all have a great weekend and to all the lovely women have a restful Mother's Day!







AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK





Weekly and Termly House Points

Weekly

 Mason House	Shanahan House	Weir House	Widdowson House
 285	167	212	278

Termly

 Mason House	Shanahan House	Weir House	Widdowson House
 5434	5184	5229	4666

CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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We have had a busy week in Year One practising for our assembly. Thank you to everyone that was able to come and watch on Thursday. The children loved sharing with you what we do throughout a typical day in Year One!

In English, we have been recapping our previous learning on nouns and also learning the difference between common nouns and proper nouns. We have been looking at features of persuasive writing and designing some environmental posters, encouraging people to look after our environment. In maths we have been continuing with our measuring topic, learning about weight and capacity.

PE DAYS

Attenborough - Mondays and Tuesdays
Goodall - Mondays and Thursdays

READING

Please bring back Phonics books by Thursday at the latest.

SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK

Spellings are practiced and checked during Fridays review lesson in phonics. Homework will be collected and set again on Fridays.

LIBRARY DAYS

Attenborough- Monday
Goodall - Tuesday

This week in Year 2, the children have been exploring the life and achievements of Amelia Earhart in both English and History. They have been using a variety of historical sources to gather key information and develop their own fact files about this pioneering aviator. Their fact files will be completed next week, allowing them to apply their research skills and showcase their learning.

In Maths, we have started a new topic on measuring length, focusing on using centimetres and metres. The children have been learning how to measure accurately using rulers and metre sticks, comparing different lengths and understanding when to use each unit of measurement.

In PSHE, we discussed body safety through the Pantasaurus song* — a fun and engaging way to help children understand the importance of personal boundaries and staying safe.

In Computing, we continued our focus on online safety, discussing how to navigate the internet responsibly and what to do if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable. The children learned key strategies for staying safe online, reinforcing the importance of talking to a trusted adult when needed.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, and we look forward to building on these skills and knowledge in the coming days!

*Pantasaurus song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lnr0Txz7USI>

PE Days	Tuesday and Thursday
Library	Owens - Wednesday/ Ali - Thursday
Changing Reading Books	Thursday
Spellings	Set on Friday and tested the following Friday
Homework	Set on Friday and in the following Friday



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



Owens 94%
&
Frank 99%

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

Donaldson
&
Curie



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



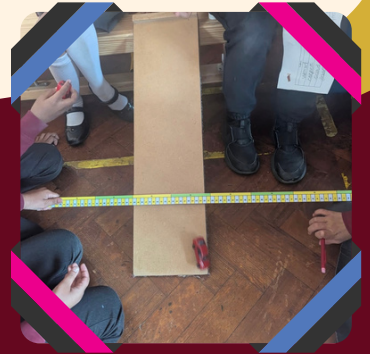
CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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Year Three had another successful week! Our English lessons this week focused on developing persuasive writing skills. The children have been introduced to imperative verbs and rhetorical questions, both powerful persuasive writing tools. In geography, we embarked on an exploration of the River Thames. The children were fascinated by learning about the river's role in trade and transport.

We have also focused on building upon the children's knowledge of equivalent fractions. Through various exercises and practical activities, the students have become more confident in identifying and creating equivalent fractions. This foundational skill is crucial as it lays the groundwork for more complex fraction operations in the future.

Reminders for library slots: Hadid Class Thursday, Kahlo Class Friday.



In history we are really enjoying learning about the Maya civilisation. This week we learnt about Maya beliefs as well as what archaeological remains tell us about the cities in which they lived and their way of life. We even had a go at planning our own Mayan city, thinking about key types of buildings that formed part of their civilisation. Next week we will explore different theories to explain the decline of the ancient Maya cities.

Writing an informal letter has been our focus in English this week, written from the point of view of Chaya, the main character in *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* book. Our aim was to include lots of emotion as well as conjunctions to express time, cause and place. Next week, we will be learning about debates - what they are and how to formulate reasons to debate a point of view. In maths, we will continue looking at decimals, moving on from tenths this week into hundredths next week.

Advance notice: In our art lessons next half term, we will be focusing on the artist Michelle Reader who creates sculptures from recycling and unusual materials. The children will be creating a sculpture of their own design inspired by her work. With this in mind, you may like to start collecting items for them to use (e.g. cardboard cylinders, interesting shaped boxes etc). However, due to lack of space at school, we would greatly appreciate it if these items could remain at home until we advise for them to be sent in. Thank you!



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CURRICULUM

UPDATE KS2

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It really was an up and down day last Friday. No, the children weren't feeling blue, but rather resplendent in red as they made their cam toys.

We had a great day making them. The children displayed resilience and motivation throughout the day when decorating and putting their toys together using boxes, cams, tape and sticks.

What is a biome? In geography, we investigated the different biomes around the world and made a poster detailing what lives in certain biomes and what the climate is like.

Why do we have night and day? In science this week, we explored this question, finding out how Earth rotates around the sun causing day, night and seasons.

Our trip to the science museum is now booked and we are excited to be heading there on Wednesday 7th May (on public transport). Aside from exploring the space gallery of the museum, the children will be attending a show all about space exploration!

If you are able to help on the trip, please can you let us know via your child's contact book and we will get back to you as soon as possible if we require additional adults.
Many thanks.

PE Days update:

Curie Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Hawking Class: Tuesdays & Fridays



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As we slowly approach the Easter break, the children are certainly feeling tired, but their dedication and effort remain unwavering.

In maths, we have now completed the Year 6 curriculum and have begun revisiting key topics in preparation for SATs.

Within our English lessons, the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing their fractured fairy tales, producing some fantastic and creative stories such as The Three Little Seals and Baldilocks and the Three Rats, packed with vivid descriptive language.

During science lessons, we explored different types of microorganisms, setting the stage for next week's exciting investigation into the growth of mold!

Additionally, next week marks our final round of mock SATs—this is simply an opportunity to assess any areas that may need further revision in the coming weeks and to help the children feel more confident and prepared for the real thing. As always, we are incredibly proud of their hard work and perseverance!

PE Days Update:

Gandhi: Tuesday and Friday.

Luther King: Monday and Friday.





SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

school, echo, freeze,
ball, again, difficult,
because, different



YEAR 2

Group 1:
last, past, father, class, grass, pass,
plant, path, bath, hour

Group 2:
last, past, class, grass, plant



YEAR 3

Group 1:
address, mention, arrive, occasionally,
certainly, probably, experience, reign, history,
sentence

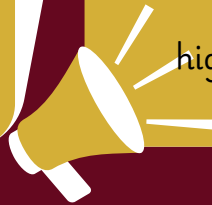
Group 2:
last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant,
path, bath, rather



YEAR 4

Group 1:
surprise, separate, group, height, potatoes,
though, particular, through, caught, woman

Group 2:
high, night, light, bright, right, sight,
tight, mighty, fright, midnight



YEAR 5

accompany, communicate, conscience,
desperate, disastrous, interfere,
nuisance, queue, restaurant,
rhythm



YEAR 6

Group 1:
accentuate, access, accommodate,
accompany, accomplish, accost, accrue,
accumulate, accuracy, accuse

Group 2:
other, mother, brother, nothing, cover,
money, some, dozen, wonder, done



NURTURE UPDATE



This week in English, we have been exploring non-chronological reports, using 'The Hedgehog' by Dick King-Smith as inspiration. The children have enjoyed learning fascinating facts about hedgehogs and practicing their report-writing skills, focusing on structure, key information, and engaging language.

In Maths, we have been investigating capacity, volume, and mass through a variety of practical activities. The children have enjoyed measuring, comparing, and problem-solving to deepen their understanding of these important concepts.


For Wellbeing, we watched the animated film Inside Out and had meaningful discussions about emotions. We explored how different feelings, such as joy, sadness, anger, fear, and disgust, play a role in our daily lives and how we can recognise and manage them in a healthy way. The children shared their own experiences and reflected on strategies for emotional well-being.

In afternoon Nurture we joined with the Life Skills group and went out on our first outing to Mellows Park, we walked around looking at what we could see, hear and smell and then got time to explore and play in the park. We are looking forward to our next outing next week.


We're holding our cake sale next Thursday, 3rd April! If you're able to donate any cakes or baked treats, we would be incredibly grateful. Every contribution helps make the event a success!





Summer Term Lunch Menu



FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE



MENU WEEK 1

ALLERGEN KEY



1. Celery
2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk
8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Peanuts
11. Sesame
12. Soybeans
13. Sulphites
14. Tree nuts

A/F Allergen Free

MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 4	Vegetable Burger 2	Sweetcorn/Salad & Wedges A/F	Ice Cream Roll & Strawberry Sauce 2, 4, 7, 12
TUESDAY	Beef Lasagne 7, 13	Macaroni Cheese 2, 12	Garlic Bread Salad 7, 2	Chocolate Crunch 2
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Tomato & Cheese Pinwheels 2, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Jelly fruit 2, 4
THURSDAY	American Burger 2, 13	Vegetarian Hot Dog 2, 13	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Orange & Lemon Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets 7	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Chocolate Brownie

AVAILABLE DAILY


Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes. Please note that all our dishes can be adapted to suit the majority of dietary requirements


"We are dedicated to minimizing our carbon footprint by actively reducing food waste throughout our operations, from sourcing to serving. Through staff training, supplier collaboration, and customer engagement, we are committed to making a positive environmental impact."

After consulting with our School Council and the Greenshaw Trust catering team, we have created the following menu for the Summer Term.



Once the menu has been sampled by the children, we will be getting further feedback on the food in order to make the meals as appealing (and nutritional!) as possible.



FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE



MENU WEEK 2

ALLERGEN KEY



1. Celery
2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk
8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Peanuts
11. Sesame
12. Soybeans
13. Sulphites
14. Tree nuts

A/F Allergen Free

MONDAY	Pepperoni pizza 2, 7	Cheese Pasta Shells 2, 7	Wedges & Salad A/F	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit 2
TUESDAY	Red Tractor Chicken Tenders 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables & Diced Potato 2	Sprinkle Cake & Fruit 2, 4
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey A/F	Quorn Fillet Roast 2, 4, 7, 9	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse 2, 4
THURSDAY	Mild Chicken Creamy Curry 7	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese 2, 7	Rice & Mixed Vegetables A/F	Strawberry Shortbread 7
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	Cheese Parcels 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Fruit & Ice Cream

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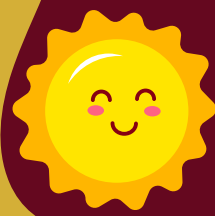
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Safeguarding Update



With the school Easter Holiday coming up, please see some contacts below for when the school is closed over the holiday...

Sutton Child and Families -

Tel: 020 8770 5000

<https://sutton.gov.uk/children-and-families>

Below are other websites that have further information about how to safeguard children:

- www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse
- www.childline.org.uk
- www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying
- talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk



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9.30am to 2pm



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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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Extended Duties Education Advisor
Hannah.miles@cognus.org.uk
Please contact Hannah if you have a query or need advice.

Sara Martin
Strategic Lead for Children with a Social Worker
Sara.martin@cognus.org.uk

For CLA queries or more information, head to our website [here](#)

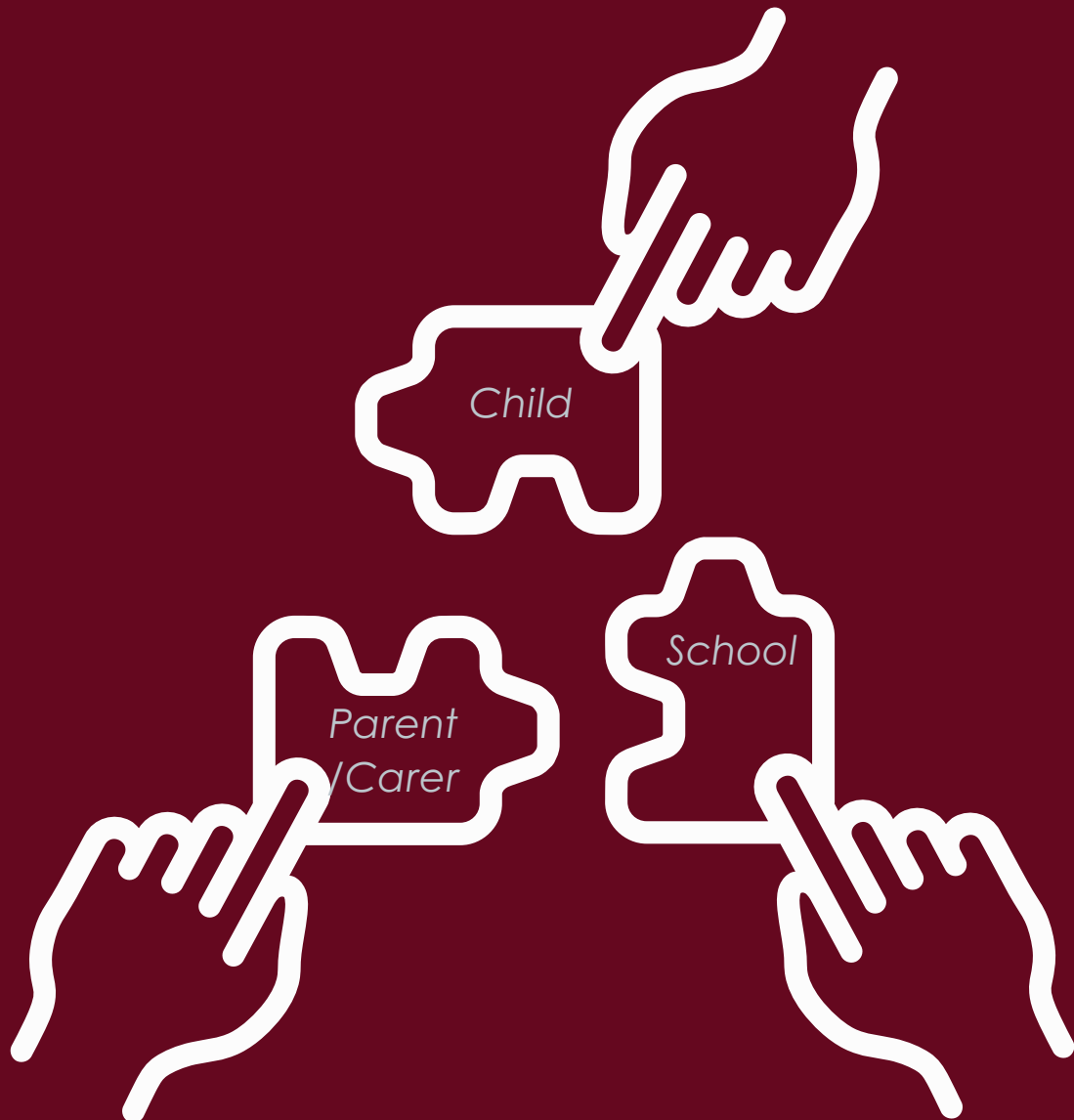




Parent Partnership

Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday 6th May - 2.00 pm



REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR



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](#)



We also have our term dates for next year on our website too, for those who want to book their holidays in advance!





Bandon Hill Primary School

Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day

Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of Term

Friday 17th October 2025 - Finish at 3.15pm

October half term

Monday 3rd November 2025 - First day of term

Friday 19th December 2025 - Finish at 1.00pm

Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January 2026 – First day of term

Friday 13th February 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

February half term

Monday 23rd February 2026 - First day of term

Friday 27th March 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Easter holidays

Monday 13th April 2026 - First day of term

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

May half term

Monday 1st June 2026 - First day of term

Friday 17th July 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Summer Holidays




EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW CAN BE FOUND AT:
<https://www.bandonhillprimary.co.uk>