

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Deputy Headteacher
Update



Issue 84

Friday 22nd May 2026



SUMMER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Early Years and KS1 had a huge treat. 'Mad 4 Animals' visited and put on assemblies and workshops for our very excited children. They got to handle a number of creepy crawlies and even snakes. Four lucky teachers - Mrs Dellaloglu, Miss Browning, Mrs Scarborough and Miss Heinpuu got to hold a giant python which, as one observant pupil told me later in the day, was 'alive' (I was busy hiding in my office - I actually have lots of similarities with Indiana Jones - bravery, a sense of adventure, intelligence and a fear of snakes!).



This week I would also like to share a new website which has been put together by the Greenshaw Learning Trust relating to online safety. It gives comprehensive advice to parents and I really recommend having a read. Please use this [link](#). The site gives advice on a wide range of issues relating to online safety including social media, online games and screen time.

SUMMER

We hope everyone has a lovely half-term - it looks like it is going to be a scorcher!

Mr Haddock



SUMMER



Don't forget to check out our Instagram account if you have not done so already: [bandonhillprimary](#)



PSA Updates

Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com

Instagram @bandonhillschool_psa



Saturday 13th June

Trampolines, Tea

Cups, Hook-a-

Duck, Crafts

Face Painting,

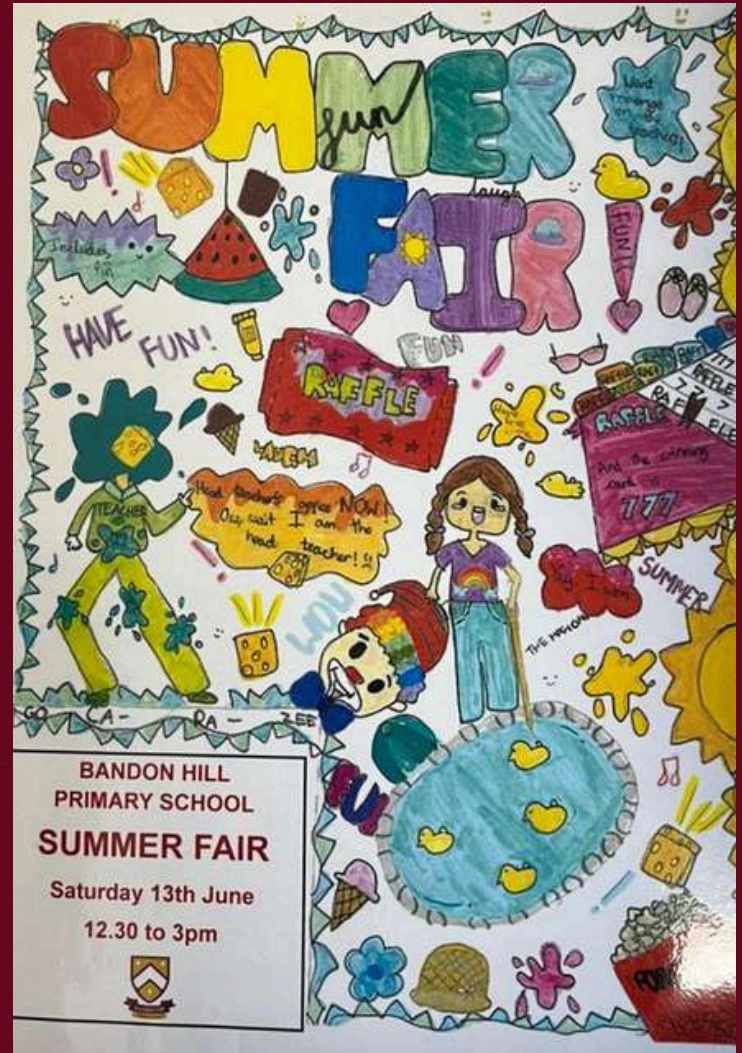
Tombolas, Stalls and

More

Help raise money for

playground

equipment



Helpers Needed
Saturday 13th June

we need help setting up,
helping the children on stall
and packing away.
email us if you can or
pop to the office

BANDON HILL PRIMARY PSA

we are
looking
for

School
uniform for a
nearly new
sale

Unopened
gift sets

Unopened
toys

Helpers
for
Saturday
13th June

PLEASE DROP BY THE OFFICE
WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE

Thank you!



Cultural Celebration Day

Friday 26th June 2026



Children can wear traditional clothes from a culture of their choice or the colours of a flag.



On the day, each year group will learn more about a certain country through a range of fun activities! If you would like to share any skills or knowledge with classes or even information about a particular culture through an assembly, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school if you would like to get involved.



Food FESTIVAL



We will be holding a food festival after school from **3:15pm** in the playground.



To celebrate our diverse school community, we invite parents to bring in traditional food from a range of countries to share with the pupils and parents after school. If you would like to bring in some food from your culture please can you let the office know **by Friday 12th June** and we will be in touch!



FREE Summer Reading with First News – just for our students!







At Bandon Hill, we know how important it is to keep children reading, thinking and engaged over the summer holidays. That's why we're excited to offer all our students free access to First News – the UK's award-winning newspaper for young people aged 7-14.

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- Engage in meaningful conversations at home

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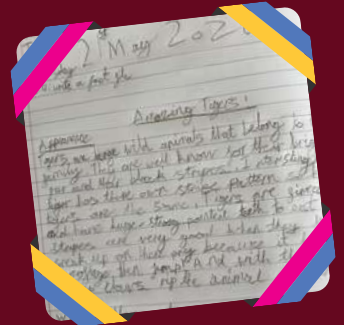
Unlimited access to the First News app Thursday 9 July to Friday 4 September, which includes:

-  The weekly newspaper and an archive of past issues
-  Weekly news quiz to test knowledge in a fun way
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-  Discussion points for families

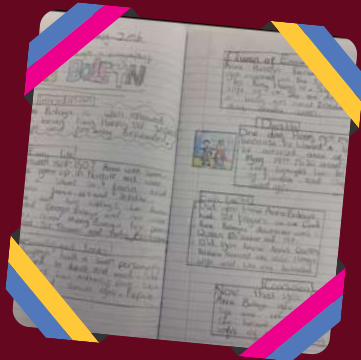
It's fun, educational and completely free – all summer long.

Click here to get started

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2026/?fn=TUAN3088>



Around our school this week



House Points

Mason House

Shanahan House

Weir House

Widdowson House

691

395

452

458

Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
13.06.26	All	PSA Summer Fair
15.06.26	Year 5	Bikeability Week
19.06.26	All	Father's Day Shop Tickets on MCAS
26.06.26	All	Cultural Celebration Day
29.06.26	Year 6	Bikeability Week
02.07.26	Year 1,2,3,4,5,&6	Sports Day
07.07.26	Reception	Sports Day
13.07.26	All	Art Exhibition 3:30 (Main Hall)

This academic year

Next academic year

**Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2025/26**

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day 1
 Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day 2
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025 - 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 - INSET Day 3
 Tuesday 24th 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

**Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2026/27**

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET Day 1
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
 Thursday 3rd September 2026 - First Day of Term
 Friday 25th September 2026 - INSET Day 3
 Friday 23rd October 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

October half term
 Monday 9th November 2026 - INSET Day 4
 Tuesday 10th November 2026 - First Day of Term
 Friday 18th December 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Christmas holidays
 Monday 4th January 2027 - First day of term
 Friday 12th February 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm

February half term
 Monday 22nd February 2027 - First day of term
 Thursday 25th March 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm

Easter holidays
 Monday 12th April 2027 - First day of term
 Thursday 27th May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
 Friday 28th May 2027 - INSET Day 5

May half term
 Monday 7th June 2027 - First day of term
 Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm

Summer Holidays

Curriculum

Update - EYFS

N What a lovely week we have had in Nursery! We all loved taking part in the minibeast workshop. The children all looked amazing in their costumes! We also enjoyed painting butterflies and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly.

We cannot believe that we are heading into the last half term of our year together! Our next topic is called 'Where shall we go?' and is based around travelling to different areas, such as beaches, cities and forests. We would love you to share photos of different places your children have visited. These photos can be shared on your child's Tapestry account.

We wish you all a happy and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on 1st June!



R We have had such a busy week to end our half term! The children enjoyed our minibeast workshop on Wednesday and were very brave with all of the animals they encountered. We were also very lucky to have a free drama workshop on Friday which was a lot of fun!

After half term, our final topic of the year will be 'Under the Sea' and the children will learn about sea creatures, islands, maps and more...
The children will not be bringing reading/library books home during half term as we had a workshop during our library slots this week.

As the warmer weather is approaching please ensure sun cream is applied before school as we are not allowed to apply this for the children during the day. Please send in a named sun hat every day.
We hope you all have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 1st June!



Curriculum Update KS1

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Year 1 have had a fun packed week! We loved the minibeast workshop where we got to see and learn all about minibeasts and we especially loved the American snail! Can you spot any minibeasts in the park?

On Friday, we had a Peter Pan drama workshop. It really brought out our creative sides. We have been reading a huge variety of stories at school - please remember to keep reading every day over half term.

Children should also continue practising their phonics over the break, in preparation for the phonics screening at the start of June. You can ask them to spot any digraphs / split digraphs before blending the sounds to read the word. Each child will bring home a pack of words to read (real and alien ones).

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you soon!

PE days next half term:
Goodall: Mondays & Wednesdays
Attenborough: Mondays & Thursdays

We've had a really fun this week Year 2! Our mini beast workshop proved a great success; the children learnt a lot about a range of animals and got to experience some up close including African snails, tenrecs, snakes and lizards! In the assembly the children sat in wonder as some of us teachers held a 6 stone snake!

In art, we finished our paintings inspired by Van Gogh. We used cotton buds to help blend colours together to make the night sky.

In PE, the children tried really hard to improve their throwing skills. This week the focus was on chest passes.

On Friday, we had another exciting workshop, this time one that got the children up and acting! The children got stuck in with imagining they were in Neverland!

Upcoming Trip - Sutton Ecology Centre
Ali Class - 18/06/26
Owens Class - 22/06/26

PE Days next term are as follows:
Ali: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Owens: Tuesdays & Thursdays

We hope you have a lovely half term break!



Attendance and Punctuality
this week...



KS1

Attendance: Donaldson 98%
Punctuality: Donaldson & Ali

KS2 Attendance: Hadid & Kahlo
97%

Punctuality: Kahlo, Frank, Curie
and Gandhi

Fantastic Effort!



Curriculum Update KS2

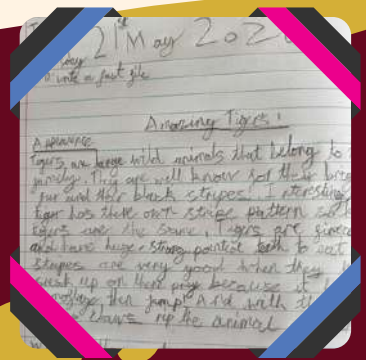
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We've had a lovely final week of half-term in Year 3. We have been watching some videos and finding out fascinating facts about tigers in English this week. We have then been putting them together into our own fact files. The children have engaged really enthusiastically and completed some amazing writing.

We have completed our history learning about the Romans this week too. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have enjoyed their learning about the Romans and how much they have remembered from our workshop at the beginning of the half-term. In French we have been learning to say a range of different verbs so that we can begin to talk about what we are able to do. It has been challenging but the children have worked really hard.

We are really proud of all the hard work the children have put in this half term. We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and come back feeling refreshed!

(Please note: PE days for Year 3 will now be Mondays and Thursdays.)



We have had a lovely final last week of half term here in Year 4! We wrote a collection of beautiful poems all about star claw the magical dagger from 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear'. We displayed our creativity in the form of acrostic and free verse poems.

In maths, we have started to explore co-ordinates in our 'position and direction' unit of maths. We have worked really hard plotting and locating co-ordinates on a grid. We are becoming experts at going along the corridor and up the stairs!

Towards the end of the final half term of the year we will be creating animal sculptures out of recycled materials. We kindly ask that you begin to collect materials that the children can use for their sculptures. We aim to make these sculptures in the second to last week of school if they could be brought in then.

Finally, our new PE days for next half term are:
Keller- Tuesday and Friday
Frank- Wednesday and Friday

Have a lovely break, we will see you all for the final half term of Year 4 when we return!



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Wrap around care



Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



- ✓ Child Led Nurturing Activities
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- ✓ Opportunities to Socialise and Learn Social Skills
- ✓ A start and/or end of day reflection to motivate and encourage
- ✓ Snacks and Drinks

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E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



Celebration Assembly Winners



Every Friday, we come together as a community to applaud these individuals. It is a moment of pride for the children, their teachers, and their families, reinforcing the idea that hard work and a positive attitude are the keys to success at Bandon Hill.

"A DREAM certificate isn't just a piece of paper; it's a testament to a child's character and their dedication to being the best version of themselves all week long."

Curriculum Update KS2

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Do you hear the people drum? We have ended our unit of South and West Africa by creating some eight beat bar breaks to accompany the rhythms we have been learning to play on the drums. The children enjoyed working together and listening to music from a different culture.

You will have hopefully by now received a letter about our History workshop based our Tudors topic to take place on Friday 19th June. We are excited for the children and hope they enjoy this opportunity to dress up and experience aspects of Tudor life. We will end our topic this week by looking at Tudor inventories and finding out more about their way of life and the possessions owned by the rich and the poor.

In English the children have done some super research on one of Henry VIII's wives and have put together some really informative biographies.

PE days are CHANGING. For Curie they will Wednesday and Thursday and for Hawking Monday and Wednesday.

Please look out for information regarding our swimming during the first part of Summer 2.

Finally we hope you have a lovely and restful half term.

Year 6 have had a lovely week post SATs!

This week, we launched our exciting 'Dragons' Den' project. The children worked in groups of six, tasked with creating a brand-new stall idea for the Bandon Hill Summer Fair. They came up with business names, designed logos, budgeted accurately, and sourced all their resources.

On Friday, they pitched their ideas to a panel of 'Dragons'! There was one winning team from each class, and we will be bringing their winning products to life the week we return from half-term. A huge thank you to the PSA, who have kindly given us an £80 budget to facilitate this project for our Year 6s!

In English, we have been writing our own cinquain and free verse poems. The children loved getting creative with their language and rhyming techniques!

Gandhi class enjoyed their final session at Dymond House Care Home. They took part in a talent show, and the residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

If your child has a role in the school production, please ensure they are learning their lines over the half-term break. As soon as we return from PGL, we will be going into full production mode!

Have a lovely and restful half-term!



MCAS Updates



If you are not receiving notifications, try deleting the app and reinstalling it. Log in again and ensure notifications are turned on.

1. What do I need to use the MCAS App?

To use the MCAS App you will need access to a Smart Phone, Tablet, iPad or PC.

2. Where can I get the MCAS App?

You can find this on the App Store on an Apple device or Play Store on an Android device. If accessing on a PC you need to search www.mychildatschool.com.



3. I'm inputting a new password but MCAS won't accept it?

Passwords need to be a minimum of eight characters long and must contain a Capital letter, a number and a special character (i.e. !, ?, £).

4. My child at another school uses MCAS so I already have an account. Do I need to set up a new account?

No, you don't need to set up a new account. Parents with siblings already registered with MCAS just need to add their child on at login.

5. I am not receiving pop-up notifications?

Depending on what device you are using you would need to go Settings, Notifications, and activate for the MCAS App.



6. I am unable to change my personal details?

The only details which you are able to change on MCAS are: Address, Telephone Number and email. Any other details which you require to be changed (i.e. name) will need to be requested via the school office.

7. What do the colours mean on the Academic Calendar?

- Green – normal school day
- Yellow – school holiday
- Red – school event

8. Can I send a message directly to my child's class teacher from the MCAS App?

No. If you send a message from the MCAS App this will be sent automatically to parents@stbedeacademy.org and will be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

9. What can I pay for using the MCAS App?

At the moment we can only receive payments for dinner money via the MCAS App. We need to do further work setting up the system to receive payments for other things, such as snack money and trip money, which need to continue being paid for by cash or cheque in the meantime.

10. Since I have signed up to MCAS I no longer receive emails from school, should I still be receiving emails?

No. When you sign up to MCAS, all communications sent from school are sent through Bromcom, which means you will receive the notification via the MCAS App. Please ensure that you have set your phone to receive notifications (see Question 5).

11. I don't want to use the MCAS App, how will I receive communications from school if I don't sign up?

Although we encourage as many parents as possible to use MCAS, if you would really prefer not to you will continue to receive communications via email. We also have other communication channels such as Twitter, Facebook and our school website.





SPELLINGS

Year 1

No spellings over half term.

Please use the pack of words to practise Phonics for the screening test.



Year 2

Group 1: careful playful thankful
helpful wonderful useless
careless homeless hopeless
spotless

Group 2: little, as, no, mum, one



Year 3

Group 1: accidentally, breathe, century, eight, consider, guard, heard, peculiar, possible, quarter

Group 2: chief, thief, piece, field, brief, handkerchief, belief, priest, shield, grief.

(Group 3 to learn the 5 spellings highlighted in red)

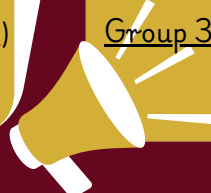


Year 4

Group 1: supermarket, superhero, super-star, superhuman, antiseptic, anticlockwise, antisocial, autobiography, autograph, automatic

Group 2: ball, bawl, break, male, fair, fare, burry, berry

Group 3: food, pool, moon, soon, zoo, book, took, foot, wood, good



Year 5

Grp 1: achieve, apparent, bargain, bruise, community, mischievous, muscle, necessary, vehicle, system

Grp 2: accidentally, breathe, century, eight, consider, guard, heard, peculiar, possible, quarter.

Grp 3: Mr, Mrs, mum, my, not



Year 6

No Spellings this week



Our Little Free Cupboard

"Give what you can,
take what you need."



We are very grateful to Neighbourly and Lidl for the 'Go Give a Fridge' grant last year. This allowed us to purchase a large freezer to store our food donations from Marks and Spencer, Sutton.

If you wish to access this frozen food, please ask in the office or a member of staff on the gate.

Additionally, if you are struggling at this time and need any particular food/household items, please contact Mrs Stirrat.

istirrat@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

Here is a little reminder of our community larder guidelines:

- This larder is for the Bandon Hill community.
- Help yourself to anything you need, but don't hoard!
- Please add to the cupboard if you have food at home you won't eat or can afford a few extra items in your weekly shop.
- Do not add food which has been opened or is past its 'use-by' date.
- Adults only! Do not let your children take food.
- It is your responsibility to check food is fit to eat.
- **Do not eat any unpackaged items if you have allergies.**
- Please keep the cupboard tidy and put any stale items in the bin.
- Feel free to contact Bell Stirrat with any feedback/questions/comments.

Summer Term Lunch Menu

Week 1

MONDAY	Cheesy Pasta 2, 6	Cheese Pizza 2, 6 ✓	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Chocolate Brownie 2, 3
TUESDAY	Pasta Bolognese 2	Plant balls in Tomato sauce 2 ✓	Peas & Garlic bread A/F	Fruit Jelly A/F
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken Yorkshire 2, 4	Vegetarian Parcel 2, 6 ✓	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Apple Crumb Cake 2, 4
THURSDAY	Chicken Focaccia 2	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels 2, 6 ✓	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Vanilla Shortbread 2
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers 2, 4	Vegan Fingers 2 ✓	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding

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.

Week 2

MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Bake 2, 6	Pinwheels Beans & Cheese 2, 6 ✓	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Strawberry Mousse 6
TUESDAY	Beef Burger 2	Veggie Burger 2 ✓	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Ginger Cake 2, 6
WEDNESDAY	Turkey Roast Yorkshire 2, 3, 6	Quorn Sausage Roast 2, 6 ✓	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Shortbread 2, 6
THURSDAY	Chicken Curry 2, 6	Creamy Chickpea Coconut Curry 2, 12 ✓	Mix Vegetables Rice	Citrus Drizzle Cake 2, 3
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 4	Quorn Nuggets 2 ✓	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding

AVAILABLE DAILY

Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes.
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little bites for every future

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ALLERGEN KEY

- 1. Celiac
- 2. Gluten
- 3. Dairy
- 4. Eggs
- 5. Fish
- 6. Soya
- 7. Milk
- 8. Mustard
- 9. Peanuts
- 10. Sesame
- 11. Chickpeas
- 12. Sulfites
- 13. Sulphites
- 14. Tree nuts
- A/F Allergen Free



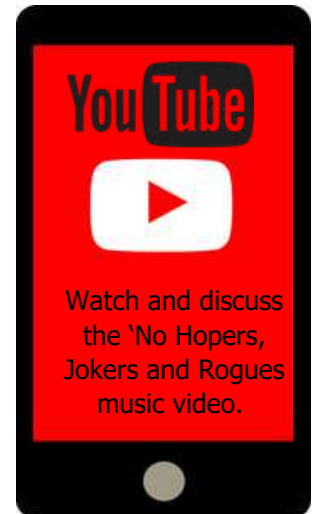


HOME INFORMATION

May's Musician of the Month




Fisherman's Friends




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Now Playing



SPOTIFY

1:24 3:11



About: The Fisherman's Friends are a folk music group from Port Isaac, Cornwall, who sing sea shanties. They have been performing locally since 1995, and signed a record deal with Universal Music in March 2010. Whilst essentially an a cappella group (just singing with no instruments), their studio recordings and live performances now often include traditional simple instrumentation. Their unusual and remarkable success have been documented with two feature films.

Genres: Sea Shanties & Folk

Active from: 1995 - Present

Origin: Cornwall, England

Books to read...

If you like Fisherman's Friends, try...



- Nathan Evans
- Ruth Notman
- Coope, Boyes and Simpson

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29TH APR 12.00PM-1.30PM

11TH May 7.00PM-8.30PM

**Supporting Primary School
Children with Toileting
Problems**

12TH May 1.30PM-3.00PM

**Understanding and
Managing Screen Time for
Primary School Children**

10TH Jun 7.00PM-8.00PM

11TH Jun 1.00PM-2.00PM



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