

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Headteacher update



Issue 87

Friday 19th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been! I want to start by saying a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fair last weekend. It was absolutely lovely to see so many families, friends, and members of our school community coming together in the sunshine.

SUMMER

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a staggering £1,393! Every single penny of this is going directly toward our new playground equipment. We are currently looking into some exciting options, possibly a new climbing frame or a climbing wall, to give the children something to enjoy during their breaks.



Following on from Mr Haddock's message last week, please double-check that you are fully set up on the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app and that your notification preferences are set to receive emails. All end-of-year annual reports will be sent out electronically via MCAS this year. We don't want anyone missing theirs, so please log in and verify your details as soon as possible.

The excitement is building as teachers and classes are currently voting for our Annual Awards Evenings! It is always such a special time of year to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our pupils. Keep a close eye on your child's bag and your inbox, as invites will be sent out to the selected children over the next week or so.

SUMMER

Starting next Monday, our playground will be hosting the Travelling Book Fair.

- When: Monday to Thursday next week, straight after school.
- Where: On the main playground.
- Why it matters: A percentage of every single book sold comes directly back to the school in reward points, which we use to buy brand-new books for our school library. Every purchase you make literally helps us build a better reading environment for the children!



Sports Day is fast approaching, and Mr Corfield is already hard at work organising a fantastic day of events for the children.

To make the day run smoothly, we will need to walk the children up to the local Cricket Club. If any parents or carers are able to volunteer their time to help us walk the classes safely to and from the venue, your support would be appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know in the contact book if you can lend a hand.

SUMMER

A huge 'well done' must go to our Year 1 children who took their phonics screening check last week. They did fantastically well and I know the teachers are so proud of them. Year 4 also took their multiplication tests this week too. We wait to find out their final scores at the start of July!

Thank you all for your continued support across all of our school events. Have a fantastic, relaxing weekend, and we will see you all bright and early next week!



Mr Hopkins



Don't forget to check out our Instagram account if you have not done so already: [bandonhillprimary](https://www.instagram.com/bandonhillprimary)

 SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2**

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn
FREE BOOKS
for our school!



Travelling Book Fair

Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th June

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting the school for the final time this academic year from Monday 22nd June to Thursday 25th June. It will be located in the playground at the end of each school day. Take advantage of the 3-for-2 offer and stock up on books for the summer holidays – when you buy three books, the cheapest one is free!

Every purchase helps support the school, as funds raised through the fair earn Scholastic vouchers, which can be used to buy new books for our library and classrooms.

3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2



PSA Updates

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YAY

Thanks to all the amazing parents and staff that helped put on a fun summer fete.

All together we raised £1393!!

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

For this we raised £296.23

i hope all the dads enjoyed there gifts!

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."



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!



Food FESTIVAL



We are 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 **as soon as possible!**



Food!

Come & celebrate our Cultural Day!

BANDON HILL'S

Food Festival

JUNE 26TH 3:15- 4PM

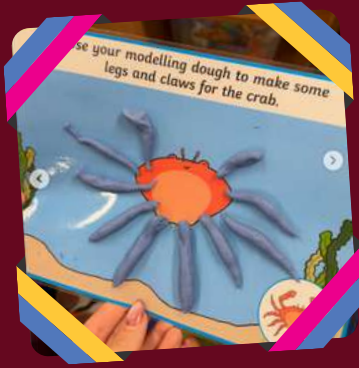
PLAYGROUND

FREE
EVENT

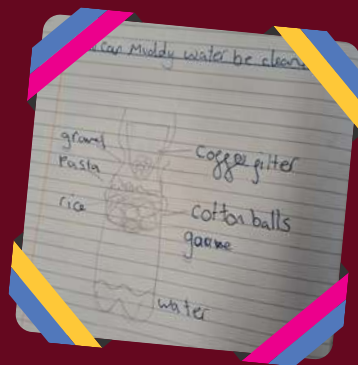
DO YOU HAVE SOME
NICE FOOD TO SHARE?

Please speak or email the
office if you'd like to
bring in some food!





Around our school
this week



House Points

Mason House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

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Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
22.06.26	Owens Class	Sutton Ecology Centre
22.06.26	Year 4	Science Outreach at Wallington Girls
23.06.26	Year 5	Science Outreach at Wallington Girls
24.06.26	Year 5	Tudor Workshop
26.06.26	All	Cultural Celebration Day
29.06.26	Year 6	Bikeability Week
01.07.26	Year 3 and 4	Theatre Show at Phoenix Centre Library
02.07.26	Year 1,2,3,4,5,&6	Sports Day
03.07.26	Reception	Sports Day
06.07.26	KS1	Award Ceremony
07.07.26	KS2	Award Ceremony
08.07.26	Reception and Year 1	Theatre Show at Phoenix Centre Library
13.07.26	All	Art Exhibition 3:30 (Main Hall)

Curriculum

Update - EYFS

N We are pleased to share with you that Tuesday 7th July will be a special day in Nursery. We will be going on Safari! The children will need to arrive at Nursery for their usual session at their normal time, with a small piece of luggage (empty!) and their passports and boarding passes (supplied by us). They may wear their own clothes. We will welcome them aboard their flight and get them settled for their trip. Once our flight is over, our safari will begin! We will head up to the meadow with our binoculars and go on a hunt for all of the hidden animals. There will be other fun activities for the children to complete before it's time for us to catch our flight home. In the event of rain, we will use the school hall and still have a fun-filled day! More details will follow.

Happy weekend and Happy Father's Day!



R We have enjoyed looking at the five different oceans of the world this week. The children will be looking at different beaches next week, if you have visited a beach please do send in some photos for us to look at!

Summer Reception school uniform reminder - black shorts, white polo tops, school jumper/cardigan and black trainers/school shoes.

Reminder:
Reception trip to Phoenix Centre Library
Wednesday 8th July 2026
11am

This is a fun theatre performance and very interactive for Reception. Please ensure you fill out the reply slip as soon as possible as we need to let the kitchen know if you are ordering a school packed lunch.

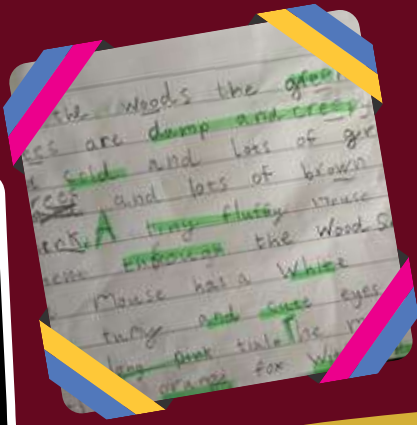
Have a great weekend and Father's Day!



Curriculum Update KS1

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Another fun week in Year 1!

In maths, we have been working on 'equal groups' as a foundation for multiplication and division skills.

In English, we have continued our Gruffalo theme, making story maps and writing an opening to the story. Children tried hard to include what they have learnt in SPAG lessons (full stops, capitals and conjunctions) and made their writing interesting to read by including a variety of adjectives.

Year 1 trip to Phoenix Centre Library
Wednesday 8TH July 2026
1.45pm

This is a fun theatre performance and very interactive for year 1. It is an afternoon trip, roughly 1- 3pm.
If you can help us on trip please let us know or let class teachers know. If we are fortunate enough to get lots of offer we'll work on first come first served and let you know. Thank you!

Year 2 have had a great week this week!

In English, the children did a great job at writing character descriptions based on their very own imagined pirate, as well as write a letter to try and convince Captain Purple to allow them to join their pirate crew!

The children have been working very hard in maths solving problems relating to time. Next week, we move onto interpreting tables and results.

In class, we are continuing to practise our times tables (2, 5 and 10 before moving onto 3). If you could help your child with their times tables at home, that would be great. Also, board games are a great way to get children adding and subtracting mentally.

Ali class had a wonderful time at the Sutton Ecology Centre where they explored its different areas and collected a range of leaves on their way! Thank you very much to our parent volunteers who helped us on the day.

Owens' Class are looking forward to theirs on Monday. As it looks like it'll be another hot day, please can your child make sure they bring a full water bottle and hat. Shorts and a short sleeved top is now advised.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend!



Attendance and Punctuality this week...



KS1
Attendance: Ali 98%

Punctuality: Donaldson, Goodall & Ali

KS2 Attendance: Hadid 98%

Punctuality: Curie & Gandhi

Fantastic Effort!



Curriculum Update KS2

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Another fantastic week in Year 3! Our geography has taken us on a journey through the mountains. We have been learning about tectonic plates and how mountains are formed. We have also looked at maps to identify where some of the different mountains are in the UK. This week in particular we are focusing on Mount Snowdon in Wales. If you have ever been, do send us in some photos to share with the class.

We have also begun our new science topic focusing on plants. This week we have done a mini-investigation using string and food colouring to learn about how plants take up nutrients from the soil through their roots. If you are interested, you could have a go at buying some seeds, planting them and watching a plant grow at home.

Thank you all for sending your permission slips in for our library trip on Wednesday 1st July. Please remember we will not be at school for lunch so the children will need a packed lunch from home (or provided by school if you requested it on the slip).

Have a wonderful weekend!



This week, we have been learning about 2D shapes, including their names and key features. The children have also been exploring lines of symmetry and have enjoyed identifying symmetrical shapes and creating their own symmetrical patterns.

In English, we have begun reading our new class text, *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. This links closely with our History topic on the Victorian era, which the children have already engaged with enthusiastically. They have been particularly interested in learning about school life for poor children during Victorian times and have been fascinated by how different (i.e. harsh and strict) it was compared to today.

If you are looking for something to do during the school holidays, you may like to consider visiting the Ragged School Museum in North London. On the first Sunday of each month, visitors have the opportunity to take part in a lesson in the museum's Victorian classroom, providing a wonderful insight into what school life was like for children in Victorian Britain. For more information, please visit: www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/first-sunday-victorian-lesson/



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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



Telephone: 020 8647 5377

or

E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



Curriculum Update KS2

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It has been an action-packed week of learning in Year 5!

In English, the children have been planning and writing persuasive adverts for a new, improved pair of wings for Icarus to market to the people of Ancient Greece. It has been lovely to see their creative ideas come together!

In maths, we have been mastering adding decimals with the same amount of decimal places, while our Science lessons saw us getting hands-on to create water filtering systems.

In History, we traveled back to Ancient Greece to compare the contrasting lifestyles, governments, and cultures of Athens and Sparta.

Finally, we tapped into our creative sides in Music, where the children have enthusiastically begun to script and compose a brand-new scene for a musical. Have a lovely weekend!

Key dates for your diary:

- 23rd June - Science workshop @ Wallington Girls
- 24th June - Tudor workshop
- 26th June - Cultural Day
- 2nd July - Sports Day
- W/C 6th July - Swimming sessions @ Trinity School

We had such a fantastic time at PGL last week and having all of Y6 back together this week has been lovely!

This week, production practice has been in full swing! Well done to all of the children who have a speaking role and have shown great dedication in learning their lines over the past few weeks. We are very impressed!

We have sent out costume letters to children with on stage roles detailing what they require to bring from home. Could these be sent into school by Monday 29th June.

Top up swimming lessons are next week (Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th June). Please ensure your child has got a spare change of underwear, swimming hat and goggles. They can wear their swimming costume under their uniform before they go swimming, if they wish.

Key dates for your diary:

- W/C 22nd June - Top up swimming
- W/C 29th June - Y6 Bikeability
- 2nd July - Sports Day
- 8th July - Production night 1
- 9th July - Production night 2
- 16th July @ 2pm - Y6 Leavers' Assembly



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.





HOME INFORMATION

June's Musician of the Month




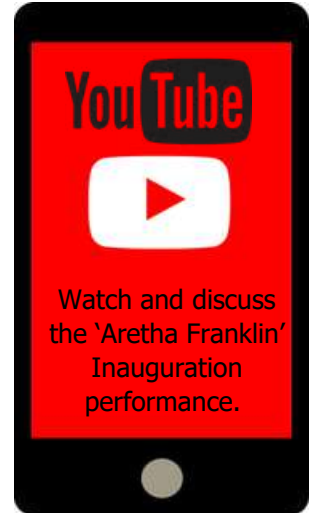
ARETHA FRANKLIN

Now Playing



SPOTIFY

1:24 3:11

About: Aretha Louise Franklin was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. Referred to as the "Queen of Soul", Rolling Stone twice named her as the greatest singer of all time in popular music. As a child, Franklin was noticed for her gospel singing at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father C. L. Franklin was a minister. She went on to sell over 75 million records worldwide and received 18 Grammy Awards. From her time growing up in the home of a prominent African-American preacher to the end of her life, Franklin was immersed and involved in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Gospel and Jazz

Active from: 1954-2017

Origin: Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Books to read...



If you like Aretha Franklin, try...


- Etta James
- Ann Peebles
- Al Green






SPELLINGS

Year 1




work
astronaut
talk
playful
poor
once

Year 2




Group 1: station, fiction, motion, nation, education, action, injection, caption, fraction, competition
Group 2: very, look, don't, come, will

Year 3




Group 1:
exactly, bravely, pleasure, dislocate, island, decide, disadvantage, survey, ordinary, promise.
Group 2:
saw, yawn, draw, lawn, drawn, crawl, author, autograph, August, astronaut
(Group 3 to learn the 5 spellings highlighted in red)

Year 4



Group 1 (plurals with possessive apostrophe):
girls', boys', babies', children's, men's, mice's, ladies', cats', women's, geese's
Group 2: special, strange, difficult, important, length, perhaps, position, pressure, question, purpose
Group 3: very, happy, party, funny, family, dizzy, smelly, silly, jolly, sunny

Year 5



Grp 1: accompany, achieve, advice, affect, aisle, bought, cereal, definitely, guessed, though
Grp 2: exactly, bravely, pleasure, dislocate, island, decide, disadvantage, survey, ordinary, promise
Grp 3: out, same, saw, see, that



Year 6



No spellings



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.

Free School Meals for Pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind families that pupils may be entitled to a free school meal while at school, either through Universal Infant Free School Meals, the Mayor of London free school meals scheme for primary pupils, or the benefits-related Free School Meals programme.

A healthy and nutritious lunch helps children stay focused, energised and ready to learn. We would like to encourage families to make use of the school meal offer where available.

Our school lunches include:

- Freshly prepared meals cooked on site each day by our catering team.
- A choice of hot and cold options to suit different tastes.
- Balanced meals that support children's health and wellbeing.
- Trained catering staff who follow food safety and allergen procedures.

If your child has a food allergy, intolerance or specific dietary requirement, please contact the school office so that the correct information can be shared with the kitchen team and a suitable plan can be put in place.

If your child is not currently having a school meal, we would encourage you to consider trying the service. It can save time in the morning and helps ensure your child receives a balanced meal during the school day.

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. Please note that all our dishes can be adapted to suit the majority of dietary requirements.

little bites for every future

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LEARNING TRUST

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



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

YEAR 6 PARENT / CARER WORKSHOP: TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

'Is your child getting ready for the move to secondary school? This transition can bring excitement but also worries and uncertainty. Join us to learn practical, supportive ways to help your child feel more confident and prepared'

- *Is your child mentioning worries about starting secondary school?*
- *Are you wondering how best to support them through the transition?*
- *Do you want practical tips for managing conversations about the move?*
- *Would you like to help your child build confidence and cope with new challenges?*

What you'll gain from the workshop:

- Understanding of common worries about transition
- Tips for supporting anxious thoughts and feelings
- Ideas for helpful conversations and building coping skills

DATES / TIMES

<u>Tuesday 23rd June</u>	6.00-7.00 pm
<u>Wednesday 8th July</u>	12.30-1.30 pm
<u>Monday 10th August</u>	6.00-7.00pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[Click here to book](#)

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