

# BANDON HILL BULLETIN



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Headteacher  
Update



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FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

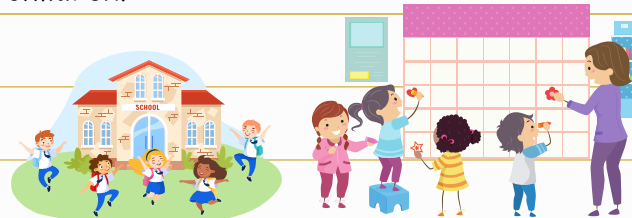
Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer break filled with fun, adventure, and family time. As we gear up for another exciting school year, we are thrilled to welcome you and your child back to Bandon Hill Primary School.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Information afternoons earlier in the week. It was great to see you all and we hope you enjoyed coming in and visiting the classrooms, along with hearing the presentations from our teachers.

We are eager to reconnect with our families and look forward to the growth and learning that this new school year will bring. Our dedicated staff have been hard at work preparing engaging lessons and activities to ensure a smooth and enjoyable transition back to the classroom. We also now have access to our new Nurture and ELSA classrooms on the playground, which is a fantastic facility for us to offer to our children. Please keep an eye out for further communications from your child's teacher and our office team, as we share important information regarding schedules, school events, and any updates on school health and safety. We are currently waiting for our new school communication books for the academic year to be delivered. As soon as they are, we will send them home with the children.

As always, please come and speak to our staff on the gates each morning if you have any questions, or contact the office ([office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will make this school year a fantastic and memorable one for our children.



Mr Hopkins

WHAT'S  
NEW?

[www.bandonhillprimary.co.uk](http://www.bandonhillprimary.co.uk)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## September

September: Monday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
October: Monday 7th, 14th,

- Prospective Parents School Tours - 9.30am

September: Wednesday 11th, 18th, 25th  
October: 2nd, 9th, 16th,

- Prospective Parents School Tours - 2.00pm

Thursday 26th

- Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 6

## October

Thursday 3rd

- Year 4 Assembly
- Year 6 to the Army Museum

Friday 4th

- Individual School Photographs

Monday 14th  
Thursday 17th

- Parents evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 21st October - Friday 01st November**



# Cashpot for schools at Asda

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

**YOU CAN ADD US TO  
YOUR REWARDS CARD  
APP BY SELECTING  
BANDON HILL PRIMARY  
SCHOOL OR USING OUR  
POSTCODE WHICH IS  
SM6 9QU**

## HERE'S HOW:

- 1** Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2** Choose your primary school
- 3** Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4** Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



# CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

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We have really enjoyed visiting our new children and their families this week and would like to thank you all for being so welcoming. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to meet with you and your children before they join us in the classroom. We also look forward to welcoming back the children who were with us last year, we hope you have enjoyed the summer break.

Our year will start with the topic 'Why do you love me so much?' which will celebrate the children and their families. We will also be concentrating on settling your children into Nursery, helping them to learn the routine of our sessions and feel a part of the Nursery community.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year!



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We have been busy this week visiting our new children at home. It has been a lovely opportunity to meet you and your child and welcome them to Jeffers or Donaldson Class!

Our first topic is 'All about me' and we look forward to finding out about ourselves. We will be learning about our similarities and differences and looking at how we grow and change from babies. We will be making a display using baby photos so please send in a copy of your child's baby photo. We enjoy playing 'Guess the baby!'

We look forward to welcoming you to Reception next week!



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KSI

# 1

What a busy and exciting week for Year 1! The children have settled well into school. We are very proud of them and have enjoyed welcoming them back into school. We have had continuous provision in our classrooms to allow for a smoother transition and it has worked well. We loved hearing about their summer holidays this week and the children spent time writing sentences about what they did over summer. We will send a phonics book home this week for children to read, please return the books on Thursday. The library books need to be returned on Mondays.

Our first topic in Literacy is 'Dinosaurs' and using dinosaurs books to hook the children into using descriptive language to write! We will be writing letters, missing posters and fact files! We will be recapping phase 3 before moving onto phase 4. In maths, we will be looking at place value to 10 before moving onto 20.



The whole year 2 team would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year two. It was lovely to have had the opportunity to meet some of you after school on Monday at the information evening, and others in the playground. Please do pop over and say hello to us at pick up time. Your children have settled well into their new classes and had an exciting day on Wednesday when they saw the cardboard houses they created at the end of the summer term, catch on fire! This was our re-enactment of 'The Great Fire of London' (with Mr Reader and Mr Hopkins on standby!) The children pretended to be news reporters and produced some amazing writing about what had happened. This week in maths, year 2 started learning about place value, using our concrete resources.

Next week, we will continue to look at place value in maths. In English, we will be reading the book 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' and basing our written work around this. The children will create a timeline of the events of the Great Fire of London in history and will begin to look at materials in science.

Please can the children start to bring in small/medium boxes in preparation for making their fire engines.

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school everyday (even if it is not forecast to rain).

## PE DAYS

Ali - Wednesday and Thursday  
Owens - Tuesday and Thursday  
Book Change: Thursdays  
Spelling Tests: Fridays

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# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2



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We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Year Three children this week. They have started the year with an excellent attitude which will set them off to a great start.

## **Notices:**

Unfortunately, we only provide healthy snacks for Years 1 and 2. As your children are used to having a piece of fruit at break, please ensure your child comes to school with a healthy piece of fruit to keep them going in the morning.

**Pencil cases:** you do not have to provide your child with a pencil case, as we have all the equipment your child should need. However, if your child would like to bring one, please ensure they only bring in essentials such as; simple pencils, colouring pencils/ pens, rulers, and a rubber. Please can all other stationary be kept at home.

In English, we have been recapping some skills such as capital letters and full stops. We have also started our place value maths topic, which has included looking at the value of three digit numbers.



Year 4, has settled back into school brilliantly this week and it has been great getting to know them all.

During our English lessons we have been revising English skills such as alphabetising, dictionary skills and basic punctuation in preparation for the commencement of our longer written pieces. We have been looking at place value in maths with numbers up to 1000 and recognising that place value can be represented in different ways. We will be continuing with place value into next week.

Next week, we will begin work around our English focus text which is 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' - the story of a toy rabbit that gets lost at sea and proceeds to have many different experiences with the people that he encounters and who learns some valuable life lessons.

Living Things and Their Habitats will be our first science topic and we will be learning about 'Our European Neighbours' in geography.

Please could you ensure that all children have a named water bottle and a weatherproof coat with them in school each day as the weather is already becoming quite changeable. If anyone has boxes of tissues that they could kindly donate for class use it would be greatly appreciated.

**Weekly PE lessons:** Children come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days please.

**Frank class - Monday and Wednesday**

**Keller class - Monday and Tuesday**

**Friday weekly times tables tests - The 10 x tables will be tested next Friday 13.09.24.**

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# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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# 5

A warm welcome back to everyone.

In English, we have been practising our writing skills such as identifying and using commas correctly and applying our knowledge of expanded noun phrases to describe objects. We also started reading our book focus for this half term, *The Amazing Tale of Ali Pasha* by David Foreman.

In maths, we started by recapping our knowledge of Roman Numerals and learnt how to write them up to a thousand. Later in the week, the children used their place value knowledge to solve problems involving numbers up to 100,000.

Also this week, the children made their very own zentangles which are abstract drawings created using repetitive patterns.

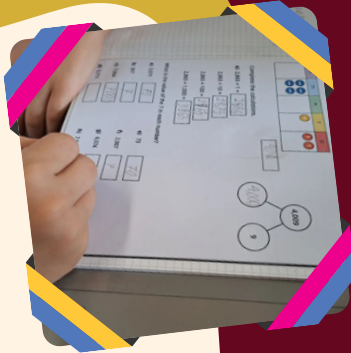
**PE days**

**Curie: Tuesday & Wednesday**

**Hawking: Monday & Tuesday**

**Spellings:**

Will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.



Welcome back and a warm welcome to Year 6!

In English this week, the children wrote a narrative based on the short film "The Clocktower". Next week, we will be looking at writing a setting description based on a simulation of a WWII air raid.

In maths, we took part in some maths investigations and revised place value. Next week, we will continue to look at place value and identify and write numbers up to ten million.

**PE days:**

**Gandhi - Thursday & Friday**

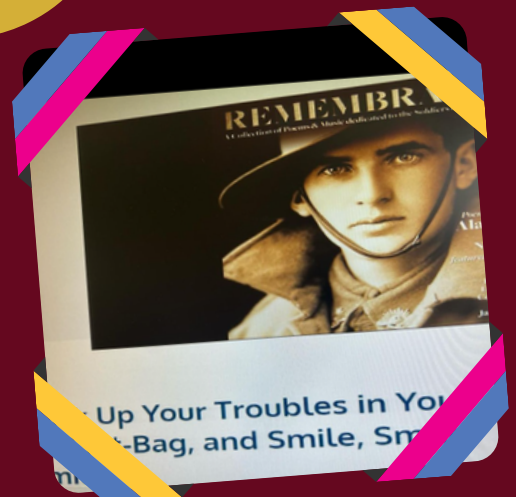
**Luther King - Tuesday & Friday**

**Spellings**

Will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

**Key dates:**

- **Thursday 3rd October** - Trip to the Army Museum.
- **Wednesday 16th October** - Year 6 evacuee dress-up day.
- **Monday 7th October** - Friday 11th October - Mock SATs



# SPELLINGS FOR THE WEEK



## YEAR 1

*No spellings this week*

## YEAR 2

*The children have been sent home with the Year 1 common exception words. We will choose 10 of these words at random and test them on Friday. Our spelling lists will begin the following week.*

## YEAR 3

*badge, edge, bridge, dodge, fudge, ridge, smudge, judge, wedge, lodge*

## YEAR 4

*Year 4 spelling tests will take place on Thursday each week. Words to be tested next Thursday 12.09.24 are as follows (homophones):*

*accept, except, knot, not, peace, piece, plain, plane, weather, whether*

## YEAR 5

*Group 1: ambitious, amphibious, curious, devious, fictitious, infectious, notorious, nutritious, repetitious, obvious.*

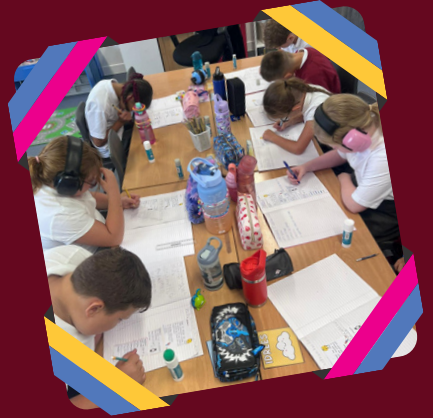
*Group 2: mouth, sprout, around, sound, spout, ouch, hound, trout, found proud*

## YEAR 6

*accommodate, available, competition, determined, existence, identity, muscle, prejudice, rhyme, suggest.*



# NURTURE UPDATE



This week in Nurture, we delved into several engaging and important topics. One of the highlights was a focus on friendship and collaboration, where we learned the value of working together and supporting one another. Through group activities and discussions, they explored what it means to be a good friend and how collaborating with each other can make learning more enjoyable and effective.

In our reading sessions, we read *Esio Trot*, by Roald Dahl. A delightful story that not only entertained but also encouraged discussions about kindness and patience. The children were captivated by Mr. Hoppy's clever plan and Mrs. Silver's love for her pet tortoise. This story served as a great way to reinforce the themes of care and thoughtfulness, echoing our lessons on friendship.

We also discussed how to differentiate between big and small worries, and helping to manage our emotions effectively.

In Maths, we have been learning number bonds. We practised breaking down numbers into pairs. By linking these number bonds with our collaborative activities, we were able to see the connections between working together and problem-solving in Maths.



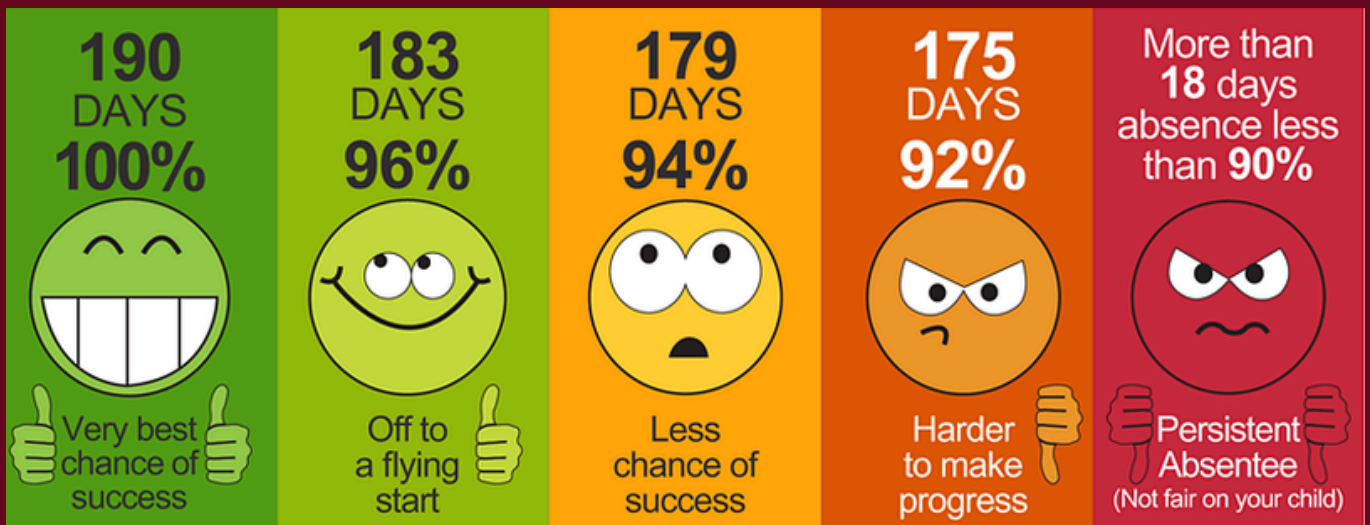
# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



**Attenborough and Keller**



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7:30 - 8:30am

# WRAP AROUND CARE



3:15 - 6:00pm

Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



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

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



7:30 - 8:30am

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

## Dare to Dream



3:15 - 6:00pm

Telephone: 020 8647 5377 or  
E-mail: [office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)  
for more information...





Dare to...  
**D**aring  
**R**esilient  
**E**nquiring  
**A**mbitious  
**M**otivated



# EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE OPEN EVENTS & TOURS

For families joining our community in September 2025

Our events will offer a unique opportunity for parents and carers to tour the school, followed by the chance to ask any questions you may have with Mr Hopkins, Mr Haddock or Miss Hatchett.

Our Open Events and Tours will take place on **Monday's at 9.30am and Wednesday's at 2.00pm**

To confirm your place please call 02086475377 or email us at [office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk)

We look forward to welcoming you to view our fantastic school!



# Fun at St Michael's

Thursdays 4-6pm

## St Mike's Tykes

Fun, food and friendship for primary aged children  
& your carer/s & siblings of all ages



*Eat a meal together*

*Journey with Jesus  
and friends*

*Play indoors and out*



*Singing and  
Music*



*Crafts*



*Storytelling*



*FREE and open to all - but please call before your first  
visit so we can plan for dietary or any other needs*

*Mother Berni 07502 411918*

*sbrvicar@gmail.com*



# Family Support



## Primary Family Support Group

### Empowering parents to build healthy relationships with their children

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

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

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

**Dates:**

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

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

**09/10/24:** Promoting positivity in children

**16/10/24:** Trauma and the developing brain

**23/10/24 – No Group, Half Term**

**30/10/24 – No Group, Half Term**

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

**13/11/24:** Online Safety

**20/11/2024:** Attachment

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

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

**11/12/24:** Optional additional session

## All welcome

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

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

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

**Parents will:**

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

**Build self-esteem and confidence**

**Share ideas and tips with each other**

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

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# Finding your Feet

Education  
Wellbeing  
Service

## FINDING YOUR FEET WEBINAR

### CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND STARTING SCHOOL FOR EARLY YEARS PARENTS

**NHS**  
South West London and  
St George's Mental Health  
NHS Trust

Starting school can be an exciting time for children and parents - it can also bring along some worries and challenges for your child and you as parents.

This webinar will talk you through some common anxieties and worries that children and parents may face, and provide different ways you could approach some of these challenges..

It will draw on child development and cognitive-behavioural ideas and hopes to be practical and engaging.



#### DATES

10th July, 21st, 22nd August and 11th September

#### HOW TO SIGN UP:

To sign up to this online webinar  
scan the QR code or [click here](#)



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# 11th September only