

BANDON HILL BULLETIN

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2024



Headteacher Update



What a busy week it has been again at Bandon Hill! Yesterday, our girls football team travelled to Green Wrythe, to play Epsom Downs Primary School in the next round of the cup. An emphatic display saw us win 9-0, with the whole squad contributing to the win, with a number of different goal scorers. Well done to Sophia for opening her account for the season with two excellent goals. Poppy in defence too was brilliant, not letting anything get past her and getting 'stuck in' with every possible challenge. We now wait to see who we will be playing in the next round.

The girls also sit top of their league table, with games against Stanley Park Juniors and All Saints up next.

Our Chess Club competitors also had success this week, with Nikhil, Isaac, Arshann and Bahaz winning in Year 4, 5 & 6 competition. Year 3 entered a separate competition, with Filip, Chirag, Piero and Monish coming away with medals from their victories. Well done to everyone who took part. Who knows, one day they may be the next Magnus Carlsen!

Over the next two weeks we have a range of different events occurring at school. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Winter Craft Day on Monday 16th December. If you have more than one child at Bandon Hill, please feel free to go between the different classes in order to spend time with all of your children. There will also be registers on the classroom doors. Please remember to sign your child out on the register to confirm you have taken your child.

Mrs Stirrat continues to do a fantastic job filling our community larder outside by the school gates, providing food for families to access at different points of the week. Please ensure that children are not taking food from the larder, as it is intended for adult use only. Mr Reader and Mr Bus will be keeping an eye out for any children taking food at the end of the day! We look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks, as we enter the Christmas period!

Mr Hopkins



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NEW?

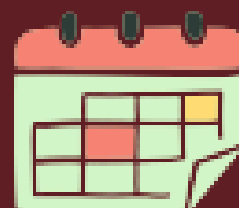
December Dates

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| Tuesday 10th | Father Christmas visits the children  |
| Wednesday 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Diversity Concert Ali, Goodall & Donaldson classes @ 9.30 am • Christmas Dinner Day - wear a Christmas jumper • Parent Partnership Meeting 2 @ 2 pm  |
| 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 Years 3 & 4 - 10:00 - 11:00am Year 5 & 6 - 1:45 - 2:45pm  |
| Wednesday 18th | Nursery Singalong @ 10 am  |
| Thursday 19th | Christmas Parties  |
| Friday 20th | School ends @ 1 pm  |



PSA UPDATES

Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com



**This Weekend.....
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
12-2PM**

**CRAFT STALLS, TOMBOLAS, RAFFLES,
STALLS AND LOTS OF FUN**



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

N This week started with a BIG surprise! We arrived at Nursey to find that our role play area had been decorated ready for Christmas by an Elf named Buddy. We soon found out that he was a cheeky elf and we needed to keep an eye on him. Have your children kept you informed about what he has been up to?

Wednesday 11th December is school Christmas dinner day and Rainbow Fish class may wear a Christmas jumper to school that day. Paddington and Elmer class are also welcome to wear a jumper despite not being at school for lunch time.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas singalong on Wednesday 18th December at 10.00am. The children (including Elmer class) need to arrive at 8.30am wearing their own clothes (Christmas jumpers or party wear). After the performance, you are welcome to take your children home with you if you wish, if not Paddington and Elmer class will need to be collected at 11.30am and Nursery will remain open for the rest of the day for Rainbow Fish class.

Please note that Nursery break up for Christmas on Thursday 19th December which is different to the main school.
Have a lovely weekend!



R Reception were all very excited at the beginning of the week as the classrooms have been decorated ready for Christmas! We were also shocked to find that two cheeky Elves have been causing chaos in the classrooms!

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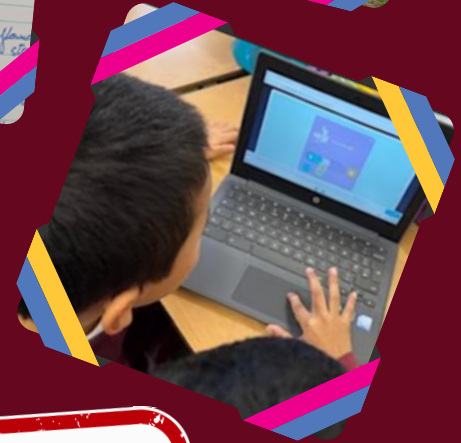
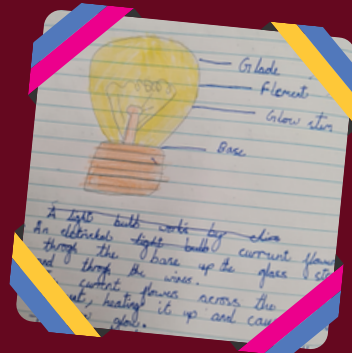
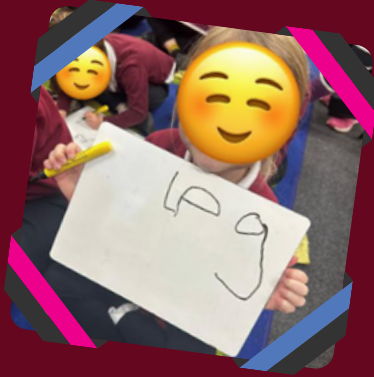
We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Diversity Concerts on Wednesday 11th December at 9:30am (Donaldson) and Thursday 12th December at 9:30am (Jeffers). Please remember that we do only have space for 2 adults per child.

Thank you.
Next week, we will be looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world! The children will be revisiting phonic sounds from this term which they have all done amazing in and in maths, we will be focusing on quantities to 10 and matching objects to numerals.

Have a lovely weekend!



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



HOUSE POINTS

UPDATE

Mason House

Shanahan House

Weir House

Widdowson House

2874

2555

2551

2643

WINNER



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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This week, Year 1 have been extremely busy rehearsing for their Christmas Diversity Concert!

In English, we have learnt to write a fact file
We created our own creature and wrote about its appearance, diet and habitat!
In phonics, we have been exploring 'Grow the code'

We have looked at all the sounds from phase 3 and phase 4 and grouping them according to the ones that make the same sound (ai, ay, a, a-e)

In Maths, we used natural resources and shapes to make repeating patterns.
We even made Christmas paper chains for our Christmas decorations!

PE DAYS

Attenborough - Tuesdays and Thursdays
Goodall - Mondays and Thursdays

Diversity Concert:

Goodall Class - Wed 11th Dec at 9:30am
Attenborough Class - Thurs 12th Dec at 9:30am



Our week, started with some unexpected but lovely news that Mrs Horne had her baby slightly earlier than expected!

For the rest of the week, both classes have been working hard, practising the songs they will be performing to you at the 'Christmas Diversity Concert' next week.

Ali class will be performing with Donaldson and Goodall on **Wednesday 11th December @ 9:30 am**

Owens class will be performing with Jeffers and Attenborough on **Thursday 12th December @ 9:30 am**. Could you please send your child in with a **Christmas jumper** for their performance.



This week in maths, the children have been comparing number sentences and finding missing numbers. Next week, the topic is shape.
In English, the diary entries that they started this week will be edited next week.

In art, the children appreciated work by Picasso and critiqued it, and in science they disproved the discussion that 'children are the same height in every year group in the school'. Lastly, in computing the children learned about algorithms and completed the challenge 'Coding for Carrots'; they had to input clear instructions for the rabbit to collect the carrots.

Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 11th December - wear your Christmas jumpers!

PE DAYS

ALI and OWENS classes - Tuesdays and Thursday

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

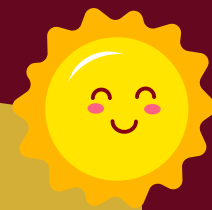
LIBRARY DAYS

Owens: Wednesday/Ali: Thursdays



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Safeguarding Update



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

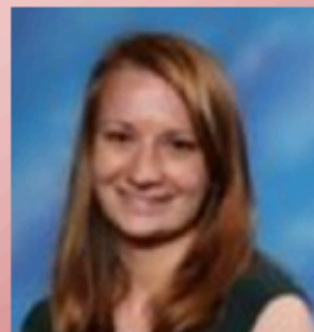


Mr Haddock

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Newsome (DDSL)



Miss Hatchett (DDSL)

**ATTENDANCE FOR
THIS WEEK**



Ali 98%

&

Keller and Frank 97%

**PUNCTUALITY FOR
THIS WEEK**



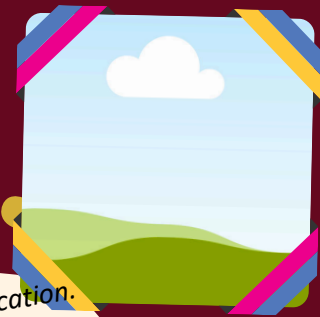
Jeffers

&

Keller and Frank



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2



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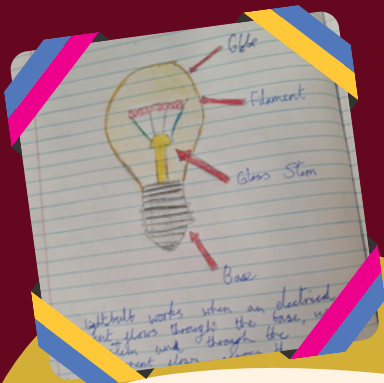
Year 3 have had another very busy week! We have started our new maths topic, multiplication. The children have been making links between arrays, repeated addition and multiplication facts, building upon their previous learning in Year 2.

In science, we have been learning about reflective materials, making predictions and testing different materials to see which is the most reflective. We are carrying on with our topic 'light' until Christmas, so would be grateful if we could hold onto the torches for a few more weeks.

Thank you!

The highlight of our week has definitely been Year 3's Paddington adventure stories. The children have blown us away with their incredible creative writing, they have included powerful adjectives, paragraphs, conjunctions and even inverted commas. Year 3 is full of future authors!

Lastly, if you have any old material/fabric (bedsheets, pillow covers etc.) you no longer need, can we please have them? We have an art project coming up that we will be needing them for.



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Thank you to those parents who were able to make it along to our Year 4 Assembly this week. The children loved telling you a little bit about what we have done so far this year and showing you the Saxon Villages that they had made. Well done to all of the children as they performed brilliantly!

We have been continuing to write our newspaper reports in English this week, focusing on trying to write in the style of a journalistic report and including features such as fronted adverbials and the correct use of inverted commas for quotes. Next week, we will begin looking at playscripts and the features they include, with a view to writing our own short playscript involving the characters in 'Hello Lighthouse'.

In DT we are working toward designing and making a card with moving parts including levers and linkages. We have started off by exploring different types of movement (linear, oscillating, rotary and reciprocating) and the children will use their knowledge of these to choose what type of movement they want for their cards.

Our weekly times tables test on Friday 13th December will be a mix of the 3 and 6 times tables.

Please start collecting cardboard cylinders (kitchen/toilet rolls) as we may be making 'gingerbread' houses with these during our last week this half term.

PE days: Frank Class = Monday and Wednesday, Keller Class = Tuesday and Thursday

Library: Frank Class = Tuesday, Keller Class = Tuesday



Nursery Places Available



Please get in touch with the office:

Telephone 020 8647 5377

or

E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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What can we do to protect the Amazon rainforest?
In geography, we have been discussing what is affecting the rainforest, such as deforestation and climate change and made posters on what we can do to protect it.

This week in maths, we have continued our learning of fractions; how to add and subtract mixed numbers. The children have worked really hard to solve some tricky multi-step calculations, converting mixed numbers into improper fractions!

The children are using their persuasive skills in English to convince the author of *The Explorer* to invite them into the rainforest! After planning their reasons why they should be chosen, they will be writing their own persuasive letters next week.

Year 5 have enjoyed practising the Christmas carols and songs ready for our Christmas Service on Tuesday 17th at 1:45pm at St. Michael's church. We hope to see you there!

If you are able to walk with us to and from the church that would be greatly appreciated.
Rehearsal Monday 16th - leaving 9:15am - 10:30am

Christmas Service **Tuesday 17th** - Leave at 1:30pm return 2:45pm

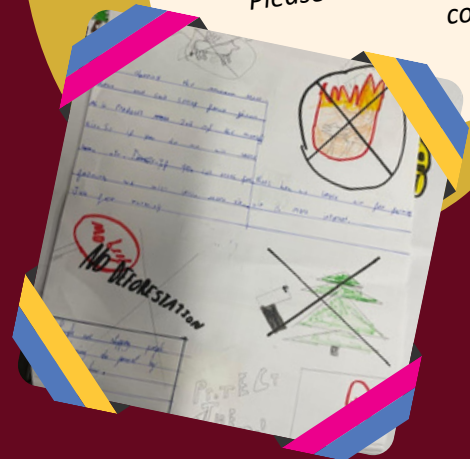
Please let us know via the office or your child's contact book.

This week in Year 6 we read a lot of our focus book 'Darwin's Dragon's.' By the end of next week we will have written a balanced argument based on the topic of whether the dragons should return to the Galapagos Islands or not.

In our maths lessons we have been learning about ordering fractions, decimals and percentages as well as working out percentages of amounts.

We pretended we were giraffes in our science lessons! The children were focusing on the idea of evolution and how different animals had evolved over time and how their features had changed.

On Friday 13th December it is our Community Christmas Party! Please ensure that all response slips are given to your child's teacher as soon as possible. This will indicate whether you are donating a cake, and how your child will be travelling home. We are very much looking forward to this fantastic afternoon!



SPELLINGS FOR THE WEEK



YEAR 1

pure, sure, love,
come, some, one,
here

YEAR 2

Group 1: Words ending with 'il'
pencil, fossil, nostril, pupil, April, gerbil,
lentil, evil, anvil, basil
Group 2: 'ai' words
rain, wait, train, pain, afraid.

YEAR 3

Group 1: Challenge Words centre, disappear,
heart, minute, regular, decide, early, learn,
notice, therefore

Group 2:

wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold,
hold, gold, told

YEAR 4

Group 1: Challenge Words

complete, continue, experiment, famous,
favourite, February, naughty, material,
knowledge, remember

Group 2:

the, a, do, to, today, of, said, says, are, were

YEAR 5

accommodate, available, controversy,
dictionary, marvellous, opportunity,
secretary, sincerely, suggest, twelfth



YEAR 6

Group 1: apply, hygiene, hyphen, identify, multiply,
occupy, python, recycle, rhyme, supply
Group 2: pencil, fossil, nostril, pupil, April, gerbil, lentil,
evil, anvil, basil

NURTURE UPDATE

The holiday spirit has truly arrived in Nurture this week, with a blend of fun, learning, and thoughtful discussions.

Buddy the Elf Visits!

We've had a wonderful (and slightly cheeky!) guest—Buddy the Elf. He's brought lots of joy and a sprinkle of mischief into our classroom, keeping us entertained with:

- Creative Whiteboard Messages
- Zip Wiring Across the Class
- Storytime with Cookies and Hot Chocolate.

Buddy has reminded us to embrace the magic of the season, and his antics have kept us smiling all week.

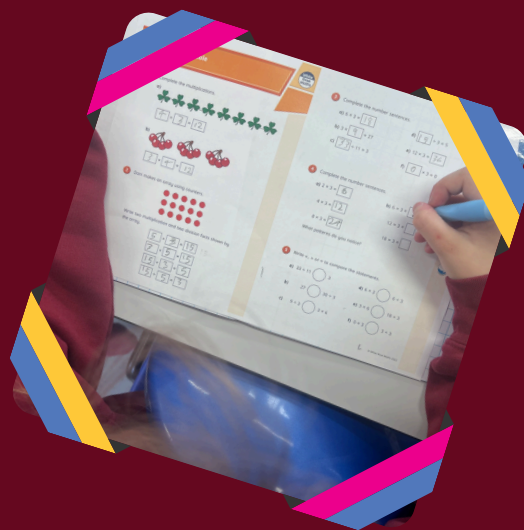
English: The Elves and the Shoemaker

Our focus in English has been on the heart warming tale, *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. This story taught us about the value of hard work, generosity, and gratitude. Together, we discussed how material things are less important than being with the people we love—a beautiful sentiment to carry into the holidays.

Maths: Multiplying and Dividing by 3
In Maths, we've been mastering the 3 times table. The children have been doing a fantastic job working on multiplication and division, showing determination and focus.

Hot Chocolate and Honest Conversations

We started the week with a cosy session of hot chocolate and cookies, where we talked about what we love most about the festive period. Importantly, we also shared the things that worry us or make us feel uncomfortable. As a class, we worked through these concerns and came up with some amazing strategies to help us handle tricky feelings. This week has been a wonderful mix of festive fun, meaningful discussions, and learning. We're so proud of the children's thoughtful contributions and efforts in all they do.



Staff and their favourite books

When I was a child, I loved my weekly visits to the library to choose a selection of books to take home with me. During these visits, I discovered the series of books by Jill Murphy about The Worst Witch.

I dreamt of attending Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches and learning magic!

As an adult, I had outgrown these books but then discovered Harry Potter and his magical world.

These books gave me the opportunity to live my dream again.

I still wait for my letter every year to say that I'm due to board the Hogwarts Express at 11.00am sharp on the 1st of September and to make my way to Hogwarts ready for a year of learning spells, brewing potions and wearing my Hufflepuff robes!

In the meantime, I have to be happy with reading the books and entering the magical world through the pages.

Miss McIntyre



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



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 to join.

Kinship Advice Line
0300 123 7015

Monday to Friday
9.30am to 2pm



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Kinship is the working name for Grandparents Plus, which is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 4454103 and registered as a charity under number 1093975.



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:

Hannah Miles
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](#)





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

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) |

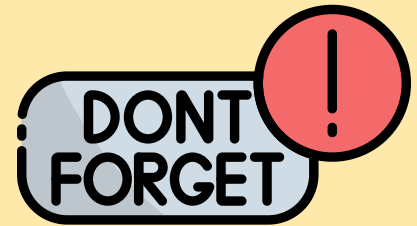


Spring Term 2025

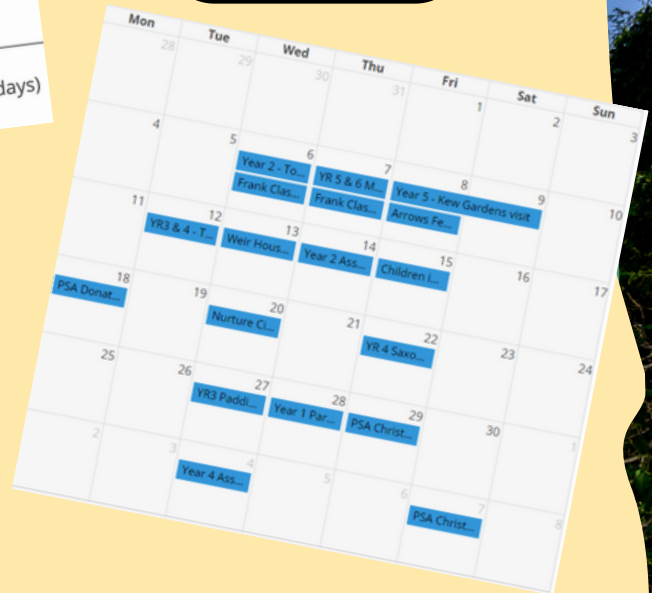
| First Day | Last Day |
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| Tuesday 7th January 2025 | Friday 14th February 2025 @3.15pm (Finish for February Half Term) |
| Monday 24th February 2025 | Friday 4th April 2025 @1.00pm (Finish for Easter) |

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](#)



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