



Dear Parents and Carers,

Deputy Headteacher
Update



It was lovely to see the happy but exhausted children leaving the coach after returning from the Year 4 residential trip to High Ashurst today. I am sure we will hear all about the visit and see lots of pictures of heroic feats of courage and stamina in next week's newsletter!

In the meantime, I would like to announce the winners of our new Attendance initiative! Last issue I mentioned that for every week in a term that a child is in school for the full five days, they get a 'ticket' and at the end of the term one ticket from KS1 and one ticket from KS2 wins a prize.

Therefore, the more full weeks of attendance, the greater the chance of winning the prize! Not only does the child from KS1 and the child from KS2 win a £25 Amazon Gift Card, but so do their parents!

We are delighted to announce that the KS1 winner of the Golden Ticket for last term is Quin from Owens class and his Dad in the picture below! In KS2 meanwhile, the winner was Alfie in Luther-King class, shown in the other photo. His mum could not make the photo as Alfie has a brand new baby sister born yesterday, congratulations from all of us at Bandon Hill Primary School! Alfie has already told me that he plans to spend his voucher on new goalkeeper gloves - I hope they prove effective in the playground ball court!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mr Haddock





PSA UPDATES



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Bandon Hill
DISCO
Friday 9th May

yr 1/2/3 4:30-5:30
yr 4/5/6 5:45-6:45

Tickets £3.50 on MCAS
includes drink and snack

BH PSA
WhatsApp group

3 helpers needed 4:15-5:45
3 helpers needed 5:30-7:00
please email in to
bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com
or join our whatsapp group using
the QR code

Next event

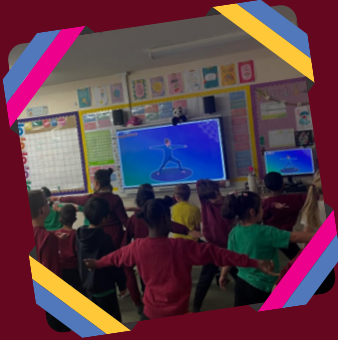
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FAVOURITES FRIDAY

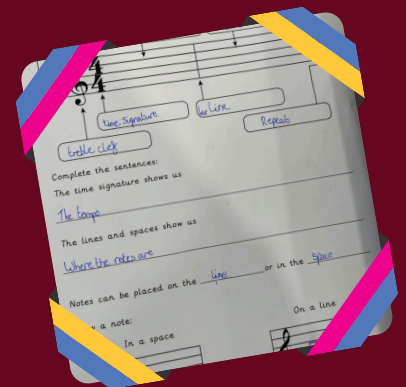
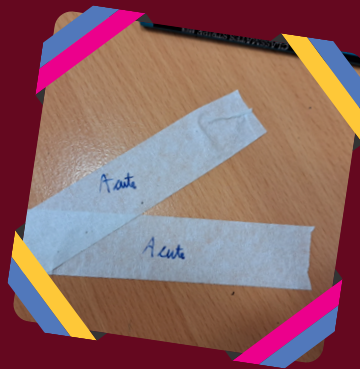
3 ITEMS £1 EACH EXTRA 50P

- Favourite clothes
- Favourite shoes
- Yummy snack (no nuts!)
- Squash in your bottle
- Temporary tattoos
- Nail polish
- Favourite hairstyle

DONATIONS COLLECTED ON GATE OR VIA MCAS



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points



Mason House



5657

Shanahan House

4905

Weir House

5424

Widdowson House

5421

CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

The children have settled back into Nursery life so well this week. We are so proud of them.

This week, we have planted sunflower seed which the children will care for at school before bringing them home. This has been very exciting and we are looking forward to keeping a close eye on the growing process!

Next week, we will be looking at signs of Spring and will be creating observational pictures of daffodils using a range of materials. We will be continuing our phase 1 phonics work, the children are all making amazing progress!

Please can we remind you to name all jumpers, cardigans and hats now that the weather is becoming warmer. It can be very difficult to match up unnamed items with their owners, thank you!

We are now collecting the voluntary Nursery fund for this half term. The suggested amount is £3 and this money really helps us to enhance the children's learning so thank you in advance.
Have a lovely weekend!



The children have come back so well this week and we cannot believe we are now in our Summer term! Our focus this half term is minibeasts so please send in any photos or videos of your child with minibeasts! Next week, we will be looking at bees and honey.

In maths, the children have been doing really well with their counting and next week, the children will continue to develop their subitising skills. In phonics, the children will continue to develop their understanding of tricky words and phase 3 sounds. Please practise these at home with your children too!

As the hot weather has descended upon us please ensure your child has a named water bottle, sun cream (already applied), a sun hat and grey or black shorts. We do encourage you to send in a rain mac or coat because of the unreliable British weather!

We are now collecting the voluntary Reception fund for this half term. The suggested amount is £3 and this money really helps us to enhance the children's learning and environment so thank you in advance.
Have a lovely weekend!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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The children have settled back in really well after the Easter break and have enjoyed seeing their friends. In English, we started the week learning about common nouns and proper nouns. We then moved on to reading the rhyming story 'Oi Frog' by Kes Gray and Jim Field, which the children really enjoyed. They loved the funny rhymes and have been thinking of other pairs of rhyming words. We planned and wrote a letter of complaint from the frog in the story, to the cat, complaining about how the cat is so bossy and inflexible!

In maths, we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and also identifying equal and unequal groups of objects.

We have started some exciting new topics, including learning about explorers in History, Plants in Science, and Food in DT.

PE DAYS

Attenborough - Mondays and Tuesdays
Goodall - Mondays and Thursdays

READING

Please bring back Phonics books by Thursday at the latest.

SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK

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

LIBRARY DAYS

Attenborough - Monday
Goodall - Tuesday

An excitement filled the classrooms this week, as the children chatted and shared their holiday adventures.

In English, the lessons were inspired by Tom Percival's 'Toys in Space'. The focus was to create expanded noun phrases to paint vivid pictures of characters; 'the fluffy, blue alien' or 'the grumpy, metal robot'. Missing posters were created, each one a heartfelt plea for the return of a beloved (imaginary) lost toy.

Meanwhile, in maths, the topic has been 'mass, capacity, and temperature'. The children compared various objects, measured in grams and kilograms, and tackled a range of problems using the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

For the rest of the subjects this half term, the crucial question "How can we keep a plant alive?" will be investigated in science, and in geography "How is the Earth similar and Different?" sparking curiosity about our planet and its diverse landscapes.

Home Learning will continue to be handed out on a Friday to be returned the following Friday and we ask that you hear your children read out loud for at least fifteen minutes a day. It is important that they read the book they are given on a Thursday more than once a week because it not only helps their pronunciation and expression but also their inference skills and muscle memory in spelling words.

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



**ATTENDANCE FOR
THIS WEEK**



**Jeffers & Owens 95%
&
Keller 96%**

**PUNCTUALITY FOR
THIS WEEK**

**Jeffers
&
Frank & Gandhi**



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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Welcome back! We are excited to share that our new topic focused on the Romans has officially begun! The children are already engaging in learning about this fascinating period of history and its impact on the world. Our aim is to help the students explore the lives, culture, and traditions of ancient Rome, as well as their influence in building modern society.

In English, we have been inspired by Anthony Browne's book "Zoo" to spark creative thinking and writing. The children have been writing imaginative diary entries, allowing them to express personal thoughts and feelings while developing their narrative skills. Encourage your child to share their diary entry with you and discuss the unique perspectives they've explored. In Maths, our focus has been on enhancing the students' understanding of fractions. The children have been practicing how to add and subtract the numerators, strengthening their ability to work with fractions effectively. We appreciate your continued support and involvement in your child's learning journey.

Reminders: our spelling tests and home learning is on Fridays.



Welcome back! We hope you had a great holiday break and feel rested and ready for this new half term.

We have some exciting topics over the next few weeks. In art, we will be focusing on the English artist Michelle Reader, who reuses waste materials to create recycled sculptures. We will be 'meeting' and chatting with Michelle via a live zoom session on Friday 9th May. She will talk to us about her art and show us some of her creative techniques which will help us to create our own sculpture made from recycled materials.

In maths, we will be continuing to learn about decimals, moving onto hundredths from tenths. Once our decimals unit is complete, we will be looking at solving problems with money. Our new focus text in English will be 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear and in Geography our enquiry question we will be 'How can maps help us to better understand Wallington?'. 'Animals including Humans' will be our topic in science in which we will be learning about the digestive system.

Due to the High Ashurst trip this week, our next times tables test (mix of all times tables) will be on Thursday 1st May and our next spelling test (Step 25, words that are homophones) will be on Friday 2nd May.

We had an amazing time at High Ashurst and will all need a good rest this weekend!



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NURTURE UPDATE



Welcome back! It was so lovely to see all of the children return after the Easter holidays, refreshed and ready for a new term.

On Tuesday, we celebrated Earth Day by learning how to care for our planet. From planting seeds to picking up litter, the children took part in thoughtful, hands-on activities that reminded us how even small actions can make a big difference.

In English, we've been writing about what we did over the half-term break, using chronological order to help structure our ideas clearly. It's been lovely to read all the different experiences the children have shared.

In Maths, we've been building our skills by learning how to add and subtract fractions. The children have shown great focus and determination.

We've also jumped back into IDL, combining our literacy and numeracy skills in creative ways. We have also tried out Blooket, an exciting, interactive quiz game that everyone really enjoyed!

This week, Mrs Saunders and Year 4 had an amazing time on their trip to High Ashurst. They came back with lots of enthusiasm and memories to share. While they were away, the rest of the Nurture group spent time in class completing their nurture work. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, independence, and positive attitudes.

Here's to a brilliant start to the term



CURRICULUM

UPDATE KS2

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A warm welcome back - it's been lovely to see the children who all appear to have grown in the last two weeks. We enjoyed showing them our newly painted classrooms and hope they are ready for another busy term!

We have started a variety of new topics this half term which include studying the artist Henry Moore in art and learning about climate change in geography. As part of our music topic on South Africa, we will be learning to 'Put on your Gumboot'. As such, we would like the children to bring in wellies (if they have them) on a particular date to be confirmed.

For the next two weeks in English, we are looking at 'gruesome' traditional tales and will be writing our own endings.

Please remember that our trip to the Science museum will be on Wednesday 7th May. This will be an all day trip and so children MUST bring a packed lunch in a small back pack on the day. As there will be a lot of walking children should wear trainers with their school uniform.

Spellings will resume this week and the children will be tested next Friday 2nd May.

Finally a polite reminder that children should have their own blue writing pen (preferably a friction pen). If there are difficulties with supplying, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

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It has been so lovely to see the children back after the Easter break. They seem to be refreshed and ready for another busy half term!

This half term we have our SATs. These will take place during the week commencing 12th May. Each morning that week, from 8am, we will be hosting a SATs breakfast where the children can fuel up ready for the day as well as taking some time to prepare themselves with some calming activities. More details will follow about this over the next few weeks.

In our maths lessons this week, the children have been revising key topics that will appear in their SATs. We have looked at fractions of amounts and converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.

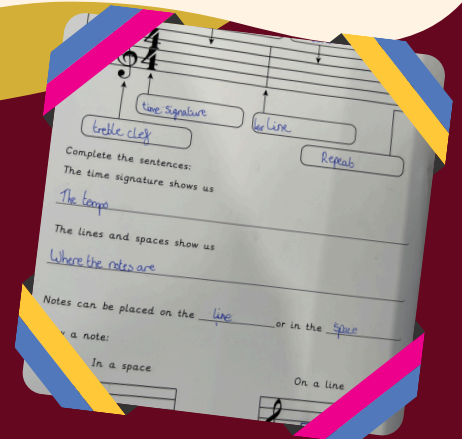
During our English lessons, the children have started to write their own balanced argument letter to Mr Hopkins which focuses on whether we should have 'Soak the Teacher' as an event at our school summer fair!

In science we have started our electricity topic where we are looking at components and simple circuits this week.

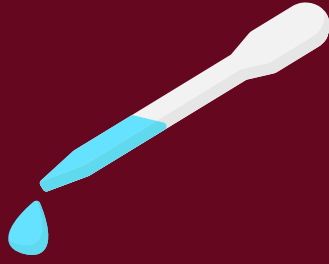
Please ensure that children are completing their homework and practising spellings in the lead up to SATs week as this will be a helpful revision tool.

PE Days Update:

Gandhi: Tuesday and Thursday.
Luther King: Monday and Friday.



LIFE SKILLS UPDATE

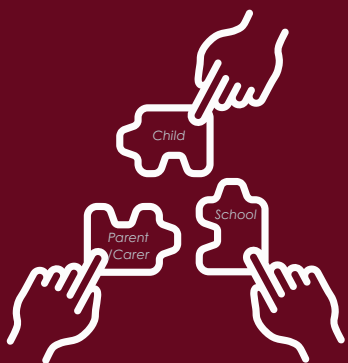


This week during our fine motor session we were using pipettes to transfer the coloured water onto the cotton wool, the children really enjoyed mixing the colours and strengthening their finger muscles.

We also made sandwiches where the children spread the butter and jam onto the bread. The children are growing much more independent at this task that we practice regularly to build cutlery skills and independence.



Parent Partnership



Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday 6th May - 2.00 pm



SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

eye, sure, pure, because, said, were, play, shake, each, he



YEAR 2

Group 1 : want, watch, wander, wand, quality, quad, wasps, squat, quantity, squash

Group 2 : want, wand, watch, wasps, squash



YEAR 3

Group 1 : teacher, stretcher, dispatcher, catcher, butcher, richer, scorcher, preacher, cruncher, watcher

Group 2 : key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley, trolley, journey, turkey, jockey, kidney



YEAR 4

Group 1 Step 25: Words that are homophones scene, who's, affect, hear, whose, heal, effect, here, heel, seen

Group 2: key, donkey, monkey, chimney, valley, trolley, journey, turkey, jockey, kidney



YEAR 5

Group 1: advice, advise, device, devise, licence, license, practice, practise, prophecy, prophesy

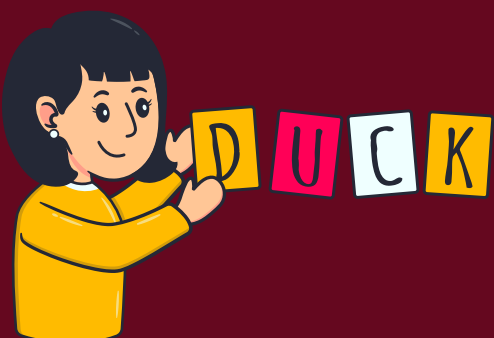
Group 2: stretcher, dispatcher, catcher, butcher, richer, scorcher, preacher, cruncher, watcher




YEAR 6

Group 1: Available, Average, Awkward, Bargain, Bruise, Category, Cemetery, Committee, Communicate, Community


Group 2: Bicycle, Breath, Breathe, Build, Busy, Business, Calendar, Caught, Centre, Century




Summer Term Lunch Menu



FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE



MENU WEEK 1



the FoodChecker
ALLERGEN & NUTRITIONAL PORTAL

DAY	Meal 1	Meal 2	Meal 3	Meal 4
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 4	Vegetable Burger 2	Sweetcorn/Salad & Wedges A/F	Ice Cream Roll & Strawberry Sauce 2, 4, 7, 12
TUESDAY	Beef Lasagne 7, 13	Macaroni Cheese 2, 12	Garlic Bread Salad 7, 2	Chocolate Crunch 2
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Tomato & Cheese Pinwheels 2, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Jelly fruit 2, 4
THURSDAY	American Burger 2, 13	Vegetarian Hot Dog 2, 13	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Orange & Lemon Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets 7	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Chocolate Brownie

ALLERGEN KEY


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

A/F Allergen Free

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

GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST




Catering provided by Greenshaw Learning Trust. All products are locally sourced wherever possible. All food is cooked fresh on the school site each day.


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

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


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



FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE



MENU WEEK 2



the FoodChecker
ALLERGEN & NUTRITIONAL PORTAL

DAY	Meal 1	Meal 2	Meal 3	Meal 4
MONDAY	Pepperoni pizza 2, 7	Cheese Pasta Shells 2, 7	Wedges & Salad A/F	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit 2
TUESDAY	Red Tractor Chicken Tenders 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables & Diced Potato 2	Sprinkle Cake & Fruit 2, 4
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey A/F	Quorn Fillet Roast 2, 4, 7, 9	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse 2, 4
THURSDAY	Mild Chicken Creamy Curry 7	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese 2, 7	Rice & Mixed Vegetables A/F	Strawberry Shortbread 7
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	Cheese Parcels 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Fruit & Ice Cream

ALLERGEN KEY


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2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
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NEWS

NEWS TODAY

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We provide schools, social workers and other professionals educational advice and support in relation to young people who have, or had a social worker:

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- Child Protection
- Previously Looked-After
- Kinship
- Special Guardianship

What do we offer?

- Advice and guidance
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- 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

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



REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR



Summer Term 2025

First Day	Last Day
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025 @3.15pm (Finish for May half-term)
Monday 2nd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @1.00pm (Finish for Summer Holidays)



Don't forget, our 'live' school calendar can be found on our school website or by clicking [here](#)



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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



Bandon Hill Primary School

Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day

Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September - First Day of Term

Friday 17th October 2025 - Finish at 3.15pm

October half term

Monday 3rd November 2025 - First day of term

Friday 19th December 2025 - Finish at 1.00pm

Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January 2026 – First day of term

Friday 13th February 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

February half term

Monday 23rd February 2026 - First day of term

Friday 27th March 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Easter holidays

Monday 13th April 2026 - First day of term

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm

May half term

Monday 1st June 2026 - First day of term

Friday 17th July 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm

Summer Holidays

BANDON HILL PRIMARY

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