

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Issue 44

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assistant
Headteacher Update



Last week was a busy one at Bandon Hill, with Year 4 heading out on their residential to High Ashurst, where they had the most amazing time!

They kicked off their adventures with the climbing wall, helmets on, harnesses secured, and up they went! While two children climbed, the rest of the group worked as a team to manage the ropes and clips, expertly supported by the instructors.

In the evening, they set out on a night walk, where they discovered the fascinating history of an old building that once stood on the grounds. The highlight was exploring the remains, including an atmospheric cellar featuring a beautiful mosaic floor.

Day two took them deep into the woods for some teamwork and creativity as they built dens together. Later, it was all about fire-making—a real test of resilience and determination! But their efforts paid off, and once the fire was crackling, they enjoyed a well-earned treat: popcorn over the flames.

Meanwhile, back at Bandon Hill, the learning and fun didn't stop! Those who didn't go to High Ashurst had a busy and exciting week of their own. Creativity was flowing as they designed their own unique aliens and crafted beautiful stained glass windows. They also enjoyed some valuable time on the chrome books, working together to crack codes and solve an engaging escape room challenge. And who could forget the delicious baking activities? From decorating their own biscuits to creating yummy chocolate nests, it sounds like there were some very tasty treats being made!

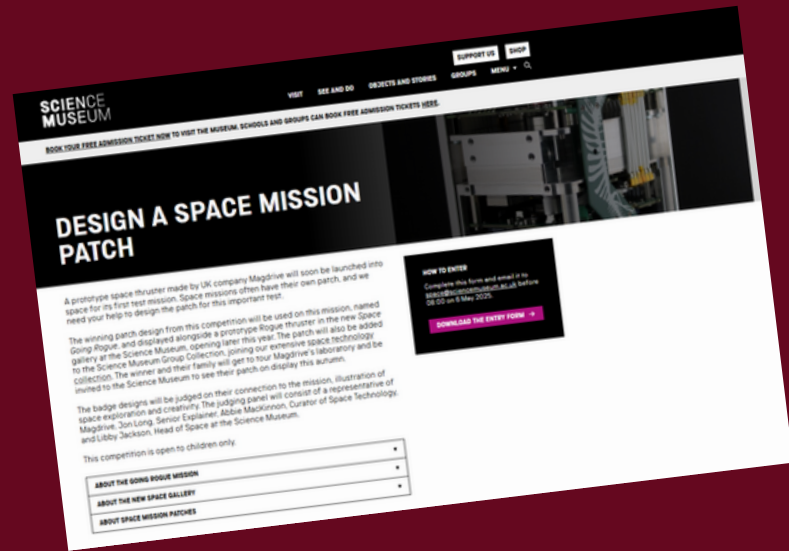
This week, we've been delighted to welcome our work experience students to Bandon Hill. They have been a wonderful addition to Gandhi, Luther-King and Goodall classes, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside them.

Looking ahead, we are all really looking forward to our Cultural Day on Thursday 22nd May. Keep an eye out for more information about this exciting event in the coming days!

Miss Hatchett



Science Museum Competition



Please visit:

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/space-competition>

Closing Date: Tuesday 6th May - 8:00 am



Marathon Success



A massive well done to all the incredible children from Bandon Hill Primary School who took part in the London Mini Marathon this past weekend! You were all absolute superstars, representing our school with such enthusiasm and determination. It was fantastic to see so many of you crossing that finish line with beaming smiles.

Your amazing efforts didn't just stop at personal achievements. Together, you managed to raise a fantastic £250 for the school! This money will go a long way in supporting future activities and resources for everyone at Bandon Hill. We are so proud of your commitment to both your running and your school community.

Adding to the excitement, we heard that most of you managed to beat Mr. Hopkins' impressive time of 11 minutes and 25 seconds! Well done to each and every one of you for your incredible speed and stamina. You truly are a talented bunch of young athletes. We hope you all enjoyed the experience and are incredibly proud of yourselves – we certainly are!



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#WeRunTogether



PSA UPDATES



Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com




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

Next event

16 MAY 2025

FAVOURITES FRIDAY

3 ITEMS £1

EACH EXTRA 50P

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

DONATIONS COLLECTED ON GATE
OR VIA MCAS



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points



Mason House



5909

Shanahan House

5024

Weir House

5491

Widdowson House

5563

CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

Nursery have had lots of fun in the sun this week! Please can we ask that your child brings a named sun hat with them and has sun cream applied as we spend time outside every day. Can jumpers and cardigans also be named.

Next week, we will be learning about gardens and printing flowers with celery. In maths, we will be counting to 5 using 1 to 1 correspondence and singing rhymes that count to 5 and back from 5. We will continue our phonics work and our sound of the week will be 'w' and our rhyme of the week will be 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock'.

Please remember that your child's Tapestry account can be used to upload photos and videos from home for us to share during our show and tell sessions on Wednesday. The children really enjoy talking about their photos.

Thank you to the families who have donated to the Nursery fund this week. It is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend!



R This week we have had a lot of fun learning about bees and honey. The children learnt the life cycle of a bee and how honey is made. Next week, we will be focusing on caterpillars and butterflies.

In math, we will be exploring composition of 5 and how it is made up of different parts. In Phonics, the children will continue to consolidate their learning of tricky words, their sounds and writing.

We would like to ask for any junk modelling donations for our creation station area. This includes: clean yogurt pots, cereal boxes, empty bottles, toilet/kitchen rolls etc.

PE Days Update:
Donaldson and Jeffers now have PE on a Monday and Thursday with Mr Phillip. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered on these days. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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In English this week we have been continuing with the story 'Oi Frog'. We have learnt about rhyming words and wrote our own rhyming poems based on the 'Oi Frog' story. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to count equal groups of objects. We have also learnt about arrays and how we can use these to help us when counting a larger number of objects. In Science this half term, we are learning about plants. We would love the children to share pictures of their garden/patio/balcony, or any plants they've seen in parks or garden centres etc. Please send the photos in, or email them into school with the subject line **FAO Year 1 Team.**

office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk
Please note the change in PE days moving forwards for Goodall class. Attenborough's PE days are staying the same.

PE DAYS

Attenborough - Mondays and Tuesdays
Goodall - Tuesdays and Fridays

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

First, a big congratulations to Noah from Ali class, and Georgia and George from Owens class, for completing the mini marathon last Saturday! As you can see in the photograph, the children proudly received a wonderful medal commemorating the event's 40th anniversary.

This week, the children delved into Ibtihaj Muhammad's 'The Proudest Blue,' engaging in lively reading and discussions.

In English, building on last week's ideas, they crafted missing posters for toys, vividly describing their appearance and personality using expanded noun phrases.

Maths lessons focused on 'Volume and Capacity,' where the children explored millilitres and litres, applying the four operations to solve related problems.

In PE, they are honing their sending and receiving skills, while Computing lessons centered on online safety. They discussed the importance of seeking permission before sharing content and refusing pop-up requests. Finally, the crucial message was reinforced: when in doubt, always share concerns with a trusted adult.

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**



**Goodall 100%
&
Frank 99%**

**PUNCTUALITY FOR
THIS WEEK**

**Ali
&
Hadid, Frank, Curie
Luther-King
& Gandhi**



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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This week, we delved deeper into the world of fractions. It's amazing how quickly the children are grasping the idea of partitioning! We spent a good chunk of time exploring how a single fraction can be broken down into smaller equivalent fractions. In our English lessons, we switched gears to focus on something a little different: contractions in our writing. We talked about how contractions are a way of shortening words by leaving out letters and using an apostrophe instead.

We've had a truly engaging time in Science recently as the children have been investigating the fascinating world of magnets and forces! They've been busy conducting hands-on experiments to discover which materials are magnetic and which are not. The children have also used their creativity to learn about musical notation. This focused work on notation will be invaluable as they prepare to learn how to play the glockenspiel later this term - we can't wait to hear their musical talents blossom!

Important notice: to prepare for our DT project this term, we are collecting squeezey bottles such as washing up bottles. Please send in any plastic bottles which can represent a pump. Thanks in advance, Year Three Team



We are enjoying reading our new English text 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear' and delving into the fantasy world of Podkin and the Five Realms. Next week, we will begin planning and writing a persuasive leaflet warning the rabbits about the Gorm (the iron clad villains in the book) using a range of persuasive devices.

Money will be our focus in maths, including writing money using decimals and converting between pounds and pence. Now that we are in the summer months, we are learning to play cricket in PE as well as developing our reaction time when it comes to throwing and catching balls. In music we will be learning about and listening to Samba and carnival music. Identifying different types of maps and map features was our focus in geography this week. We will continue to practice learning how to read maps, including understanding scale and grid references.

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will be taking place in June. This is a statutory test for all year 4 pupils and is used to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Please continue to practice times tables at home. Times Tables Rockstars is a good way to do this. The children's login details for this are in the back of their contact books.



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NURTURE UPDATE

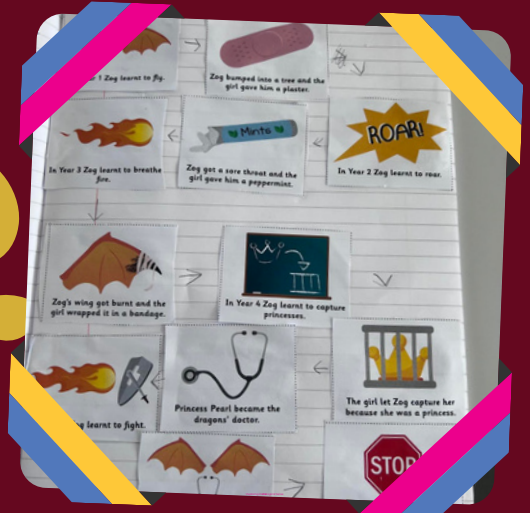


In English, we've been diving into the story of Zog, both through reading and watching the animation. The children have been learning how to sequence key events from the story, helping them build narrative understanding and recall. We've also focused on following oral instructions, turning it into a fun activity where children gave each other directions like "stand on one foot" or "touch a beanbag." This not only supported listening skills but also encouraged teamwork and creativity.

In Maths, we've been learning all about money. The children have created their own imaginative currencies and have been using them to 'buy' items in our class shop. Each day, a child takes on the role of banker, responsible for adding up totals and working out the correct change, a fantastic way to apply addition and subtraction in a real-world context. We also learned about budgeting, as everyone had to make sure they saved £5 to buy ingredients for our much-anticipated pizza-making activity on Friday.

We have been reading the inspiring story Aaron Slater, Illustrator, a touching book about a boy who feels embarrassed because he finds reading difficult due to dyslexia. The story follows his journey as he begins to embrace his uniqueness, showing true resilience and perseverance. The children responded with empathy and understanding, and it led to some very thoughtful discussions about overcoming challenges and celebrating differences.

To end the week, we rolled up our sleeves and got creative in the kitchen! The children had a fantastic time weighing out ingredients, kneading the dough, and making their very own pizzas. I am sure they will enjoy eating them just as much.



CURRICULUM

UPDATE KS2

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Our trip to the Science Museum is less than a week away! Don't forget to send your child in with a packed lunch (in a small rucksack) on Wednesday 7th May.

Our new topic in science began with a scratch test - looking at the hardness of different materials and discussing the degree of trust when it came to our results.

In English the children have written their own endings to the tale 'The Woman and the Glass Mountain' - truly gruesome - we loved them! Next week, the children will be writing planning their own poem based on the event in the story.

We have started to learn the song 'Put on your Gumboots' in music. We are also learning about sheet music and how to read basic notes. This week we focussed on learning to play the bridge made up of semibreves.

The children have been looking at drawing angles accurately in maths along with calculating angles around a point.

What is the impact of global warming on our lives? This question we will be explored in geography next week, using a carbon footprint calculator!

PE Days Update

Curie Class: Thursday and Friday
Hawking Class: Monday and Tuesday



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This week in Year 6, the children have been doing some fabulous learning and revising extremely hard in the run up to their SATs.

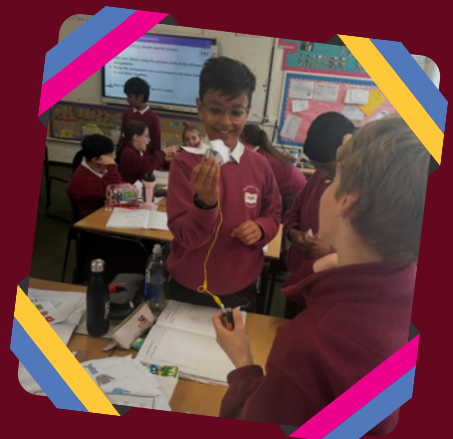
Maths lessons involved revising and practising our arithmetic and reasoning skills through a variety of ways. One day, we played a game of Cluedo to embed our knowledge on fractions, decimals and percentages!

We have been practising lots of reading comprehensions too in preparation for the reading paper.

A letter went out at the beginning of the week about our upcoming SATs breakfast. This will be taking place every morning of SATs week from 8:10am (W/C 12th May). This is a time for the children to socialise with their friends and prepare for the day. The food items during this week have been kindly donated to us by the PSA.

PE Days Update:

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



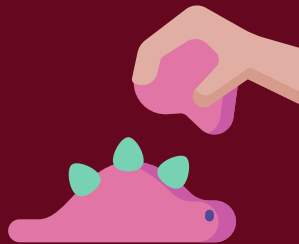
LIFE SKILLS UPDATE



This week during our 'Messy Play' session, we made playdough that the children all took home.

We explored the textures of the different ingredients and enjoyed watching the texture change as we added the water.

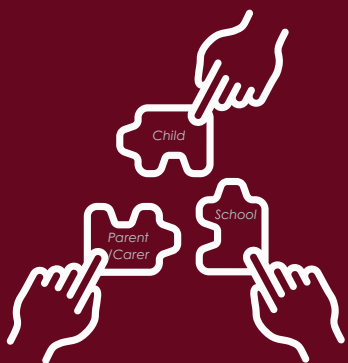
As we did this, we also looked at different quantities such as full and half-full and putting it to practice using our own mini cups.



Parent Partnership

Our next meeting is next

Tuesday 6th May - 2.00 pm





SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

what, one, says, because, were, play, shake, each, he



YEAR 2

Group 1:
word, work, worm, world, worth, warm, war, towards, warn, warned

Group 2:
word, work, worm, warm, warn



YEAR 3

Group 1 : scheme, chorus, echo, chemist, character, stomach, monarch, school, anchor, chaos

Group 2 : want, watch, wander, wand, quality, quad, wasps, squat, quantity, squash



YEAR 4

Group 1 Step 26:
circle, century, centaur, circus, princess, voice, medicine, celebrate, celery, pencil

Group 2:
want, watch, wander, wand, quality, quad, wasps, squat, quantity, squash



YEAR 5

Group 1: aisle, isle, allowed, aloud, altar alter, ascent, assent, farther, father




YEAR 6

Group 1: competition, conscience, conscious, controversy, convenience, correspond, criticise, curiosity, definite, desperate


Group 2: certain, circle, complete, consider, continue, decide, describe, different, difficult, disappear



Summer Term Lunch Menu



FOOD SERVED HERE
Soil Association



MENU WEEK 1



the FoodChecker
ALLERGEN & NUTRITIONAL PROFILE

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




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


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


"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.



FOOD SERVED HERE
Soil Association



MENU WEEK 2




the FoodChecker
ALLERGEN & NUTRITIONAL PROFILE

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

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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.

NEWS

NEWS TODAY

Family Support



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.

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Monday to Friday
9.30am to 2pm



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**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:

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Please contact Hannah if you have a query or need advice.

Sara Martin
Strategic Lead for Children with a Social Worker
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For CLA queries or more information, head to our website [here](#)





SUMMER WEATHER



As the Summer Term blossoms and the days grow longer and warmer, we want to take a moment to remind you about the importance of sending your children to school prepared for the sunshine. With the increased heat, it's crucial that every child comes to school equipped with a personal water bottle and having already applied a layer of high-factor sun cream before leaving home.

Staying hydrated is absolutely vital, especially during active play and outdoor learning. Having their own water bottle readily accessible will encourage your child to drink regularly throughout the day, helping them to stay focused, energetic, and healthy. Similarly, protecting their skin from the sun's rays is essential. Applying sun cream in the morning will provide a good base layer of defense against sunburn, allowing them to enjoy their time outdoors safely. Our staff will also encourage children to seek shade during peak sunshine hours and will remind them about the importance of staying hydrated.

WHAT DOES NEXT WEEK LOOK LIKE?

(AS IT STANDS!)

Mon 5 May	Tue 6 May	Wed 7 May	Thu 8 May	Fri 9 May
 16° 5°	 16° 7°	 18° 8°	 17° 8°	 17° 8°



Sunrise Stars
7:30 - 8:30am



Sunset Stars
3:15 - 6:00pm

Using Childcare Vouchers for our Sunrise Stars and Sunset Stars (wrap around care)

We are pleased to inform parents who are part of a valid childcare voucher scheme that you can use these vouchers to pay for our popular wrap-around care at Bandon Hill Primary School. This can be a convenient way to manage the costs of our before and after-school clubs, providing your child with engaging activities in a safe and familiar environment. To utilise your childcare vouchers, please first inform the school office of your intention to pay this way and provide them with the name of your voucher provider.

Once you have notified the office, you will typically need to log in to your online childcare voucher account and nominate Bandon Hill Primary School as the recipient. You will then be able to authorise the transfer of funds to cover the fees for the wrap-around care sessions your child attends. For specific details regarding our registration details with various voucher schemes and for any assistance with setting up payments, we encourage you to call the school office directly. Our friendly staff will be happy to guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR

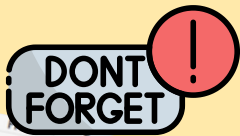


Summer Term 2025

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](#) under the social media section



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




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