

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



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Headteacher Update

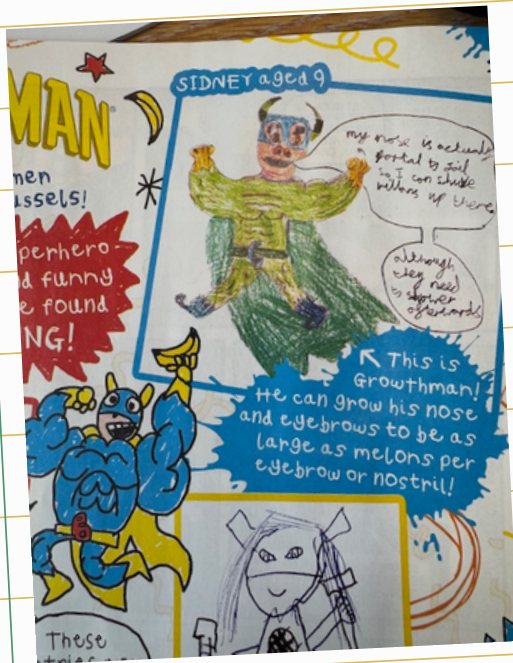


Issue 46

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had a very special guest visit the school. No, it wasn't an Ofsted inspector, Member of Parliament or other such 'normal' school visitor. This week we were visited by none other than Bluey himself! The children were very excited to meet Bluey and said they hope he visits again.



I am really proud that one of my young cartoonists in Cartoon Club is now a published illustrator! In a recent issue of The Beano, probably the most famous British ongoing comic, Sidney from Curie class had his picture published in a 'Design a Superhero' competition in celebration of 45 years of Bananaman. Well done Sidney!

We always try to promote healthy eating at school and from next week the mid-day supervisors may from time to time put a 'Healthy Lunch Slip' into your child's lunchbox giving advice about what kinds of items are good to include.

Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to all our Year 6 children who have been amazing during this SATs week. Now that the exams are out of the way, they can concentrate on one of the highlights of the school year, the Year 6 production. Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Haddock

Healthy Lunch Slip

A little note to say, let's try for something healthy another day! 🍌
A healthy lunchbox can have a sandwich with chicken and salad, or pasta with veggies. Add some carrot sticks and an apple. A yogurt with some berries makes a good snack. Water is the best drink. This helps children have energy for school.

Hope you have a great day! Remember, healthy foods give you lots of energy for learning and playing! 🍌



Key Dates Calendar



Tuesday 20th May

- Year 6 PGL information meeting - 3:30pm in Luther-King



Thursday 22nd May

Cultural Celebration Day

- Children can come to school dressed in their cultural clothes or colours of a national flag (please, no football kits).
- After school - Bring and share foods that represents your culture.

Half Term

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Friday 6th June

- Reception Height & Weight check

Monday 9th June

- Year 6 Residential to Marchant's Hill (5 days)

Tuesday 17th June

- Parent Partnership Meeting 6 @ 2:00 pm

Mon 23rd and Thurs 26th June

- Parents' Evening to discuss report (3:30 - 6:00 pm)

Thursday 3rd July

- Sports Day - KS1 and KS2 (times tbc)

Friday 4th July

- Reception Sports Day
- PSA Summer fair (after school)

Tuesday 8th July

- KS1 Award Ceremony- 5.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 9th July

- KS2 Award Ceremony- 5.30-6.30pm

Wed 16th / Thurs 17th July

- Year 6 Production

Monday 21st July

- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 22nd July

- Last Day of term

Wed 23rd /Thurs 24th July

- INSET DAYS



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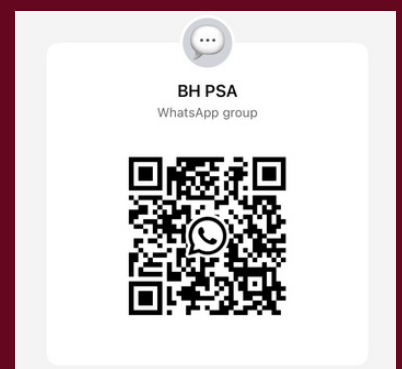
THANK
YOU



Also Coming....



Friday 23rd May
After school sale
£1 cash only



Cultural Celebration Day

Thursday 22nd May

Get Ready to Celebrate Our World!



Children can come to school in cultural dress/costumes or in the colours of a chosen flag.

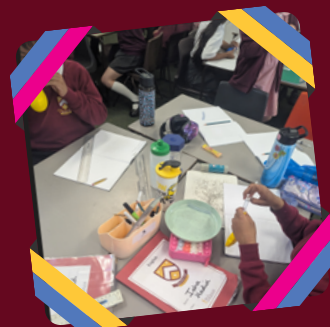
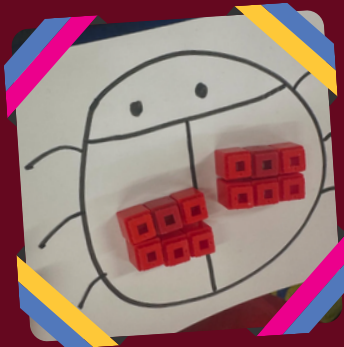
Parents,

We invite you to bring in food from your heritage for our Cultural Food Fair after school! - 3.30 pm



Or, if you would like to share an aspect of your culture with a class/year group

Please speak or email the office to get in touch!



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points



Mason House



6268

Shanahan House

5352

Weir House

5833

Widdowson House

5877

CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

This week has been another fun filled week. The children have enjoyed lots of fun in the Nursery garden and have loved the nicer weather. The children have been creating lots of repeating patterns.

Next week we will be learning about farm animals and their babies. We will also be celebrating our Cultural Celebration Day on Thursday 22nd May. Nursery will be focusing on the country China. Our rhyme of the week will be Incy Wincy Spider and our new sound will be 'z'. In maths, we will be counting out sets of up to 5 items.

After half term, our topic will be based on holiday destinations. We would love you to upload photos to your child's Tapestry account of places you may have visited for the day or a holiday. The children can speak about these photos during our show and tell sessions and the photos can also be added to our Nursery community display board.

Have a wonderful weekend!

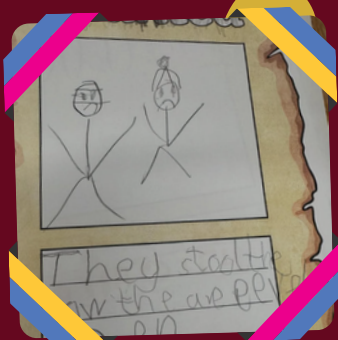


What an amazing week we have had! This week the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about ladybirds and their habitats. We created some beautiful pictures and cannot wait to show you once they have been sent home! We will finish our topic next week by learning about frogs and tadpoles. We will also be celebrating our 'Cultural Celebration Day' on Thursday 22nd May which we are excited about. Reception are focusing on the country America and will be learning about the Wild West!

In maths, we will be focusing on counting backwards and in Phonics we are revisiting our Spring work!

If you have any outdoor/building resources you may be getting rid of please let us know via your child's contact book, for example, tyres, planks of wood, guttering etc. These are all great for the children's gross motor and physical skills.

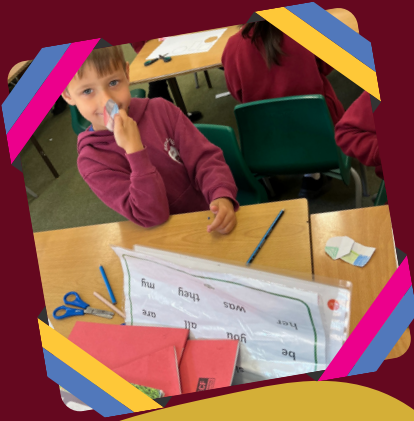
Have a lovely weekend!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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We have had a busy week of learning in Year One. In English, our learning has been based around a short film clip called 'The Book of Butterflies'. We discussed how the butterflies came alive in the clip and we used adjectives to describe them. We then wrote our own pages for a class book of butterflies, describing the movement of them as they flew out of the book! In maths we have been learning about a quarter and identifying a quarter of different shapes by folding them into four equal parts. We have also been working out a quarter of different amounts, for example if we have 8 objects and split them into four equal groups, each group (quarter) would contain 2 objects.

Please note the school library is being re-organised, so there will be no library sessions until after half term.

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

This week was brimming with discovery and creative imaginations in the classrooms! In English, the children used their narrative skills and unleashed their imaginative potential by writing alternative versions of 'Toys in Space'. This allowed them to develop their understanding of plot, character and setting.

Maths lessons provided a solid grounding in the concept of fractions. The children developed a clear understanding of 'whole' and 'part of a whole', achieving confidence in recognising and applying the concept of halves to numbers and objects.

Our Computing curriculum took an astronomical turn as the children investigated the International Space Station. They then applied their digital literacy skills using 'Sketchpad' to create visual representations of essential astronaut equipment, demonstrating their understanding of both technology and space exploration.

Through our whole class reading of Raymond Antrobus's 'Can Bears Ski?', the children gained a moving insight into the experiences of deafness. This fostered crucial empathy and facilitated rich discussions about the importance of communication and understanding different perspectives.

In Geography, the children broadened their understanding of the world by learning about coastal areas. They then applied this knowledge by designing their own beaches, including physical and human features.

On Thursday, we are having a cultural celebration day. The children are invited to wear traditional clothes or flag colours. We warmly welcome parents to share their heritage by speaking to the children or reading a story (please contact Mrs Harris or Miss Warren). Additionally, an after-school cultural food fair will take place in the playground from 3:30 pm, and we'd love parents to contribute traditional dishes. Have a lovely weekend.

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**



**Owens 97%
&
Keller 99%**

**PUNCTUALITY FOR
THIS WEEK**

**Jeffers & Goodall
&
Curie, Hadid
Gandhi & Luther-King**



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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In Design and Technology, the children have embarked on a fascinating exploration of pneumatics. This involves studying how air pressure can be used to create movement and power, which will form the basis of their upcoming toy-making project. They are learning about the principles of pneumatic systems, gaining hands-on experience that will enable them to design and construct working models.

In their Maths lessons, Year 3 have been delving into the world of shapes. Their current focus is on understanding angles. The children are learning to identify, classify, and measure different types of angles. Finally, in English, the class has been working on their persuasive writing skills. Inspired by Anthony Browne's book Zoo, the children have taken on the challenge of writing letters of complaint. This project has allowed them to develop their ability to express their opinions clearly and persuasively.

Important notice: we still need squeeze bottles for D.T. such as shampoo or washing up liquid bottles. They need to push out lots of air! Please send in anything of this description.



After 'meeting' and chatting with our focus artist Michelle Reader via zoom last week, the children are really looking forward to creating their own. They were able to ask her lots of questions about her work and she gave some great advice about how to connect parts of their sculpture without using glue or tape. This week, we will be planning and designing their sculptures and thinking about which materials they may need to create them. Please start collecting recycling materials at home for these (e.g. cardboard boxes and cylinders, plastic bottles, bottle lids, textured cardboard, coloured paper etc). We will be having a DT day on the last day of this half term (Friday 23rd May). It would be greatly appreciated if these materials could be sent in on the day.

In maths we are currently looking at different types of graphs and charts, and exploring how to read and interpret them. Poetry will be our focus in English next week as we write our own poem about Starclaw - the magical dagger in our current text.

Just a reminder also that once pupils receive their pen licence it is expected that they write in pen for all of their work (except maths). The school presents them with their first writing pen when they earn their pen licence, however it would be appreciated if parents could provide additional pens when these run out. Blue friction pens are a good option to use.



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CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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How transparent are every day items?

This week in science, we have been investigating and determining the transparency of objects using a light meter.

How does the UK contribute to climate change? What increases to our carbon footprint in this country? In geography, we explored our impact on climate change, deciding and thinking about which industries create the greatest impact.

The children enjoyed sculpturing their own clay model in art this week, inspired by sculptor, Henry Moore.

In maths, we have been learning all about co-ordinates; how to plot them on a graph and how to solve problems relating to them. We have also been learning what translations are and how to create them.

Please note the school library is being re-organised, so there will be no library sessions until after half term.

PE Days Update

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



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We are so proud of Year 6 this week! They did an amazing job in their SATs and powered through, even when things were difficult. It was so lovely to start each morning with them at SATs breakfast and for them to have some time with their friends to feel calm and prepared.

Now that SATs are over, we have so much more to look forward to! The children that are attending our PGL residential have each received a letter. On this letter, the children must specify 6 children that they would like to be in the group and/or room. We would like these back into school on Monday so that groups can then be organised.

Production practice will commence soon; this means that if your child has any lines to learn, please ensure that they are practicing them regularly. Remaining scripts will be sent out over the next week.

On Tuesday 20th May, we have our PGL information meeting in Luther-King class. We will be answering any questions about PGL then. If you are unable to attend, we will send the slides out to you.

PE Days Update:

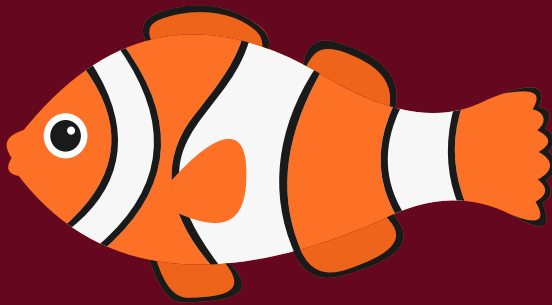
Gandhi: Tuesday and Thursday.
Luther King: Monday and Friday.



LIFE SKILLS UPDATE



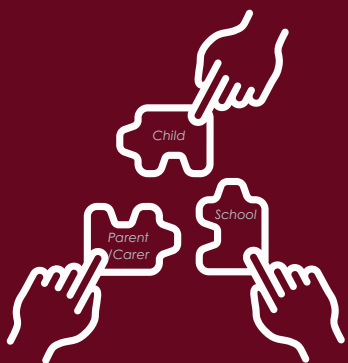
In Life Skills this week, the children have been using their fine motor skills to cut and stick their own fish! They have also been experimenting mixing colours together to see what they can make.



Parent Partnership

Our last meeting for this year is:

Tuesday 24th June - 2.00 pm
(The date has changed from the 17th June)





SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

YEAR 2



any, many, whole, who, two, bread,
third, sound, enjoy, shine

Group 1: payment, enjoyment,
agreement, achievement,
adjustment, darkness, rudeness,
sadness, greatness, kindness



Group 2: kind, mind, behind, child,
children

YEAR 3

YEAR 4



Group 1 : science, scene, discipline,
scissors, ascends, scented, fascinate
scenery, crescent, descend

Group 2 : television, treasure, usual,
measure, pleasure, decision, vision,
leisure, version, visual

Group 1 :
signal, telephone, assign, microphone,
homophone, sign, phonics, signature,
megaphone, design



Group 2:
television, treasure, usual, measure, pleasure,
decision, vision, leisure, version, visual

YEAR 5



Group 1: cereal, serial, complement,
compliment, principal, principle, stationary,
stationery, wary, weary.

Group 2: science, scene, discipline, scissors,
ascends, scented, fascinate, scenery, crescent,
descend.



YEAR 6

To be tested on Friday 23rd May

Group 1: Determined, develop, dictionary,
disastrous, embarrass, environment, equip,
equipped, equipment, especially



Group 2: Early, earth, eight, eighth, enough,
exercise, experience, experiment, extreme,
famous



Sutton Parenting Service



The London borough of Sutton's Parenting service are pleased to announce that

Adapt to Learn are coming to Carshalton Family Hub and Children's Centre to facilitate a session for parents/carers on the subject of Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)



Children's centre.

(Previously known as Tweeddale children's centre)

Date: Wednesday the 3rd of June 2025.

Time: 6pm till 8pm.

To register your interest and to secure you place please Contact Clare Kennedy on the Detail's below!

Telephone number: 07873 702 777

Email address: parenting@sutton.gov.uk

Have you ever thought?

'Why do some children become overwhelmed with anxiety and present as demand avoidant when everyday demands are made of them?'

Session aim:

This two hour workshop will explore the characteristics of PDA, how it links with autism and offer practical strategies to help.

Summer Term Lunch Menu



Soil Association



MENU WEEK 1



the FoodChecker
ALLERGEN & NUTRITIONAL PORTAL

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



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."

GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

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



Soil Association



MENU WEEK 2



the FoodChecker
ALLERGEN & NUTRITIONAL PORTAL

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

1. Celery
2. Gluten
3. Crustaceans
4. Eggs
5. Fish
6. Lupin
7. Milk
8. Molluscs
9. Mustard
10. Peanuts
11. Sesame
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GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

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



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



For family or friends who step up to raise a child,

Kinship is the working name for GrandparentsPlus, which is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 446403 and registered as a charity under number 1093005.



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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:

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- 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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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](https://www.suttonvirtualschool.org.uk)





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 12 May	Tue 13 May	Wed 14 May	Thu 15 May	Fri 16 May
 22° 8°	 21° 7°	 20° 8°	 20° 8°	 20°



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

DONT FORGET



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

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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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