

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Issue 54
Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Headteacher Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, we wanted to extend our warmest wishes to you all for a fantastic summer break. It has been a truly remarkable year, filled with growth, learning, and countless memorable moments.

We have been incredibly proud to see how all our children have consistently displayed the school's DREAM values throughout the year. Daring in embracing new challenges, Resilience in overcoming obstacles, Enquiring minds in their pursuit of knowledge, Ambitious spirits to achieve their best and Motivated attitudes to contribute positively to our school community have shone brightly every single day. These values are the bedrock of our school, and it is inspiring to see them embodied by our children.

This time of year is always bittersweet as we prepare to say goodbye to our incredible Year 6 cohort. They have been an exceptional group of young people, and we are immensely proud of everything they have achieved during their time at Bandon Hill. Their recent fabulous performance of 'Moana' was an absolute triumph, showcasing their immense talent, teamwork, and dedication. We know they are ready for the exciting challenges of secondary school, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours. They will be greatly missed.

We were also incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 pupils for their fantastic performance at the athletics competition earlier in the week, finishing 5th overall – a truly great achievement!

In other exciting news, Mr. Haddock's Cartoon Club comic strips have been sent to the printers and is available to purchase. More information on this will follow shortly. A huge thank you to all the Cartoon Club members who have attended this year and made the club such a success.

The children were all eagerly looking forward to the circus coming to school this Monday – a fantastic treat that had been generously paid for by our fabulous Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Their hard work and dedication throughout the year have provided so many wonderful opportunities and resources for our children, and the circus was a testament to their incredible efforts.

Speaking of our wonderful PTA, they are always looking for new members to join their enthusiastic team. If you are a parent or carer who would like to get more involved in school life, contribute to fantastic events like the circus, and help raise vital funds for our children, we would absolutely love to hear from you. Please do get in touch with the school office if you're interested in joining this invaluable group.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust in Bandon Hill Primary School. We hope you all have a restful, fun-filled, and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a new academic year in September.

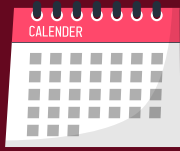
Warmest regards,

Mr Hopkins





Key Dates Calendar



Monday 21 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Parents/carers arrive at 2:15 for a 2:30 pm start.
Tuesday 22 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of term (1pm finish for children)
Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Information Evenings (3.30pm-4.00pm)

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



Attenborough & Owens 94% and Keller 98%



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

Ali & Goodall and Hadid, Frank & Curie



This summer, London Borough of Sutton Cultural Services brings you: *Summer in Sutton*.

SUMMER IN SUTTON

This will feature:

- The *Summer in Sutton* Challenge - children complete 6 activities in 6 weeks. Certificates & prizes to be won!
- FREE events for children, across your summer holidays!
- Recommended Reads

The Challenge

- Collect a map from your local library or heritage house, or at one of our events.
- Complete 6 activities in your 6 week summer holiday.
- Log your activities using the QR code on the map.
- Once you've completed all 6 activities, you'll receive a certificate and be entered into our prize draw.



The outside of the activity map. This gives you all the information you need about taking part in the challenge and logging your activities.

The Challenge

- Two of the activities you complete must be reading - this can be a book, ebook or audiobook.
 - The other four activities can come from the following categories of your choice:
 - Physical Activity
 - [Creative & Cultural Events](#)
 - [Mindful Moments](#)
- All details on the categories can be found on the map.



The inside of the activity map. This shows you all the places you can do activities to complete your challenge across the summer holidays.

The Challenge

- All children who complete 6 activities will receive a digital certificate.
- They will also be entered into our PRIZE DRAW.
- Prizes up for grabs include:
 - Two tickets to Bocketts Farm Park
 - A free family taster session for two people at Yellow Spider Climbing
 - Two tickets to see a show at Polka Theatre
 - A voucher to buy a bike



Summer in Sutton - Recommended Reads

This summer, the team at Sutton Libraries has worked with a fantastic panel of children from primary schools across Sutton, to create a list of books we recommend children read to support their wellbeing.

All titles are available at your local library. We hope you enjoy reading them.

Remember to log your reading on the Summer in Sutton challenge form.



See all book recommendations on the library's catalogue



More information
 Sutton's Libraries: libraries.sutton.gov.uk
 Events in Sutton: events.sutton.gov.uk



Log your reading here



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FREE SUMMER EVENTS

(Booking Required)

The Events

Summer in Sutton

Family 'In The Wild' Wellbeing workshop 23 July 1.30 pm Sutton Ecology Centre	The Stolen Unicorn 29 July 10.30 am Carshalton Family Hub	Nature Is An Artist And So Are You 30 July From 10am Whitehall Historic House	Sensory Theatre: Don't Worry Little Crab 31 July From 11am Whitehall Historic House	Art Workshop with Rebecca Holland 5 August 10 am The Quad
My Feelings Book 6 August 10.30 am Wallington Library	Paint Throwing 6 August 1 pm Honeywood Museum	Bothered by Bugs 7 August 11 am Whitehall Historic House	Treasure Seekers 8 August 10 am Wallington Library	Mind-full Making 11 August 10.30 am & 18 August 10.30 am Sutton Central Library
Reading Fairy Workshop: All About Me 12 August From 9.30am Wallington Family Hub	Exploding Heads: Expressive Comic Self-Portraits 12 August 1.30pm Unity Junction, SM1 1AY	Walk and Draw: Sketching Carshalton 14 August 2pm Honeywood Museum	Wings Of Strength 18 August 10am Shanklin Community Centre	Hidden Superpowers: Superhero Comic Strip Drawing 19 August 11am Sutton Central Library
Wild Storytelling Workshop 26 August 10am Sutton Ecology Centre	Top Cat Theatre: Beatrix Potter Story and Rhyme Workshop 28 August 11am Honeywood Museum	Book your events now by scanning the QR code		

**All Events Free to attend!
Booking required**

All events are **FREE** and there's something for everyone - from theatre to paint throwing, sculpture to comic book drawing!

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PSA NEWS

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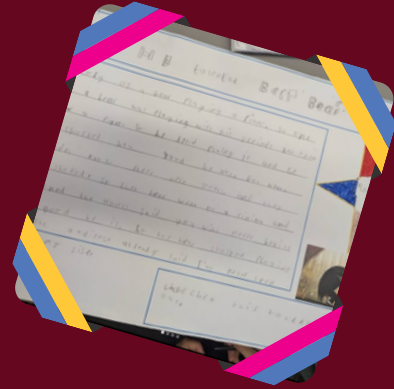
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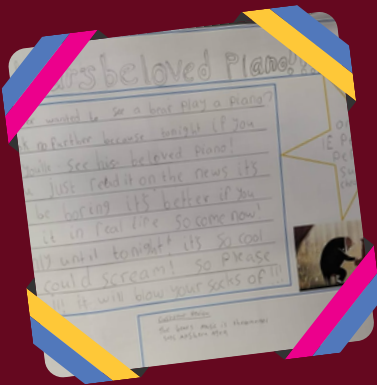
*We can now book some
great shows for next year!*

*Thank you for all your support and volunteering
this year we are unable to do this without help
og parents and teachers.*

*Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break
and we will be back in September.*



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan House

Weir House

Widdowson House

10,392

9593

10,018

10,267

CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

Wow, can you believe our year in Nursery is coming to an end!

We have had a fantastic week and really enjoyed celebrating the end of our time together by flying off to Splash Adventure Land from Bandon Hill Airport! The children were so grown up and sensible and we are very proud of them and enjoyed sharing the experience with them. It was a very wet day but a great way to end the year.

Reminder: The last day of Nursery is Monday 21st July, please note this is different to the main school.

We hope you have a wonderful Summer break and would like to thank you for your continued support over the year. We will miss all of the children and wish them the best of luck in Reception.



What an amazing last full week we have had in Reception! The children have had so much fun completing different pirate activities this week and we had a jolly good day on Friday celebrating pirate day! The children had to work together to find Charlie Chimp and Benny Bear as the pesky pirate bears had stolen the treasure. Luckily, we found them hiding on the meadow with the treasure chest!

Next week, we will be reading some stories to do with transition and Year 1. The children have managed the transition mornings really well and all seem excited to start Year 1 in September.

- Reminder: The children finish at 1pm on Tuesday 22nd July.
- Please send in a named plastic bag with your child on Monday so that we can send home all of their amazing work.

We hope you have a fantastic Summer break and thank you for all of your support this academic year!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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Year One had a great time at the park on Tuesday for their teddy bears picnic and games. It was lovely to see lots of parents that could make it too; thank you for all your help. We were so pleased that the weather stayed dry as well.

We have been finishing off our Andy Goldsworthy Art topic this week, which the children have really been enjoying. We have been using natural materials to design and make our own sculptures, in the style of the artist Andy Goldsworthy. In English, after writing our own stories last week, we wrote a blurb for our stories, to encourage people to read them!

Please can the children bring in a named carrier bag to school next Monday 21st July, so they can bring home all their lovely work for you to see. We will also be having end of year class parties on Monday afternoon. Please see the letter sent out for more information. A reminder that the children finish at 1pm next Tuesday 22nd July for the summer term. Wishing you all a fantastic summer and we are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school in September as they move into Year Two.

Year 2's Fantastic Finale!
What a week it's been in Year 2! As we near the end of the school year, the children have been busy with a mix of exciting new activities and wrapping up their learning.

The week kicked off with a taste of what's to come, as the children spent a morning in their soon-to-be Year 3 classrooms. They had another chance to spend time with their new teachers, making the transition a little smoother.

In English, the children put the finishing touches on their imaginative pirate SOS messages. Meanwhile, in Maths, they completed their topic on pictograms, mastering how to represent data visually. Our budding artists truly shone this week, creating art sculptures inspired by Rodney 'Rodrigo' McCoubrey. It was fantastic to see the children's creativity as they created clay fish sculptures, just like McCoubrey who uses recycled materials.

Music lessons were equally engaging, with children delving into the world of pitch and basic music notation. Many of them enjoyed learning to play the tune 'Once a man fell in a well' on the glockenspiel - a real highlight!

Important Dates and Farewell Fun!

Next Monday, July 21st, please remember to send your child in with a named carrier bag so they can bring home all their books.

That same afternoon, we'll be having our end-of-year class parties! A letter with more details about the party and bringing in food was sent out previously, so please refer to that for information.

Finally, a quick reminder that the children finish for the summer on Tuesday, July 22nd, at 1 pm.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Miss Warren and Mrs Harris have absolutely loved teaching your children this year. Watching them grow and develop into such a wonderfully caring year group has been an absolute pleasure and a credit to you all.

We wish you a wonderful summer break!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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Year 3 has been buzzing with activity across various subjects! In English, the children created some truly wonderful persuasive posters. They showcased fantastic creativity and a developing understanding of how to convince an audience, using strong arguments and appealing designs.

The class also became data detectives! They gathered information about each other, which was a fun way to learn about collecting real-world data. Then, they transformed this information into clear and colourful bar charts.

Finally, Geography took them on an exciting journey to Mount Everest. The children learned fascinating facts about the world's highest peak and its unique environment. They then created informative posters to share their knowledge, demonstrating their growing geographical understanding. What a productive time Year 3 has had!

Importance notices: Please can the children bring in a named carrier bag to school next Monday 21st July, so they can bring home all their lovely work for you to see. We will also be having end of year class parties on Monday afternoon. Please see the letter sent out for more information. A reminder that the children finish at 1pm next Tuesday 22nd July for the summer term. We hope you all have a lovely summer break!



In Maths, our problem-solving skills were put to the test as we used our knowledge of money and the four operations to calculate the cost of a school trip. Everyone showed great teamwork and determination!

We also thoroughly enjoyed our History lessons this week, delving into the fascinating, yet sometimes challenging, topics of child labour laws and common diseases during the Tudor and Victorian times. It was a real eye-opener to see how much things have changed!

Our Year 4s had an amazing Art Day, where they learned all about the intricate designs of William Morris before unleashing their creativity with some exciting graffiti art.

Please can the children bring in a named carrier bag to school next Monday 21st July, so they can bring home their books for you to see. We will also be having end of year class parties on Monday afternoon. Please see the letter sent out for more information. A reminder that the children finish at 1pm next Tuesday 22nd July for the summer term.

A massive thank you for all the help and support from all parents and carers this year. We have had a lovely time this year and wish you all a restful and happy summer!



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CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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Year 5 have had another busy week in class!

The week began with meeting their new teacher again where they took part in a variety of fun activities.

In computing, the children had a great time creating their own stop motion animations! Using the 'Stop Motion' app, they thought of some fantastic stories and were able to successfully make a sequence using still frames. Well done, Year 5!

In maths, we have been looking at converting different units of measure. This week, we looked at durations of time as well as comparing and finding the difference between metric and imperial units of measurement.

In English, the children have written some wonderful creative stories as well as a letter to the current Year 4s about their time in Year 5.

We would like to say a BIG thank you for all your support and co-operation this year. Especially those who have volunteered their time to support us on trips.

We wish you a very restful and happy summer holiday!

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We cannot express how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children. They have had a truly wonderful year—full of fun, learning, and so much personal growth. It has been a joy to watch them mature into the kind, capable, and confident young people they are today. We are so excited to see what the future holds for them as they begin their next adventure at secondary school.

Our heartfelt thanks is extended to all parents and carers. Your unwavering support throughout the year has meant so much to us and to the children— you've been amazing! This week was full of memorable moments. Despite a couple of late nights, including two brilliant performances of Moana Jr., the children shone like true stars. They performed with such confidence and joy— it truly felt like we were watching a West End show! We couldn't be prouder.

The week ended on a high with a fantastic Year 6 leavers' party. It was a wonderful way to celebrate a fantastic year together.

Leavers' books will be handed out on Tuesday morning, and the children will have the opportunity to go around school collecting signatures from the teachers they've shared their journey with.

We will miss them all immensely. Please do come back and visit us - we'd love to see you again!

Wishing you all a lovely, restful summer holiday!



Sutton's Education Wellbeing Service

Parent/Carer Group: Supporting your Child with Fears, Worries & Anxiety

Is your child:

- Aged between **4-10 years old**?
 - **Recently (in last 6-8 months)** started to **struggle with worry**?
 - **Avoiding** certain places, **things** or situations?
 - Finding it difficult separating from you?
- If yes, this group might be for you!**



Topics will include:

- Learning about your child's fears/worries and how they're maintained
- Strategies to support your child to face worries in manageable steps

Group Details: Groups will run across 5 weekly sessions. We ask that parents/carers attend every session.

Tuesday 16th September – Tuesday 14th October 2025
(every Tuesday), 9:30 am – 11 am



Location: The Phoenix Centre, SM6 9NZ

Please note: Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible if you're interested in joining!

Suitability: Our Parent/Carer group supports children with mild to moderate anxiety. We ask that Parents/Carers are not engaging with other support services to avoid families getting lots of different advice.

To sign-up & register your interest, please complete this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XFrbcZBfuV>

You can also complete this form by scanning this QR code →

We'll start with a screening call to make sure the group is right for you!





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)



REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR

NEXT YEAR'S TERM DATES



Our 'live' school calendar can be found on our school website

OR

by clicking [here](#) under the social media section



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**



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Finding Your Feet: Getting Ready for your child to start school

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

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

Education
Wellbeing
Service



DATE / TIME

Wednesday 23rd July
1.00-2.00pm



Scan the
QR code
or
[click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event
for free on Eventbrite
by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out
our other events by
[clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Thursday 24th July
7.00-8.00pm



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QR code
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Promoting Neuro-Inclusivity in Education: Early Years Webinar Series 25/26



10/09/25 15.45-16.45	Developing Executive Functions through Play	This session will provide practitioners with an understanding of how executive functions develop in the early years. Throughout the session, we will explore how we can use play to develop and rehearse these key skills.
08/10/25 15.45-16.45	Understanding and Supporting Autism in the Early Years	During this session we will explore the emerging characteristics of Autism in young children. Introducing early years practitioners to strategies that can be implemented within the setting.
05/11/25 15.45-16.45	Understanding and Supporting Sensory Integration Difference	Focussing on the sensory world, and how, for some young children with neurodevelopmental conditions, this is impacted. Exploring hyper- and hypo-sensitive presentations, and considering implementation of best-practise strategies.
03/12/25 15.45-16.45	Exploring Emotions and Behaviour	This session will extend knowledge of how children learn to manage their emotions, and how emotions influence behaviour. We will discuss the impact of neurodivergence on emotional regulation in the early years, and share practical support strategies.
14/01/26 15.45-16.45	Supporting Early Communication	This session will explore how language is acquired, looking at the developmental stages/phases of early communication. Focussing on how to support young children who may be showing a difference in this prime area of the EYFS Foundation curriculum.
11/02/26 15.45-16.45	Understanding Attachment and Trauma	This session will focus on exploring attachment, trauma and the developing brain. Best practice strategies will be introduced focusing on taking a trauma informed approach.
11/03/26 15.45-16.45	Supporting a Parents/Carers Journey	Supporting parents/carers, at different stages of their journey, to understand and support their child with emerging neurodivergence. Exploring early conversations, strategies for home, signposting, and establishing positive and collaborative relationships.

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