

BANDON HILL BULLETIN

Issue 57

Friday 3rd October 2025



Headteacher
Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we look back on another busy and productive week at Bandon Hill Primary School. The children have been fantastic, demonstrating great enthusiasm in their learning and extra-curricular activities.

We were so incredibly proud of the effort and skill displayed by all of our pupils who took part in this week's skipping event. Their commitment to improving their technique during the event was inspiring. They pushed themselves to achieve new personal bests in everything from basic skips to more complex skills like the 'Criss-Cross' and 'Double-Under'. It wasn't just about speed; the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, encouragement, and persistence. A huge well done to all involved for making it such a successful and energetic event!

Our netball team also represented Bandon Hill brilliantly at the recent local netball tournament. The standard of competition was very high, but our players faced every game with determination, excellent sportsmanship, and fantastic teamwork. The progress the team has made through their training sessions with Mrs Seetaram and Miss Long. While we didn't bring home the top trophy this time, the way the children conducted themselves on and off the court was a credit to the school. They should all be immensely proud of their performance!

Unfortunately, as you may know, the planned visit from players at Sutton United Football Club last week had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances on their end. However, I am delighted to confirm that the club has been in touch, and we are now working together to secure a new date for their visit. The players are very keen to rearrange the school assembly and meet-and-greet sessions with the children as soon as possible. We will share the new date and time with you in a separate email and on the school website as soon as it is confirmed.

We would like to remind parents and carers that we will be shortly initiating the process for electing a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. The Parent Governor role is vital, offering a parent's perspective and helping to shape the strategic direction of the school. Further information, including details on the role, eligibility, and the nomination process (which will be followed by a ballot if multiple nominations are received), will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please do consider putting yourself forward if you are interested in contributing to the strategic leadership of Bandon Hill.

Our Parent Partnership Group also plays a crucial role in giving parents a voice on how we can improve the school experience for our children and community. The group meets once every half term to discuss various topics, from communication to school events and facilities. We are actively seeking new members to join this valued group and share their ideas and feedback. If you are keen to contribute and help us make Bandon Hill even better, please contact the school office by email, letting us know of your interest.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and the children's activities. I hope you all had a wonderful and restful weekend.

Mr Hopkins



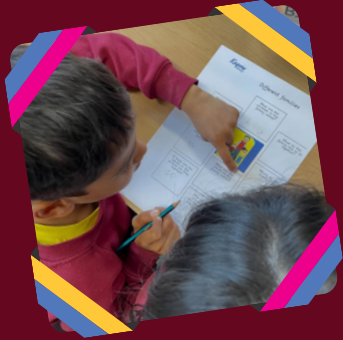
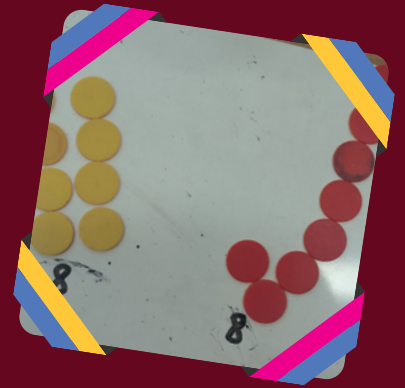
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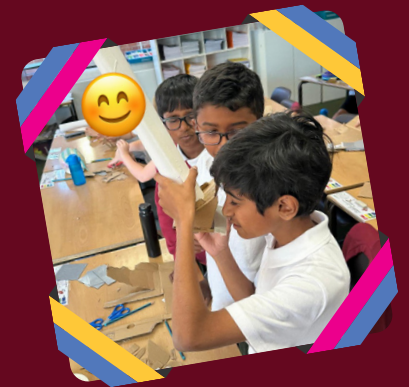
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Upcoming Events

<p>MONDAY SEPT 22</p> <p>PENNY WARS <i>ends Friday 17 oct</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY OCT 2</p> <p>AGM <i>zoom details to follow</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY OCT 10</p> <p>FAVOURITE FRIDAY <i>£1 suggested donation</i></p>
<p>FRIDAY NOV 7</p> <p>FANCY DRESS DISCO <i>£3.50 tickets on MCAS under clubs</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY DEC 9</p> <p>SANTA VISIT <i>£1 suggested donation</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY DEC 18</p> <p>PANTO VISIT <i>CHRISTMAS TREATS</i></p>



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan House

Weir House

Widdowson House

750

783

754

787



CURRICULUM

UPDATE - EYFS

This week has been a great week in Nursery! We have enjoyed our first Dough Disco sessions and practiced the moves 'squeeze and pass' and 'ball it'. The children have really enjoyed this activity which will strengthen their fingers and hands in preparation for writing.

Next week, our book of the week is 'The Mega Hair Swap' and our rhyme of the week is 'Down at the Station' which is always popular!

Reminders:

- Please can long hair be tied back to ensure children's safety when climbing and using the outdoor area.
- Children should not be wearing jewellery to Nursery. Again, this is to keep them safe and prevent any upset if it should be broken or lost.
- We are now collecting the voluntary donation for this half term. The suggested amount is £3. Many thanks to those who have already donated.

We wish you a very happy weekend!



Reception have had another amazing week learning about keeping ourselves and bodies healthy. We have been reading the book 'Funny Bones' and then created our own skeletons using cotton buds. We have also been looking at a rhyme for World Poetry Day using our story 'Stick Man'. The children were great at spotting the rhyming words.

Next week, the children will learn four new graphemes in phonics, these are ck, e, u, r. Please look out for the home learning sheet on Tapestry to support your child at home. In maths, the children have been amazing at recognising numbers 1-5. We will be continuing to look at composition and how numbers can be made up of 2 parts.

As it is getting colder please make sure any hats, gloves and scarfs are named as we do not want these getting lost.

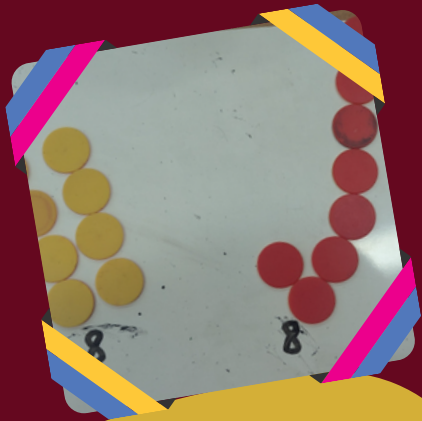
PE DAY: BOTH CLASSES ARE ON A MONDAY.
Please send your child to school in their house colour t-shirt and remove any earrings. Thank you!
Have a lovely weekend.



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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What a wonderful week of learning in Year One! 🎉

It's been a spectacular week filled with joy and learning, starting with the excitement of Poetry Day! The children had a brilliant time listening to and performing fun rhymes.

In our story time sessions, we dived into the sweet, heart-warming story of Hugosaurus, which the class absolutely loved. We talked about friendship and giving big, kind hugs!

In maths, the children have been introduced to a really important new idea: the part-whole model. This model helps us see that a whole number is made up of two smaller parts. We used cubes to show how we can combine the parts to make the whole number.

The children have also enjoyed using claves to create a steady pulse in a piece of music.

Please ensure your child brings in their reading books back in every Wednesday and Library books on Tuesdays.

Please ensure all your children's possessions are clearly labelled to ensure they get returned properly when lost.

It's been a great week of learning in Year 2. We finished our unit on place value and practised counting in 3s, 5s and 10. Next week, we move on to addition and subtraction!

What do you know about fire fighters? In English, we will be writing a fact file all about fire fighters! This week, we looked at the features of a non-chronological report, such as the joining words 'but', 'and' and 'or' as well as how to write in the present tense.

For Poetry Day, the children came up with some wonderful acrostic poems relating to dreams.

In our story time sessions in the afternoon, we have been reading the fantastic book, *The Worrysaurus* by Rachel Bright. The children have really enjoyed the story and illustrations.

What is an algorithm? In computing, the children have been learning all about algorithms and how they are a set of instructions.

Can you bend, squash or twist it? In science, the children enjoyed exploring the changing shape of materials. In the lesson, we tested a range of materials, such as metal cans, bricks and plastic bags to find out!

Thank you to those who have offered to help on our trip to the Tower of London. We will let you know shortly if we need extra adults. Many thanks.



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



KS1: Jeffers 97%

KS2: Curie 99%

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Ali

KS2: Frank, Hawking &
Gandhi



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



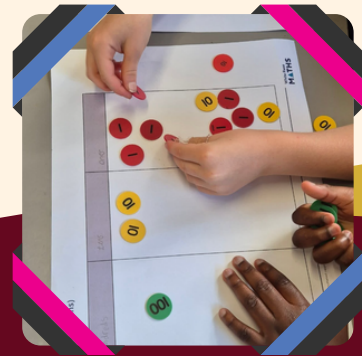
CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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This week Year 3 have been learning how to add 3-digit numbers by crossing 10. We have been using place value grids and counters to add tens and hundreds, exchanging when we cross 10. In English, the children wrote amazing poems for poetry week! The theme was 'I Have a Dream' and the children did a fantastic job of writing poems using rhyming words. For the remainder of the week, we looked at examples of non-chronological reports ready to write our own report next week all about this term's theme around the Stone Age! In history, we learnt all about the impact of bronze in prehistoric Britain.

Reminders: P.E Days are Mondays and Thursdays

Please remember spelling books and reading books on Fridays!



We've enjoyed learning about Northern France this half term in geography. We've learnt about products that are produced there, as well as the importance of the River Seine and the port of Calais for exporting goods to England and other countries.

Animal classification has been an initial focus of our Science topic 'In What Ways do Humans Impact Our Environment?' however, we are now moving on to explore and discuss the impact humans have on the environment - intentionally and unintentionally.

Narrative writing will be our focus in English next week, during which we will explore the features of narratives and begin to plan our own story. In maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division problems, focusing initially on problems related to multiples of 3.



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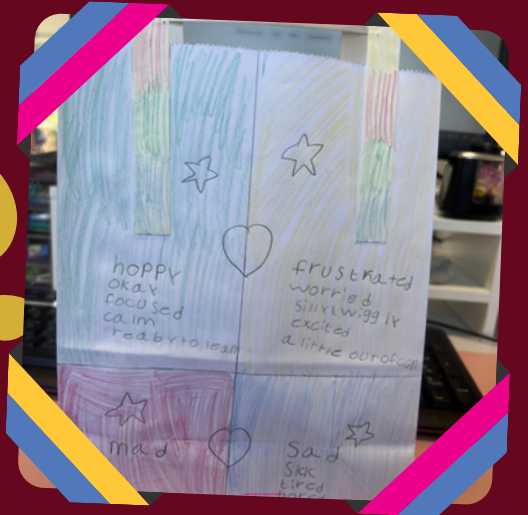
NURTURE UPDATE



This week, our Year 1 Nurture group started with the lovely book, 'The Worrysaurus' by Rachel Bright. We had open conversations about what it feels like to be worried and shared different ways to manage and overcome those feelings. The children then talked about their personal hopes and dreams, which led to us designing their very own "Dream Jars." We're excited to make these jars next week for the children to take home!

In KS2 Nurture, we've been focusing on building an essential "Regulation Toolbox." The children have been busy making their own sensory toys and "Emotion Cups" to help them communicate how they're feeling. A key part of our discussion has been learning to recognise the physical signs of our emotions. We explored questions like: Do we get "butterflies" when we're worried? Do we feel a fire or heat when we're angry? These have led to some incredibly thoughtful and insightful conversations.

Our Afternoon Nurture sessions have centered on happiness and connection. We've been looking at what brings us joy and celebrating both the similarities and unique differences we share with each other.



CURRICULUM

UPDATE KS2

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This week has been a fantastic one for Year 5! We've been busy with some wonderful learning across different subjects.

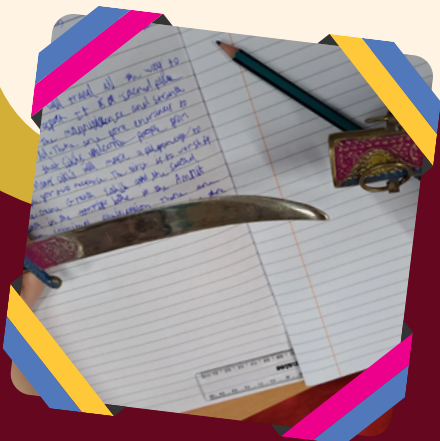
In English, we have finished our narratives based on the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and then got creative for National Poetry Day, with everyone writing their own amazing poems to enter our Poetry Competition.

In maths, we've been mastering addition and subtraction using the column method, and we've been using the inverse operation to check our answers. This has really helped the year group to understand the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Finally, in science, we've had our heads in the stars, exploring the different phases of the moon. We learned all about how the moon doesn't actually change shape but appears to from our perspective on Earth. We discussed everything from the new moon to the full moon, and the children were fascinated by how the sun's light on the moon creates the different shapes we see in the sky each night.

We're looking forward to another great week of learning ahead!

Have a lovely weekend.



Year 6 had an incredibly busy week! In maths, we dove into the complex world of division, tackling both short division with different types of remainders and the more gruelling long division.

Our creative side shone brightly on Thursday as we celebrated National Poetry Day by writing poems based on our dreams. The children impressed us with their fantastic ideas, exploring various poetry styles like acrostic, free verse, and even some humorous limericks!

Shifting to science, our focus was on shadows and investigating how light changes their size. Meanwhile, PE was full of action as we had lots of fun learning the rules and strategies of dodgeball.

Finally, in computing, the children became codebreakers, learning all about secret codes and figuring out the most efficient ways to decipher them!

What a fantastic and fun-filled week of learning!





SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

sharp
shower
she



YEAR 2

Group 1: knock, know, knee, knew, kneel, knit, knight, gnome, gnat, gnaw

Group 2: said, box, cot, dog, top



YEAR 3

Group 1: adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture

Group 2: catch, fetch, kitchen, switch, hutch, witch, ditch, patch, match, batch



YEAR 4

Group 1 (Step 5): interact, intercept, interchange, intercity, intercom, interface, interfere, international, internet, interview

Group 2: adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture



YEAR 5

Group 1: commercial, controversial, controversially, financial, financially, initial, initially, palatial, provincial, spatial.

Group 2: adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture.



YEAR 6

Group 1: aggressive, bruise, convenience, embarrass, forty, interrupt, occupy, pronunciation, shoulder, thorough

Group 2: adventure, future, picture, nature, creature, furniture, capture, sculpture, fracture, mixture



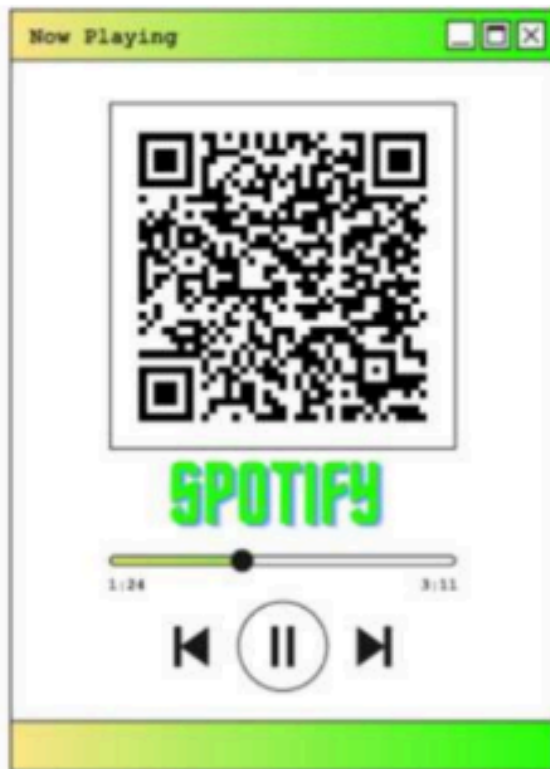
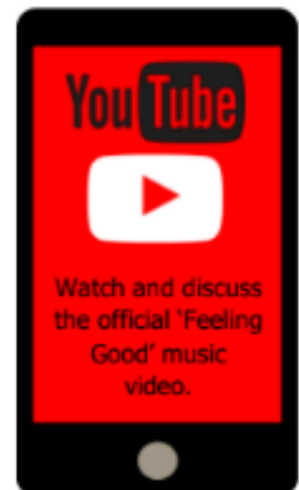


HOME INFORMATION



October's Musician of the Month

Nina Simone



About: Eunice Kathleen Waymon, known professionally as Nina Simone, was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, and civil rights activist. Her music spanned styles including classical, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, R&B, and pop.

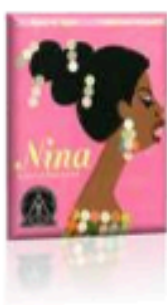
Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1954 - 2002

Origin: North Carolina, U.S.A.


Books to read...

If you like Nina Simone, try...




- Sarah Vaughan
- Billie Holiday
- Miles Davis



Autumn Term Lunch Menu



FOOD SERVED HERE
Soil Association



MENU WEEK 1





MONDAY	Pasta Bolognese 2, 7	Macaroni Cheese 2	Garlic Bread Broccoli A/F	Apple Crumble & Custard 2, 7
TUESDAY	Chicken Burger 2, 7	Vegetable Burger 2, 7	Crisp Cube Potatoes Sweetcorn 2, 7	Carrot Cake 2, 4, 7
WEDNESDAY	Sausage Roast Dinner 2, 4, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel 2, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Shortbread 2
THURSDAY	Mild Creamy Chicken Curry A/F	Vegetable Pasta Bake 2, 7	Rice & Mixed Vegetables A/F	Old School Sprinkle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Battered Fish 2, 5	Quorn Nuggets 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse 7

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




GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST



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.



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MENU WEEK 2

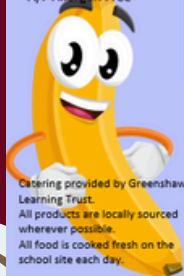



MONDAY	Meat Pizza 2, 7	Cheese & Tomato Pizza 2, 7	Wedges & Salad A/F	Jelly & Fruit A/F
TUESDAY	Chicken Meatball Pasta 1, 2	Dhal Sweet Potato Curry 1, 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Marble Cake 2, 4
WEDNESDAY	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Glamorgan Sausage Roast & Yorkshire 2, 4, 7	Roast Potatoes & Vegetables A/F	Fruit Flapjack 2
THURSDAY	Beef Lasagne Pasta 2, 7	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne 2, 7	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Lemon Drizzle Cake 2, 4
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 5	BBQ Quorn Fillet 2	Chips & Peas/Beans A/F	Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse 7

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PHONICS INFORMATION!



Reception and KS1 - Reading books:

- There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:
- A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
 - A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

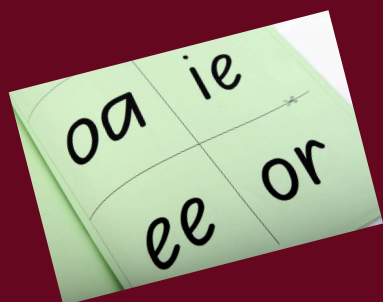
Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen from our library for you to enjoy together.



Please use the link to explore the parents page on the Little Wandle website.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

Resilient Futures



Therapeutic Art Workshop

A Visual Arts workshop, providing a multi-faceted experience that allows children and young people aged 8-16 to express themselves freely.

By using mixed media, participants will create artwork inspired by their feelings in a safe and supportive environment. The workshop will prioritise their educational development by teaching them valuable techniques and methods, exploring different media, and introducing art and design principles. The workshop will adopt a therapeutic approach, allowing participants to engage in free-flowing exercises, transferring their emotions onto paper.

Wednesday 29th October, 1pm - 4pm

Wallington Library, SM6 0HY

Tickets: FREE



Register your
interest here



or by emailing

sbrchoraloutreach@gmail.com

St Michaels Youth Choir

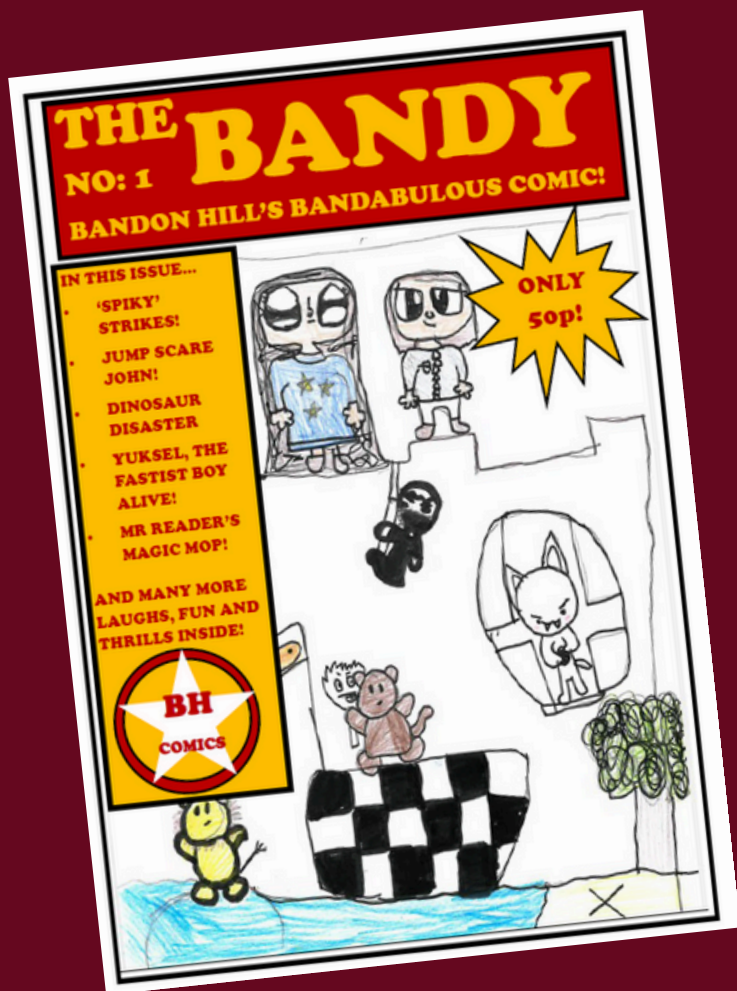
Thursdays 5.30pm-6.30pm



St Michaels and All Angels,

Milton Road, Wallington

**FREE sessions for
young people aged 8-16**



Due to overwhelming demand (well, two or three people have asked Mr Haddock...), we have printed more copies of Bandon Hill Primary's fabulous first issue of The Bandy, our very own comic. In fact, we have printed so many that we may have spent the school's annual printing budget already!

Published just before the Summer holidays, it is chock full of funny/exciting/mildly amusing stories all for the measly sum of 50p - a bandy bargain! Please get your copy from the school office.

The comic with the first appearance of Superman, Action Comics #1, recently sold for \$6 million in the US so in 80 years time the Bandy may be worth the same amount!* Our crack team of artists are about to start on the eagerly awaited (and even more exciting if that is humanly possible) second issue so stay tuned!**



*Bandon Hill Primary, Cartoon Club and Mr Haddock personally are not liable if the Bandy #1 is not worth \$6 million in 80 years.

** At the current pace of drawing, current expected publication date is 2032, but we will accept pre-orders...

Family Support

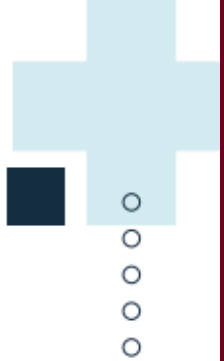


Cognus

No Limits on Learning

Educational Psychology Service

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Are you a parent who wants to learn more about supporting your child? If so, please sign up to one of our sessions below.

- **6th October** - Supporting your child's emotional regulation
- **13th November** - Guiding your child through social media and online influences
- **26th January** - Supporting literacy development at home
- **12th February** - Supporting Maths development at home

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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

PARENT SESSIONS



Cognus
offices

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09:30-
11:30

Venue: Cognus Limited,
Cantium House, Railway
Approach, Wallington, SM6
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Please email
✉ ep.service@cognus.org.uk to
book a space (places on a
first come, first served basis)

PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS

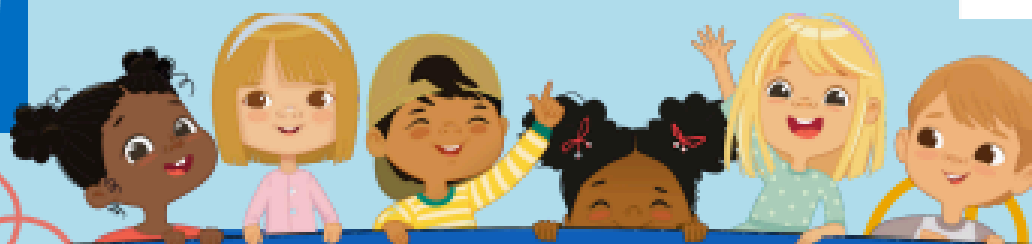
3 October	12:00-3pm	Sensory Regulation day to day strategies and practical workshop - Primary
23 October	9:30-12	Emotional Regulation practical workshop - Primary
7 November	9:30-12:00	Sensory Regulation day to day strategies and practical workshop- Secondary
5 December	12:00-3pm	Emotional Regulation practical workshop- Secondary
12 December	9:30-12:00	Supporting communication and language skills – Primary
13 February	12:00-3pm	Preparation for Adulthood- Primary (motor skills and independence)
27 February	12:00-3pm	Supporting communication and language skills – Secondary
24 April	9:30-12	Preparation for Adulthood- Secondary (motor skills and independence)

INTERESTED?

Please sign up on the Cognus website.

We can't wait to see you there!





Goodbyes and Goodnights Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?

Does your child struggle to separate from you?

Are you worried that things will get worse when your child transitions to the next school year in September?

Join our free, 4-session parent group to connect with other parents

What parents have said:

All sessions
Mondays from
10:30am - 12:00pm

15th September
22nd September
29th September
6th October

Location:
Wilson Hospital
(Wellbeing Centre)
Cranmer Road,
Mitcham CR4 4TP

Free on-site parking
Transport links

I think it went really well and think it should be easy access for all parents.

Useful tips, Q&A between other parents and the two facilitators

Scan the QR code or
Click here to sign up



I didn't feel judged about what I was going through. The advice was broad but I felt like I could apply most of it to my son.

LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE



REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR



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 25th February 2026 - INSET Day 3

Tuesday 24th 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

