BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Issue 61

Sunday 9th November 2025

Welcome back!



We hope everyone has has a fantastic half term break and are ready to begin the very busy half term leading up to Christmas!

During the penultimate week of last half term, I met with our School Council and also our Parent Partnership Team to hear the improvements both of these important groups wanted to make in our school.

Our Pupil Parliament Group met first and explained how they would like our staff to be more visible on the playground, to help the children if they need to friends to play with or if they want staff to join in their games too! As a result, we have ordered some brand new Bandon Hill 'Pink' High visibility jackets which will be used this term. Mr Haddock will share this information with children in assembly when the vests arrive.



Some of the children mentioned to me that there have been one or two occasions where whole classes have been kept in from break or lunchtime for five minutes. As a general rule, we do not deliver blanket sanctions at Bandon Hill and I have agreed to speak to the teachers to remind them of this. We do have high expectations and consequences that are linked to our behaviour policy, but it should not be the whole class who lose their break or lunchtime.



Our younger children in the school spoke about how they really enjoyed the Reception and Year 1 opening mornings for parents and carers to come in and work with the children in their classrooms. As a result, we'll be finding some dates that these can happen - watch this space!

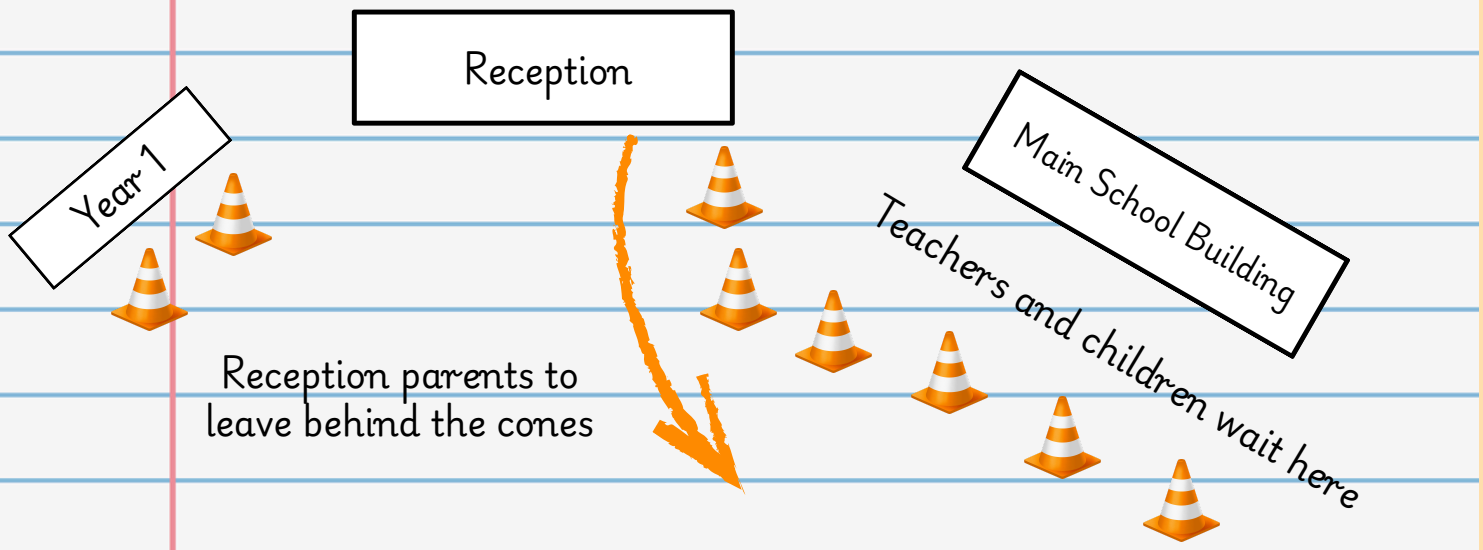


Both the children and parent partnership group spoke about home learning and discussed how we could give the children who are completing home learning additional rewards for their efforts. We have invested in some new stamps to show when home learning has been handed in and also children will be awarded 3 house points, moving forward.

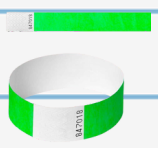
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Our Parent Partnership group offers the opportunity for parents and carers in all year groups to join together once every half term to offer solutions and ways to improve our school and wider community. If you would like to join the group, the commitment is one meeting every half term. This can be in person or virtually. Please speak to Mrs Turner in the office if you would wish to join our team.

In our Parent Partnership group meeting, we spoke about the end of the day arrangements. Whilst we are restricted to how and when we exit the school at 3.15pm, please could I take this opportunity to remind parents collecting from Reception to stay on the right hand side of the cones as they leave. Some families have been cutting across the front of the cones where other children are waiting to be collected, which makes it very difficult for teachers to dismiss children safely. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



We also heard how parents and carers would like to have further communication when it comes to small injuries children pick up during the school day, such as falling over at break time or in a PE lesson. We will continue to use the red wristbands for head injuries, but will soon be implementing a green wristband system too. This will be for any injury that was treated in the medical room but did not require a phone call home. As soon as these wristbands have been delivered to school you will receive a separate letter explaining how and when they will be used in school, in more detail.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns relating to any aspect of school life, please contact us via the school office and we will be more than happy to help!

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Hopkins

PSA UPDATES

Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com

Our next event Donations Mufti Day Friday 28th November





Date to Remember Saturday 13th December

We will need helpers if you can spare a couple of hours to support please pop to the office or email us

Follow us on Instagram @bandonhillschool_psa











AROUND OUR SCHOOL
THIS WEEK









We Need Your Help

Our Little Free Cupboard
"Give what you can, take what you need."





Our Community Larder continues to be a great support to our Bandon Hill Community. We receive donations each week via Neighbourly which enables us to help families in need at this time.

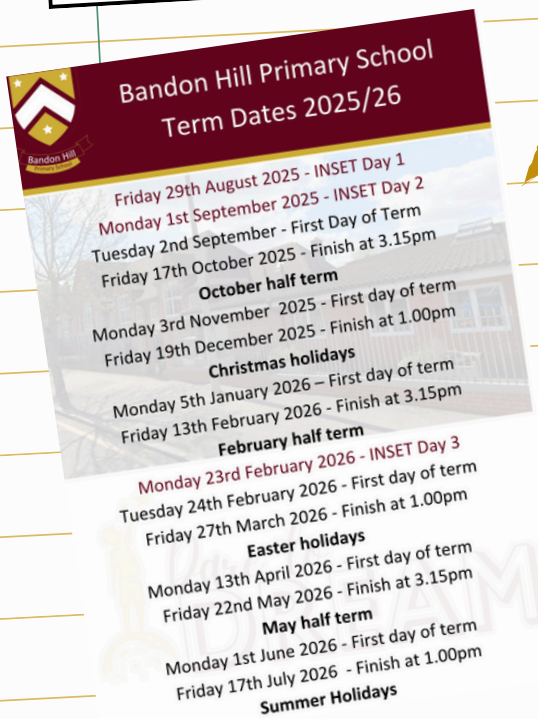
We would love some parent volunteers to help collect the food from supermarkets and keep our cupboard fully stocked.
Days available are:
Sunday: Lidl Hackbridge
Monday: Lidl Hackbridge
Tuesday: Lidl Hackbridge and Lidl Wallington
Wednesday: Lidl Hackbridge
Thursday: Lidl Wallington.
The stores prefer collection before 1pm but they are flexible.

Please contact Bell Stirrat via the office if you can lend a hand!
Thank you so much!

UPCOMING DATES

Date	Year Group	Event
24.11.25	Rec-6	Parents Evening
27.11.25	Rec-6	Parents Evening
08.12.25 9:15am	Nursery	Christmas Concert
08.12.25 1:45pm - 2:45pm	1-6	Winter Craft Afternoon
10.12.25 9:15am	Rec- 2 (Jeffers, Attenborough, Owens)	Diversity Concert
11.12.25 9:15am	Rec - 2 (Donaldson, Goodall, Ali)	Diversity Concert
15.12.25	3 & 4	Christmas Concert at St. Michael & All Angels Church
16.12.25	5 & 6	Chrismtas Concert at Michael & All Angels Church
12.12.25	6	Year 6 Christmas Community Party

This academic year



Next academic year



CURRICULUM UPDATE - EYFS

N

We would like to welcome you back to Nursery for our second Autumn term. The children have returned so well after the break and we are very proud of them!

This week, we have started our phase 1 phonics lessons. We follow the Little Wandle Foundations programme which focuses on listening and attention skills. The children will be completing weekly activities based on initial sounds, rhyming, alliteration and blending. Our sound this week was 's'. Next week, our sound will be 'a'.

In maths next week, we will be exploring shapes and building with them.

We are now collecting the voluntary £3 for this half term. This money really helps us to enhance the children's learning environment. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Have a lovely weekend!



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We hope you all had a restful half term and we are looking forward to all the fun activities we have planned for Autumn 2. This half term our topic focuses on Autumn and celebrations. If you would like to share any special festivals you celebrate please upload any pictures to Tapestry as we would love to add these to our diversity display and share them with the children.

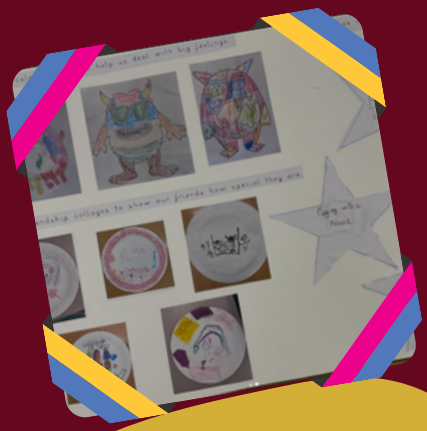
We are continuing with our Autumn 2 phonics work and the children will begin reading sessions next week. This will allow the children to practice decoding and blending. In math, we will continue with early number and ensuring the children have a good knowledge of subtracting.

We would like to ask for a voluntary £3 donation for this half term to support with resources within the classroom. Thank you to those families who donated last half term. :)

Have a lovely weekend!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1



1

We started off this week doing a wellbeing workshop. The children learnt about the importance of being a good friend.

At the start of the week, the children had lots of fun in a Fairy Tales workshop, bringing classic stories to life.

In maths, they practised addition by finding the missing number in box sentences. They also used the part whole model to understand this concept in more depth.

In geography, we started learning about our local area, naming nearby places and talking about what we see on a simple map.

Important:
Please ensure your child returns their reading book every Wednesday.

2

Welcome back!

We started the week with a wellbeing day, focussing on friendship. We read 'Have you filled a bucket today?', which teaches children about positivity and kindness and the importance of filling others' bucket to achieve happiness.

In English, the children planned and wrote some wonderful acrostic poems all about fireworks! They came up with some great alliteration and adjectives to describe what they would see, hear and smell at a fireworks display.

In maths, we are continuing our learning of addition and subtraction. This week, the children learnt to add and subtract across ten.

We are very excited about our trip next week on Thursday 13th November. Please can the children come to school in school uniform, bring a waterproof coat and a packed lunch. They can also wear trainers as we will be doing a lot of walking!



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK

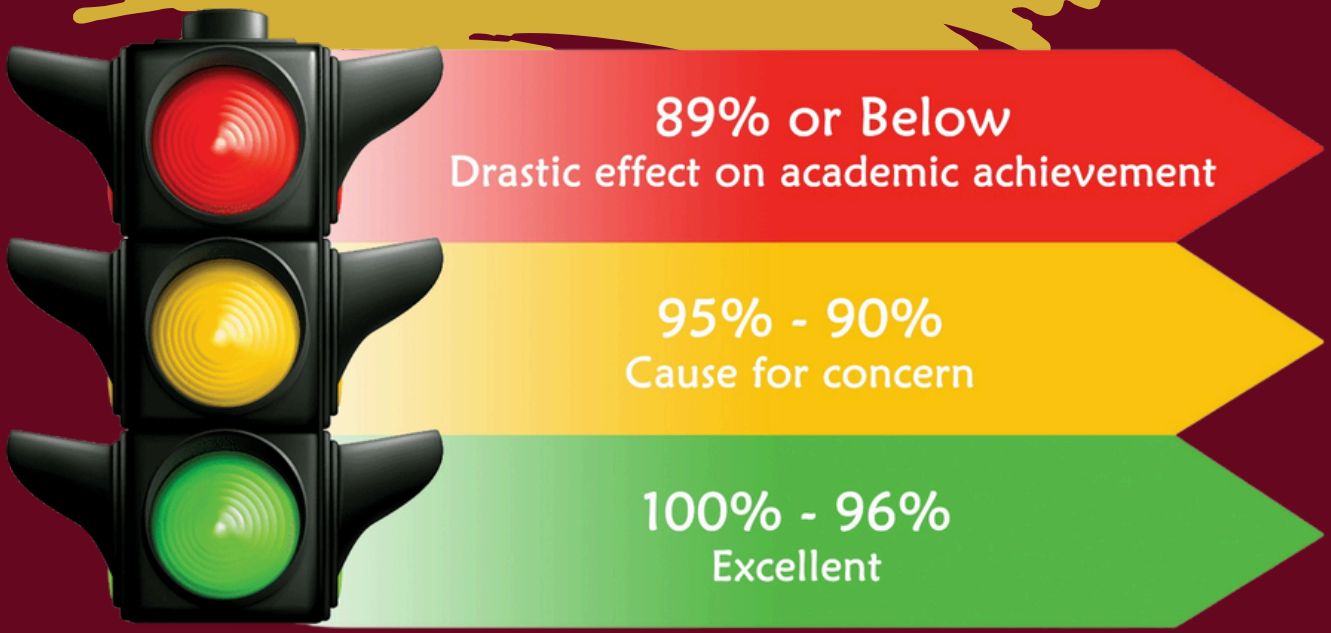
KS1: Jeffers 94%

KS2: Curie 98%

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Donaldson

KS2: Frank, Hawking, Gandhi



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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We hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

This week in year 3 we are reading a new book: Paddington. In English we are planning our instructions to make a delicious marmalade sandwich!

In maths we have been exploring different ways to estimate answers to addition and subtraction problems by rounding up or down to the nearest 10 and 100.

Our focus artist this half term is Joan Miro. We observed some of his paintings using surrealism, discussing the use of shape, line and colour.

In science this half term we will be learning about light, understanding different sources of light and how light can be reflected.

Our new geography topic is the United Kingdom! This week we understood what makes up the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, focusing in detail on the South-East of the UK and different towns and cities.



<u>Reminders</u>
Please bring your reading book to every Friday to be changed.
Library books must be returned before a new library book can be borrowed.
Hadid library day: Wednesday Kahlo library day: Monday

4

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a chance to rest during the half term break. It's been wonderful seeing the children return with so much energy and enthusiasm for the busy term ahead!

In English, we have started to look at our new book 'Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackhall' where we have begun writing setting descriptions about the lighthouse.

In maths this week, we have been recapping and reviewing the topics that we learnt last half term including rounding and column addition and subtraction.

We have begun our new electricity topic in science, where we have been learning about what electricity is and what uses electricity.

We have started our new history topic this week - The Anglo-Saxons! For our first session we discussed how and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and how they split Britain into seven kingdoms.

<u>Reminders</u>
Library books must be returned before a new library book can be borrowed.
Keller library day: Wednesday Frank library day: Friday



Sunrise Stars
7:30 - 8:30am

Wrap around care

Sunset Stars
3:15 - 6:00pm

Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:

- Child Led Nurturing Activities
- Homework and Reading Support with experienced and qualified TA's
- Opportunities to Socialise and Learn Social Skills
- A start and/or end of day reflection to motivate and encourage
- Snacks and Drinks

For pricing and to book, please contact the main office.

Sunrise Stars
7:30 - 8:30am

Our wrap around care offer ensures that we are supporting not just our own pupils, but their whole family to..

Dare to Dream

Sunset Stars
3:15 - 6:00pm

Telephone: 020 8647 5377
or
E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions







CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

5

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful two weeks. It was lovely to see the children back full of energy and ready for another busy half term!

We kick started our half term with our second Wellbeing Day. This time we focussed on Friendship as our theme looking at what it means to be a good friend and what we can do to resolve conflicts. The children got creative making soups and potions and other friendship based activities.

In English, we have been identifying the features of Biographies to prepare us to write our own about the Astronaut Tim Peake. In maths, we have begun to look at square and cube numbers.

We have started our new History topic this week - The Vikings! For our first session we discussed how and why the Vikings came to Britain and looked and created a timeline of key events during the Viking period.

Also this week, we have started to look at songs that will be performed at the Christmas Services - more details to follow.

Please remember that next WEDNESDAY 12th is our trip to the Science museum. All children are to wear school uniform with trainers and bring and small packed lunch in a ruck sack that can be carried on their backs/over the shoulder - thank you.



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Welcome back year 6!

We are happy to see you all and hope you had a wonderful break. As many of you will have seen, Mrs Dodson has stepped in as Luther-King's teacher. This is because of the lovely news that Mr Corfield's new baby arrived safe and well over half term. Congratulations to Mr Corfield and his family.

This week, English started with us researching into the Galápagos Islands. We learned about the island's history, environment, wild life, location, climate and much more. This is to aid our creation of a non-chronological report about them. We explored the features of a non-chronological report too.

During maths, the children have work really hard on their fractions. We have been comparing, adding and subtracting them.

This term's art topic is called 'Brave Colour' and this week we had fun creating our own sketch books for it. They all look fantastic and the children should be proud of their creativity.



Safeguarding In school

DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads)

At Bandon Hill Primary School



Mr Haddock Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



Mrs Newsome (DDSL)



Mrs Scarborough (DDSL)

Safeguarding out of school



SAFE SPACES SUTTON

DO YOU WANT TO BE A COMMUNITY GUARDIAN?
DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER?
WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMETHING OR SOMEONE WHO'S HURT? .

3 FREE WORKSHOPS to empower local businesses and community members to recognise risks, feel supported and play a role in creating safe spaces across Sutton

Workshops can be attended individually or you can attend all day:

- **Basic life support skills**; including how to confidently use a community defibrillator and bleed contact kit
- **Violence Against Women and Girls** brought to you by Sutton Women's Centre
- **Contextual safeguarding**; looking at risks to young people and vulnerable adults outside of the home.

When

Each date features three individual workshops, which can be booked separately or enjoyed together as a full-day experience. Workshop times vary by date and each workshop is approx 2-3 hours long

Available dates

3rd November 2025
26th January 2026
16th March 2026

Times of Workshops vary depending of the day

Where

The Quad
Green Wrythe Lane
Carshalton SM5 1JW

To book, click on this link or scan the QR Code
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safe-spaces-sutton-training-tickets-1803439007619?aff=oddtdtcreator

SPELLINGS

This week

YEAR 1

morning
smell
little
love

YEAR 2

Group 1: table, apple, bottle, little, middle, bubble, cable, uncle, ankle, eagle

Group 2: of, bat, cat, pan, map

YEAR 3

Group 1
disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree

Group 2

fresher, higher, unload, unhappy, hardest, unfair, quicker, darkest, undo, unlock

YEAR 4

Group 1: adoration, admiration, coronation, detonation, observation, location, generation, exploration, combination, illustration

Group 2: disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree

Group 3: rain, point, oil, wait, train, coin, join, paid, afraid, soil



YEAR 5

Grp 1: abundance, abundancy, brilliance, dominancy, elegance, extravagance, hesitancy, relevancy, tolerance, vacancy

Grp 2: disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree

YEAR 6

Group 1: apparent, committee, curiosity, especially, guarantee, lightning, parliament, recommend, soldier, vegetable

Group 2: disappoint, disobey, disappear, disapprove, disable, dislike, dislocate, disadvantage, dislodge, disagree



Autumn Term Lunch Menu

MENU WEEK 1

FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE — Soil Association

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

the FoodChecker

"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

MENU WEEK 2

FOOD FOR LIFE SERVED HERE — Soil Association

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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NEWS

Bandon Hill's Book Fair

Join us for our School Book Fair from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th November and help support our library!
The fair will be open during parent evenings that week and after school in the playground on other days. It's a fantastic opportunity to pick up some great books as Christmas presents while helping us raise funds to purchase new books for our library and inspire a love of reading in our students.



HOME INFORMATION

November's Musician of the Month

Ethel Smyth



Watch and discuss the 'March of the Women' music video.

Now Playing

SPOTIFY

About: Dame Ethel Mary Smyth DBE was an English composer and a member of the women's suffrage movement. Her compositions include songs, works for piano, chamber music, orchestral works, choral works and operas. Smyth tended to be marginalised as a 'woman composer', as though her work could not be accepted as mainstream. Yet when she produced more delicate compositions, they were criticised for not measuring up to the standard of her male competitors. Nevertheless, she was the first female composer to be honoured with a damehood.

Genres: Classical and Opera

Active from: c.1877 - c.1927

Origin: Sidcup, United Kingdom

Books to read...







If you like Ethel Smyth, try...

- Johannes Brahms
- Augusta Holmès
- Louise Farrenc

Bandon Hill Primary School



TEAM UP FOR TICKETS



Sutton United VS Gateshead

29/11/25 | 3:00 | VBS Community Stadium

Bandon Hill Primary School

- All tickets bought through the link below will result in 50% cashback to **Bandon Hill**
- Sell tickets and earn prizes

Family Support

Sutton's Education Wellbeing Service

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

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

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!

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Promoting Positive Behaviours

Want to reduce challenging behaviour and enjoy more positive moments with your child?

Join our workshop for parents and carers of children aged 0-5.

Learn simple, effective ways to encourage good behaviour through the power of praise, positive attention, and play.

This workshop will give you tools you can use straight away to create a calmer, happier home.



DATE / TIME

Tuesday 18th November
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 20th November
6.00-7.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Resilience in Primary School Children

Practical advice for parents who are open to thinking about their role and what they can do to help develop resilience in their child.

Education Wellbeing Service



DATE / TIME

Monday 17th November
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.

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wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Wednesday 19th November
8.00-9.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

PARENT SESSIONS



The Educational Psychology Service at Cognus are running a series of **free** parent sessions.

Our next session is:



THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025
9:30AM -11:30AM
COGNUS, CANTIUM HOUSE, WALLINGTON

Social Media and Online Influences

Aims of the session:

- To understand the digital landscape.
- Gain a better knowledge of the impact social media can have.
- How to spot the warning signs of concerning content.
- Find ways to support young people who are being influenced by negative online content.

Open to any parent/carer who lives in Sutton and/or has a child at a Sutton School.

» **To book a place:** **Please send an email to: ep.service@cognus.org.uk** «



Getting it Right for Children

A course designed to help you parent cooperatively. When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.

Parents only

Must have a child under 19 years or 25 years with SEN living at home and be a resident of Sutton.

Please note: Both parents dont need to attend together

To book your space please scan the QR code

Carshalton Family Hub & Children's Centre
(Previously Known as Tweeddale)
Tweeddale Road, SM5 1SQ
Friday 21th November 2025
Start at 9.30am
Finish 12.30pm
More information contact parenting: 07873 702777

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