

# BANDON HILL BULLETIN



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Friday 28th November 2025

Headteacher Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Bandon Hill! Below is a roundup of our recent sporting events and upcoming dates for your diary.

We are incredibly proud of our children representing the school this week. Sports Hall Athletics (Years 5 & 6) was on Tuesday. Our Year 5 and Year 6 athletes travelled to Wallington Girls to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics competition. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved! Our Boys' Football (7-a-side) headed to Cheam Park Farm for their 7-a-side Pokemon Tournament. I was particularly impressed with how the team played against some very tough opposition! Though I do think I need to invest in a new pair of gloves as the weather was particularly cold!



It was truly wonderful to welcome so many of you into the school for Parents Evening earlier this week. It is always a pleasure to celebrate the children's achievements with you and discuss their progress face-to-face. A huge thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair too. We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic amount of money! These funds will go directly towards restocking our library and classrooms with exciting new titles for the children to enjoy. Please remember that our partnership doesn't end when Parents Evening finishes. You do not need to wait for a formal event to speak with us about your child. We encourage you to stay in touch throughout the year with your class teacher our doors are always open if you have any queries or concerns.



It is beginning to look (and sound) a lot like Christmas around Bandon Hill. Despite it still being November! Rehearsals are officially underway for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Concerts. The sound of festive songs is filling the halls and the children are working hard to learn their lines and perfect their performances. We cannot wait to share their hard work with you later this term.

The Magic of Christmas is also coming to Bandon Hill Saturday 13th December. The halls are decked, the elves are busy, and excitement is building! We are thrilled to invite all Bandon Hill families to our annual PSA Christmas Fair. This isn't just a fundraiser; it is the festive highlight of our school year where our community comes together to celebrate. Whether you are looking for last-minute gifts, delicious treats, or just some holiday cheer, there is something for everyone. Tombolas, Christmas Crafts & Games, Gift Stalls and Festive Feasts will be available to warm up with mince pies, hot drinks, and delicious seasonal snacks.



We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a great weekend!

*Mr Hopkins*





# PSA UPDATES



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**Date to Remember  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December**

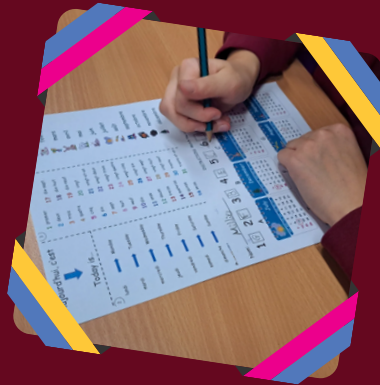
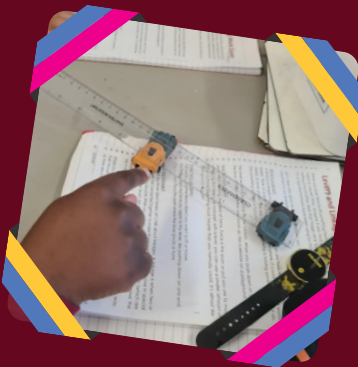
We still need helpers if you can spare a couple of hours to support please pop to the office or email us



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## AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



## Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan  
House

Weir House

Widdowson  
House

227

251

234

256



# 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! |

# Christmas Fete

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

12:30- 3pm

Come and Join us for  
Christmas Stalls, tombolas,  
games and more



# 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)	Christmas Around the World Concert
<b>12.12.25</b> 9:15am <i>(not the 11<sup>th</sup> as previously stated on the newsletter)</i>	Rec - 2 (Donaldson, Goodall, Ali)	Christmas Around the World Concert
15.12.25	3 & 4	Christmas Concert at St. Michael & All Angels Church
16.12.25	5 & 6	Christmas Concert at Michael & All Angels Church
12.12.25	6	Year 6 Christmas Community Party

This academic year

Next academic year

**Bandon Hill Primary School**  
Term Dates 2025/26

Friday 29th August 2025 - INSET Day 1  
Monday 1st September 2025 - INSET Day 2  
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 - 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 - 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**

**Bandon Hill Primary School**  
Term Dates 2026/27

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 - INSET Day 1  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 - INSET Day 2  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026 - First Day of Term  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - INSET Day 3  
**October half term**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - INSET Day 4  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026 - First Day of Term  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Christmas holidays**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - First day of term  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm  
**February half term**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027 - First day of term  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Easter holidays**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 - First day of term  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027 - INSET Day 5  
**May half term**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027 - First day of term  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm  
**Summer Holidays**

# CURRICULUM

## UPDATE - EYFS

**N** This week has been lots of fun! The children have enjoyed using doctors sets to look after the dolls. We have also been practising the songs for our Christmas singalong. The song words are now on Tapestry so your child can practice them at home too!

Please can we remind you to name all of your child's belongings including hats, scarves and gloves. It can be very difficult to match them to their owners, particularly when they have the same!

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening. It was lovely to share how well your children are doing with you.

Enjoy the weekend!



**R** What a lovely week we have had in Reception. The children have enjoyed reading The Nativity story and learning about how we use lights in different celebrations. Next week, we will be learning about how Hanukkah is celebrated. If you celebrate this festival and would like to send anything in please let the teacher know. It was lovely to see you all at parents evening and talk about how well your children are getting on.

Please have a look on Tapestry as we have added the words for our Christmas songs on there so that your children can practice them at home! Please remember to like and comment on our Tapestry posts as we like to see the parent engagement.

Have a great weekend!



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

# 2

# 1



The children have had a brilliant week of learning! In Story Time, everyone thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing 'Hair Love', which sparked some wonderful conversations about self-acceptance and love. In Maths, we've been working hard on addition, successfully using part-whole models to understand how numbers are made up.

Finally, a highlight was our recent Computing Day, where the children proudly developed and practiced their essential logging-on skills.

Important Notices from Mon 1/12/25:  
In order to facilitate changes in the weather, we have had to alter the PE days. In addition, the classes will participate in one session with a PE specialist.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on the designated days, as they will be participating in various sports and physical activities.

Goodall Class  
Monday and Tuesday

Attenborough Class  
Monday and Friday

We have had a busy week in Year 2!

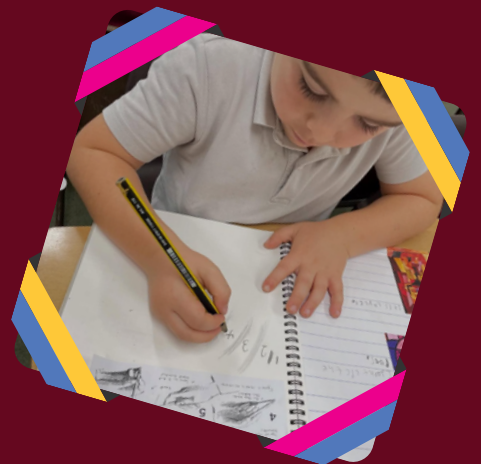
In maths, we have been working hard in adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers using resources to help us solve more challenges problems.

The children have enjoyed recapping the 'Queen's Hat' book in preparation for writing a recount of where the hat flew off to including the London Underground, London Zoo and Trafalgar Square! The children came up with some great adjectives to help them describes these landmarks.

We have also enjoyed our Story Time sessions this week where we read the beautiful book, 'The Bear and the Piano'. The children loved the story of the piano playing bear and it's illustrations.

In Art, we have been experimenting with tone and shading by holding the pencil in different ways to create a range of shades.

As it's getting colder, if you have any spare tissues, we would appreciate any spare boxes you may have. Thank you!



# ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



KS1: Attenborough and Ali 96%

KS2: Curie 100%

# PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Donaldson, Ali and Attenborough

KS2: Frank, Hawking and Gandhi



89% or Below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent



# CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

# 3

We have been busy planning our narratives in English this week, where we will be writing all about Paddington's dangerous journey to London from darkest Peru!  
In maths we have been continuing our learning about multiplication and division, focusing on the 4 times table. We have been using arrays to show equal groups to support with our multiplication sentences.

4 equal groups of 5  
 $4 \times 5$



5 equal groups of 4  
 $5 \times 4$



## Reminders

Spelling tests are every Friday - please remember your spelling books.  
Homework is due every Friday - please remember your homework folders.  
Reading books are changed every Friday - please remember to bring in your reading book.

Library days: Hadid: Wednesday  
Please bring in your library book if you would like to change it.

Kahlo: Mondays

Some people also had a note in their contact books asking for previous library books to be returned. Please have a good look at home if you do still have a previous library book.



We've had a busy week in Year 4. We've been practicing our times tables daily on Times Tables Rockstars as well as testing our fluency speed each day. We've also been focusing on multiplication and division in our maths lessons - understanding that division is the inverse of multiplication. Practising times tables at home can greatly boost children's fluency and confidence. Using free online games like Hit the Button ([topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)), Mathsframe.co.uk, playing Times Tables Rockstars, and listening to times tables songs are all excellent ways to help them learn.

In English, we will begin looking at newspaper features before we start to plan and write our own newspaper article based on the shipwreck event in 'Hello Lighthouse'. Using inverted commas for speech will be a key goal when we write our articles.

A reminder that we will be having our Saxon day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to come to school dressed as Saxons to get into the spirit of the day!



# 4



# Wrap around care



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.



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

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for further information. and terms and conditions



# CURRICULUM

## UPDATE KS2

# 5

It's been another busy week in Year 5 as we move into the middle of the half term. Continuing our space topic from last half term we are currently looking at what it is like to live aboard the International Space Station (with a little help from Tom Peake). Later on we will be writing our own guides including handy tips on how to exercise, eat well and even go to the toilet – it has to be done!

We are working hard on learning our Christmas songs in music and continue to learn more about the Vikings as we created board games based on the different trade routes they took across the world in our history lessons.

In science, we enjoyed looking at water resistance and working out whether surface area had an effect on the time it took a 'missile' to sink. We are working on fair testing and how to take an average measurement from our initial results.

Do let us know (by way of a note in your child's contact book) if you are able to attend the Christmas craft afternoon on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that owing to space restrictions we will not be able to accommodate buggies in classrooms.  
Thank you.

# 6

What a great week we have had in Year 6! Some of the children represented Bandon Hill in Sports Hall athletics on Tuesday; they did so well and represented the school positively!

It was so lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening to discuss how your child is settling in.

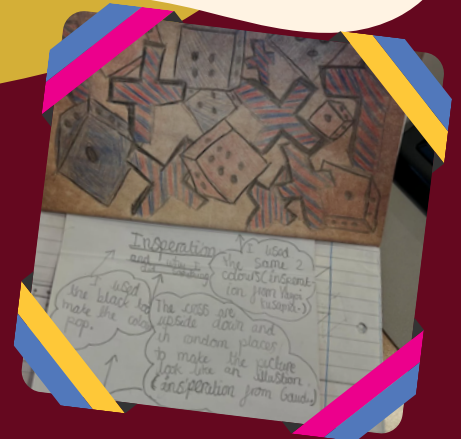
In maths we have been focusing on percentages and percentages of amounts. Our English lessons were focused on continuing our narrative from last week, as well as editing and improving our work too.

We have started to plan our final design in our art lessons. The children's challenge is to design an installation inspired by artists that we have been looking at that will protrude from a flat wall!

Next Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup> December) is our school trip to the Natural History Museum. We will be travelling by train and tube. All children will require a packed lunch and a water bottle on this day. The children are also allowed to wear their leavers' hoodies on the school trip!

A letter was given to the children on Friday as to whether they could bring a cake in for our community party, if they have any donations for the raffle and how they will be travelling home. Please ensure the response slips are given back ASAP. A reminder that all children will be required to stay at school until 3:45pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are able to attend our Winter Craft afternoon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, please put a note in your child's contact book. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Nurture

It's been a busy week in Nurture! We've been learning some fantastic, practical tools for handling those big feelings.

1. Year 1 has been exploring what it means to be a good friend! We talked about the great qualities we have, and what we look for when we are making new friends. It was a lovely discussion about kindness and sharing!

- Year 3 finished building their Emotional Toolboxes! We introduced their "Emotion Cups," which they can now use to show us how they're feeling, whether it's super happy, sad, worried, or even a bit angry. It's a great non-verbal way to communicate when words just won't come out.
- Years 4 & 5 learned about self-care in the moment. They discussed that when emotions run high, everyone needs something different! Sometimes we need to shout it out, sometimes we need total quiet, and sometimes we need a nice, calming squeeze or deep hug. They've identified their personal best strategies and are practicing them this week. We'll chat next week about what worked and how they felt!



## Safeguarding In school

Sometimes it is hard for children to tell an adult if they are worried about anything in school or outside school. That is why every class has a worry box where they can write on a note anything that is bothering them and pop it into the box. The teacher checks the class worry box regularly to see if any child requires help in those rare cases when they did not wish to speak directly to the teacher.





# SPELLINGS

## YEAR 1

started  
sleeping  
brighter  
smartest



## YEAR 2

Group 1: pencil, fossil, nostril, pupil,  
April, gerbil, lentil, evil, anvil, basil

Group 2: you, hot, fog, pop, log



## YEAR 3

Group 1  
forgetting, forgotten, beginning,  
propelled, preferred, permitted, regretting,  
committed, forbidden, equipped

Group 2  
day, play, cowboy, enjoy, stay, toy, joy,  
clay, say, way

(Group 3 to learn the 5 spellings  
highlighted in red)

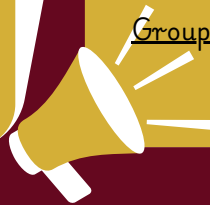


## YEAR 4

Group 1: chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute,  
chute, chaperone, chandelier, crochet, quiche

Group 2: forgetting, forgotten, beginning, propelled,  
preferred, permitted, regretting, committed, forbidden,  
equipped

Group 3: bank, think, honk, sunk, wink, bunk, sing,  
string, hang, long



## YEAR 5

Grp 1: comfortably, dependably, horribly,  
incredibly, legibly, possibly, reliably, sensibly,  
terribly, visibly

Grp 2: forgetting, forgotten, beginning, propelled,  
preferred, permitted, regretting, committed,  
forbidden, equipped




## YEAR 6

Group 1: antonym, crystal,  
lyrics, mystery, oxygen, rhythm,  
symbol, symptom, system, typical


Group 2: forgetting, forgotten, beginning,  
propelled, preferred, permitted, regretting,  
committed, forbidden, equipped





# 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**



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Soil Association



## 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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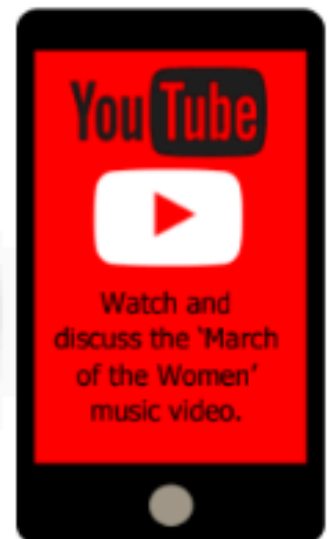


# HOME INFORMATION




## November's Musician of the Month

# Ethel Smyth




Now Playing



**SPOTIFY**

1:24 3:11



**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

## CHRISTMAS KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

1 Give a loved one a big hug

2 Make your bed

3 Tidy up a shared space

4 Make a Christmas card for a friend

5 Invite someone new to play with you

6 Offer to do the washing up

7 Tell a friend why you think they're amazing

8 Pick up and throw away some litter in the playground

9 Tell someone a joke to make them laugh

10 Write down 3 things you are grateful for

11 Ask someone if they've had a good day - and listen to their answer

12 Write down 3 ways you have been a good friend this year

13 Sing someone a festive song

14 Hold a door open for the person behind you

15 Draw a picture for someone

16 Tell someone you love them

17 Make a Christmas gift for someone special

18 Feed the birds

19 Write a thank you card for someone who has helped you

20 Offer to help prepare a meal

21 Write down 3 things you love about yourself

22 Give someone a compliment

23 Hide a kind note for someone to surprise them

24 Write down 3 things that make you smile

25 Wish someone a Merry Christmas!

"SOMETIMES MIRACLES ARE JUST GOOD PEOPLE WITH KIND HEARTS"



# 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



## What helps your child feel safe, calm and understood?

Support shaped around your child and their needs

Improving quality of life, not to 'fix' but rather to support making positive changes

Understanding what your child's behaviour is telling you

Building strengths and skills to support your child, not focusing on problems



### Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)/Behaviour Management Information:

- CRITERIA - parents of primary and secondary school age children waiting for ND screening for ADHD and/or ASD under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team
- 20 places max so first come first serve basis!
- 1 hour weekly for 6 weeks on Microsoft Teams
- 12:30PM for parents/carer
- Led by NDT SPA

**REGISTER INTEREST HERE WITH THE QR CODE:**

Workshops Registration of Attendance



needsbasedneuro@swlstg.nhs.uk

# What helps your child manage big feelings?

Building calming strategies

Support that works at home and school

Encouraging positive ways of handling difficult situations

Helping your child name their feelings safely



## Emotion Regulation Information:

- CRITERIA - primary and secondary school age children waiting for ND screening for ADHD and/or ASD under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team
- 20 places max so first come first serve basis!
- 1 hour weekly for 5 weeks on Microsoft Teams
- 12:30PM for parents/carers
- Led by NDT SPA


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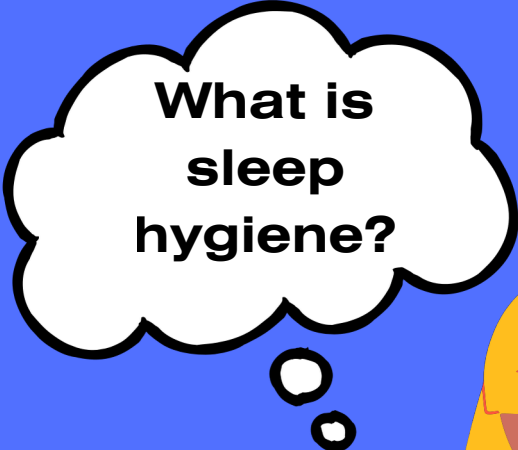


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# What can help your child improve their sleep?



What is  
sleep  
hygiene?



Understanding  
sleep and  
neurodivergence



## Criteria:

- Parent of child aged 5-17
- Waiting for Neurodiversity screening for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and/or ASD (Autism Spectrum disorder) under the CAMHS NDT SPA Team

- **3 sessions over 4 weeks**
- **1 hr on Microsoft Teams**
- **Sessions for parents**
- **Limited spaces -first come first serve basis!**

Register interest here:

Workshops Registration of  
Attendance

