

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Deputy Headteacher
Update



Issue 65

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can see from later in this newsletter, our musician of the month is Elton John so I have endeavoured to name drop as many Elton John song titles on this first page as possible as I illustrate an average Friday for me at Bandon Hill Primary! Here goes...

When I arrive in the morning I am often greeted by Miss Minnette and Mr Daniel (s) who welcome all the children who attend wraparound. This week I taught a little in Year 6 where they were learning about the Galapagos Islands and the circle of life. After maths and English we practiced for our Christmas Concert, lots of happy music, not sad songs or your song and nothing for those with a cold heart. I enjoyed my time with the older children, it was certainly no sacrifice. Most of the singing was very nice but I warned that they don't go breaking my heart. I was then on lunch duty and broke up a couple children's arguments as sorry often seems to be the hardest word.

I then caught a bit of the Year 4 Saxon workshop and learnt about the dark cold days when the only thing that would brighten the home would be a candle in the wind.



With the evenings getting darker, I think to myself on the way home, don't let the sun go down on me - so please ensure the older children who walk home by themselves take extra care crossing roads etc. I finally get home and I'm still standing. I then discuss with the family what to do over the weekend. A cinema trip is discussed - the wife wants to see the new Wicked whilst the son wants Zootropolis 2 - having the deciding vote I think goodbye yellow brick road and go with Zootropolis where we might hear Shakira sing and crocodiles rock!

How many songs did you find referenced? I don't know who next month's musician of the month is so I challenge Mr Hopkins and Mrs Scarborough to try and do the same!

Have a nice weekend and Hakuna Matata.

Mr Haddock





PSA UPDATES



Bandonhillschoolpsa@gmail.com



Next week
Saturday 13th December

Christmas Fete

We still need helpers.

Can you help

11:45-1:30

1:30-3

more helpers more stalls more fun

To support please pop to the office or email us

Bring and Buy Stall

If you have any goods for a bring and buy stall please bring to the fete. All funds will go to help afterschool club activities.

Follow us on Instagram @bandonhillschool_psa



AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Weekly House Points

Mason House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

120

51

43

80



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

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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 13th
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
12.12.25 9:15am	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

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 - 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

This academic year
Next academic year

Bandon Hill Primary School
Term Dates 2026/27

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
Thursday 3rd September 2026 - INSET Day 3
Friday 4th September 2026 - First Day of Term
Friday 23rd October 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm
October half term
Monday 9th November 2026 - INSET Day 4
Tuesday 10th November 2026 - First Day of Term
Friday 18th December 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm
Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January 2027 - First day of term
Friday 12th February 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
February half term
Monday 22nd February 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 25th March 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Easter holidays
Monday 12th April 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 17th May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
May half term
Monday 7th June 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Summer Holidays

CURRICULUM

UPDATE - EYFS

N We have had a very busy week of preparations for our singalong! The children are very excited to welcome you all on Monday.

Here are some reminders about the singalong:
The Singalong begins at 9.15am. Please enter the school via the main entrance.

Elmer class will be attending the morning session on this day and need to arrive at Nursery at 8.30am

The children can wear Christmas jumpers or their own clothes of choice.

Once the performance is over, there will be the option for your child to leave with you, if you wish.

We really hope you enjoy the show, the children have worked so hard and are so excited to see you there!
Have a lovely weekend!



R This week has been very busy in Reception. The children have been busy practicing for our Christmas Around the World Show next week and also learning all about the celebration Hanukkah. We have all created our own menorahs and enjoyed reading the story 'Eight Lights, Eight Nights' for our reading sessions this week. The children are doing fantastic in our phonics and math lessons. We are excited to be able to send reading books home to you when we return in January.

Date for diary: Monday 8th December 1:45-2:45pm - Christmas craft afternoon

Christmas Around the World Shows:

Jeffers: Wednesday 10th December @ 9:15am

Donaldson: Friday 12th December @ 9:15am

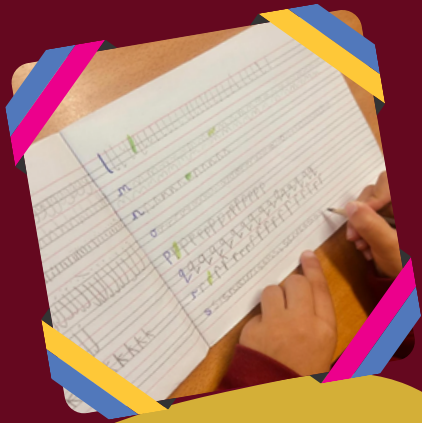
Please note that we will only have space for 2 adults per child in our hall.
Have a great weekend!



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS1

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Year One students have been full of festive cheer, thoroughly enjoying rehearsing their Christmas songs! We can't wait for their wonderful performance.

In Design and Technology (DT), the children delved into the world of mechanisms. They explored how different parts move and worked practically to understand and create a simple mechanism.

This week's Religious Education (RE) lessons focused on the world around them and the significant concept of respect. The children developed thoughtful ideas about why respect is so important in their lives and the lives of others.

Finally, in maths, the children continued to sharpen their number skills, developing new strategies for addition and subtraction.

Year 2 have been getting ready for a festive week next week!

The children have really enjoyed practising their Christmas songs and are looking forward to sharing them with you very soon.

Elsewhere, in science, we have been exploring life cycles of animals including frogs and ducks. The children were able to explain what a life cycle is and offer some examples.

In maths, the children have been busy learning how to answer a mixture of addition and subtraction problems and in English, they wrote some wonderful diary entries, using some fantastic descriptive language to retell the story of the Queen's hat flying off around London!

In PSHE, we explored feelings and emotions and the children were able to successfully identify different emotions others may feel in a various scenarios.



ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK



KS1: Ali 96%

KS2: Hadid 98%

PUNCTUALITY FOR THIS WEEK

KS1: Ali

KS2: Hawking and Gandhi



89% or Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

3

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to the Paddington Experience on Tuesday! We loved immersing ourselves in the wonderful world of Paddington Bear. The children were fantastic and really made Bandon Hill proud with their behaviour on the trip!

We have been using our trip experience to help with our narrative writing this week in English.

In maths, we have concluded our learning on multiplication and division by consolidating our knowledge on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

We have been busy rehearsing our Christmas songs in preparation for the carol performance on Monday 15th December and look forward to sharing it with you.

Reminders

- Spelling tests are every Friday. Please remember your spelling books!
- Homework is due every Friday, don't forget your homework folders!

As we approach the end of term, please do have a look at home for any library books that need to be returned.



What a busy week it has been for Year 4! The children tackled everything from Anglo-Saxon warfare to three-digit multiplication, all while spreading festive cheer!

This week, we dove into the world of journalistic writing. Building on our reading of the wonderful book, Hello Lighthouse, the children explored real newspapers and learned about the key features of an article.

Our mathematical minds have been working hard on multiplication and division. The children have continued to cement their understanding of these operations, including the challenge of multiplying three numbers together.

The highlight of the week was our successful Anglo-Saxon Day! The classroom was transported back to the Dark Ages as the children fully immersed themselves in the life of this historical period. We enjoyed learning and practising some Anglo-Saxon English and played a traditional Anglo-Saxon game. The day ended with an epic (and safe!) Anglo-Saxon battle re-enactment, where they learned about shield walls and fighting formations.

Well done, Year 4, for a week of hard work, excellent learning, and historical adventure!



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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..

Dare to Dream



Telephone: 020 8647 5377

or

E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



CURRICULUM UPDATE KS2

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It's been another busy week in Year 5!

In maths, we're continuing to dive deep into the world of fractions! The children have worked incredibly hard on adding and subtracting fractions, tackling challenging problems that involve improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In English, we've embarked on an exciting new adventure with the epic story 'Beowulf'. Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying exploring the mythical world and the contrasting characters of the heroic Beowulf and the monstrous Grendel. We are currently preparing to write diary entries from a character's perspective. This work links well with our learning in History, where we've been immersing ourselves in the fascinating stories of the Vikings, reading and analysing various Viking sagas.

On a festive note, we are continuing our preparations for the upcoming Christmas Concert, and the children are sounding wonderful! We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 16th December at the church for the festivities!

Have a lovely weekend.

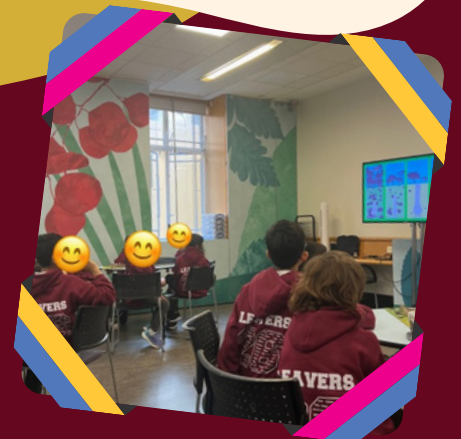
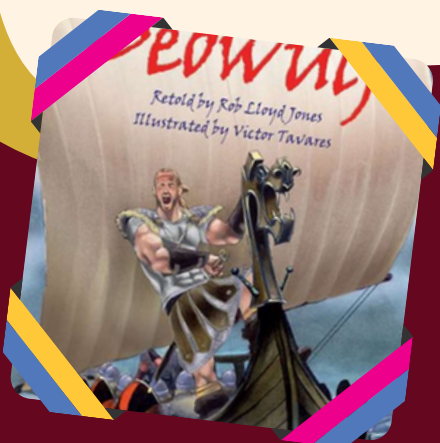
At the beginning of the week, we went to the Natural History Museum! We travelled by train, tube and walked too. We toured the museums, looking at all things evolution and fossil related. The children then took part in an Evolution workshop. They learnt more about the theory of Natural Selection. This trip complemented our current science topic of Evolution extremely well. We would like to commend the children on their fantastic behaviour throughout the school trip; they were such a great representation of the school.

Later on in the week, we were preparing for our community Christmas party next week by making gifts for our guests!

Reminder:

- Our Community Christmas party is next Friday 12th December. All children are required to stay until 3:45pm.
- If you have any raffle prizes to donate, please bring these in ASAP.
- Any cakes that you are donating for the party, please can these be sent in on Thursday 11th.
- If you have any gift bags, we would be grateful for any!

Thank you!

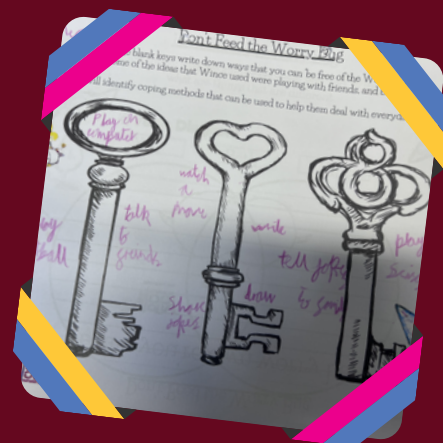


Nurture

This week, we delved into the fantastic story, 'Don't Feed the Worry Bug' by Andi Green, to explore the fascinating world of our emotions and nervous system. We learned all about the 'Fight, Flight, Freeze' response, helping the children understand what happens inside their bodies when they feel stressed or worried.

They got creative by designing their very own 'Worry Bugs' and, most importantly, developed personalised strategies for managing anxious feelings.

We have also been practicing essential self-regulation techniques like calming breathing exercises and hand massages on pressure points to release tension. These wonderful skills offer alternatives to relying on fidget toys, providing the children with powerful tools they can use anytime, anywhere, for immediate self-soothing.



Safeguarding in School and at Home

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

NHS 111 online

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

SAMARITANS

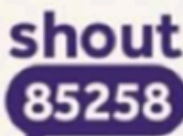
Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

For any Safeguarding Concerns, please contact Children's Social Care directly.

Children's First Contact Service –

Phone: 020 8770 6001

Email: CFCS@Sutton.gov.uk

LADO –

Phone: 020 8770 4776

Email: lado@sutton.gov.uk

Social Care Out of Hours Duty -

Phone: 020 8770 5000

If a child is at immediate risk of danger, please call 999.



SPELLINGS

YEAR 1

freshest
trainer
out
are



YEAR 2

Group 1: wild climb most only both old
cold hold gold told

Group 2: they bug nut sun bus



YEAR 3

Group 1

centre, disappear, heart, minute, regular,
decide, early, learn, notice, therefore

Group 2

made, take, came, mistake, same, safe,
awake, snowflake, rake, plate

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

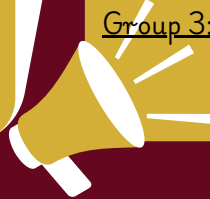


YEAR 4

Group 1: favourite, complete, continue, experiment,
February, naughty, material, knowledge, remember,
famous

Group 2: centre, disappear, heart, minute, regular,
decide, early, learn, notice, therefore

Group 3: chip, chick, catch, fetch, kitchen, notch, hutch,
rich, much, such



YEAR 5

Grp 1: accommodate
available controversy dictionary marvellous
opportunity secretary sincerely suggest
twelfth

Grp 2: centre, disappear, heart, minute, regular,
decide, early, learn, notice, therefore




YEAR 6

Group 1: apply, hygiene, hyphen, identify,
multiply, occupy, python, recycle, rhyme, supply.


Group 2: centre, disappear, heart, minute,
regular, decide, early, learn, notice, therefore





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."



FOOD SERVED HERE
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



December's Musician of the Month

Elton John



About: Sir Elton John (born Reginald Kenneth Dwight; 25 March, 1947) is a British singer, pianist and composer. Acclaimed by critics and musicians, particularly for his work during the 1970s and for his lasting impact on the music industry, his music and showmanship have had a significant impact on popular music. His songwriting partnership with lyricist Bernie Taupin is one of the most successful in history.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Jazz

Active from: 1962 - Present

Origin: Middlesex, United Kingdom

Books to read...

If you like Elton John, try...



- Billy Joel
- Tina Turner
- Phil Collins

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

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|---|--|--|--|---|
| 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"



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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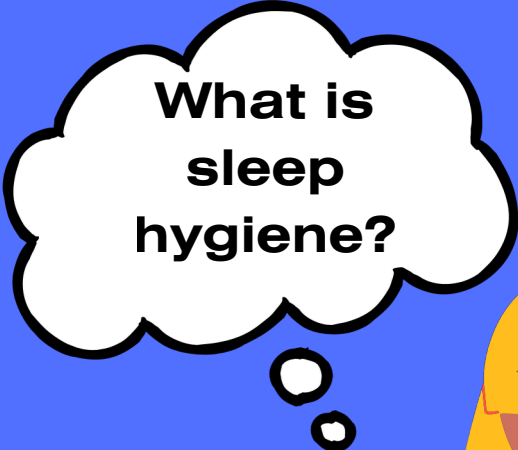


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What can help your child improve their sleep?



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
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