

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Deputy Headteacher
Update



Issue 82

Friday 8th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

SUMMER

This week has been very busy in terms of assemblies as we have marked a number of national events. On Monday we discussed Deaf Awareness Week and how we can communicate with those with a hearing impairment in a kind and courteous way. With KS2, we discussed the local elections including what they mean and how they are different to general elections. On Thursday we covered the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough (who has an even greater honour than having been knighted - he has a Bandon Hill Primary class named after him!). We watched together some of the highlights from his amazing documentaries. Today the KS2 children reflected on VE Day and how we remember the sacrifices made so that we live in a democracy where we can vote for those who lead us.



SUMMER

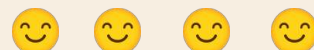
Of course, it was not just the heavy issues covered during the last week, I still managed to mark 'May the 4th Be With You,' the international Star Wars Day! (For your information Mr Haddock's film rankings from best to 'least best' are episodes 4, 5, 6, Rogue One, 1, 3, 2, 7, Solo, 8 and finally 9).



Next week is the KS2 SATs week where all the children's hard work pays off. The whole Bandon Hill Primary community wishes them well - get a good night's sleep on Sunday Year 6!

SUMMER

Mr Haddock



Don't forget to check out our Instagram account if you have not done so already!
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PSA Updates

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NEXT FRIDAY

Friday 15th May
Donation Mufti:
Snacks and
Bottles

BANDON HILL PRIMARY PSA

**we are
looking
for**

School uniform for a nearly new sale

Unopened gift sets

Unopened toys

Helpers for Saturday 13th June

PLEASE DROP BY THE OFFICE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE

Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

BANDON HILL SCHOOL

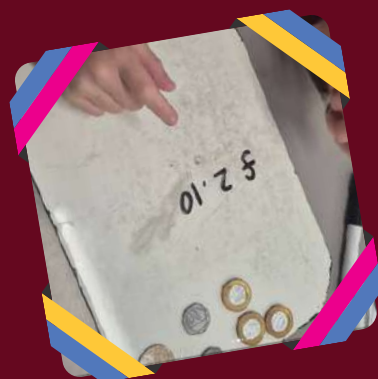
SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE



MORE INFO :

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Around our school
this week



House Points

Mason House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

70

114

123

107

Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
15.05.26	All	Mufti Day (Bottles of drink or sweets)
19.05.26	Year 6	PGL information meeting at 3:30 (Luther King)
18.05.26	Year 5	Bikeability Week
20.05.26	EYFS, 1 & 2	Minibeast Workshop
22.05.26	EYFS, 1 & 2	Peter Pan Adventures Workshop
13.06.26	All	PSA Summer Fair
26.06.26	All	Cultural Celebration Day
29.06.26	Year 6	Bikeability Week
02.07.26	Year 1,2,3,4,5,&6	Sports Day
07.07.26	Reception	Sports Day
13.07.26	All	Art Exhibition 3:30 (Main Hall)

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 - 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 1st September 2026 - INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
Thursday 3rd September 2026 - INSET Day 3
Friday 25th September 2026 - First Day of Term
Friday 23rd October 2026 - INSET Day 3
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 27th May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
Friday 28th May 2027 - INSET Day 5
May half term
Monday 7th June 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 22nd July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Summer Holidays

Curriculum

Update - EYFS

This week, we enjoyed looking at the baby photos shared on Tapestry and guessing who they were! We saw some lovely photos!

Next week, we will be learning about farm animals and their babies.

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them every day
- Please can all jumpers and cardigans be clearly named. It is very difficult to reunite jumpers with their owners otherwise!
- Black shorts (black cycling shorts are allowed) can be worn on warmer days but skirts and dresses are not allowed. This is due to the physical activities that take place in Nursery. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend!



This week in Reception we have been busy learning about caterpillars and butterflies. The children enjoyed looking at the life cycle and reading the book *The Hungry Caterpillar*. Next week, our focus will be ladybirds and we will discuss various facts about them

We are looking forward to our workshop on Wednesday 20th May 2026, where your child can come to school dressed as their favourite minibeast and enjoy activities throughout the day.

Reminder about Summer uniform in Reception:
Children can wear black shorts with their white polo and cardigan/jumper. These can be cycling shorts. Girls are not allowed to wear dresses or skirts in Reception due to the physical activities we complete. Please ensure everything is named including sunhats. Thank you for understanding.

Have a lovely weekend!



Curriculum Update KS1

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Year 1 made fruit smoothies on Friday! They then used the practical experience to write the instructions in English. They wrote fantastic instructions about how to make fruit smoothies! We used bossy verbs to make sure our sentences were direct and clear.

In maths, we have started to work on length and measuring items using rulers as a standard measure. You could ask your child to measure items around the house! In Science, next week we will be looking at the different animals and their diet.

In History, we learnt about Matthew Henson. We have been looking at different explorers and what they invented.

In Phonics, we are reviewing all our phase 2, 3 and 5 sounds in preparation of the Phonics Screening. Please practise these sounds and focus on spotting digraphs and split digraphs in words.

It's been a busy week in Year 2 this week!

In English, we have been working hard, writing persuasive letters to the character, Hootopize from our book, 'Toys in Space' to try and convince him to return all the toys he has stolen back to their owners.

In maths, we have started our learning on fractions. This week, saw us explore what equal parts are and how to find and recognise a half.

In PE this week, the children enjoyed practising different rolls on mats, including the front roll and the teddy roll.

As it is Deaf Awareness Week, during our story time sessions this week we have been reading 'Can Bears Ski?' which is a lovely book about a bear who is hard of hearing.

Do you know the life cycle of a plant? This is what we have been learning in science this week. We looked at the life cycle of a bean and compared to that of a frog.

Dates for the Diary

Sutton Ecology Centre

Ali Class - 18/06/26

Owens Class - 22/06/26



Attendance and Punctuality this week...



KS1 Attendance: Goodall 100%

Punctuality: Donaldson and
Goodall

KS2 Attendance: Curie 99%

Punctuality: Kahlo, Frank, Curie
and Gandhi

Well done!



Curriculum Update KS2

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This week Year 3 have been learning about money in maths. We have looked at different ways of making amounts with the different coins, how to add and subtract money and about finding change. If you are doing any shopping that involves using real cash, it's a great opportunity to help your child use money in a practical, real life context.

We have also been learning more in history about the Roman invasion of Britain. This week we put ourselves in the shoes of the Britons who already lived in Britain, and how they responded to the invasion. The children did a great job acting out a village deciding whether to accept Roman rule or whether to fight back! We have also been learning about the Roman army, including what formations were used and some of the Latin commands and what they meant.

We have been preparing in English for writing our letter of complaint based on the Anthony Browne book "Zoo". The children have been practising using conjunctions to add details and extend their sentences. We are looking forward to writing our letters next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!



This week, Year 4 began planning a persuasive leaflet based on The Legend of Podkin One-Ear. Our mission? To warn the rabbits of Lanica about the gruesome Gorm! We've been focusing on using emotive language and rhetorical questions to create a sense of urgency and fear in our writing.

In maths this week we have started to explore money! We have looked at adding and subtracting amounts of money as well as finding change. We've been focusing on 'regrouping' (carrying) when adding amounts like £4.50 and £2.75. If you have any coins at home it would be a great for the kids to look at and use money in a real life context!

In geography, we are continuing to look at map work. This week We have been mastering four-figure grid references. The children have learned the golden rule: 'Along the corridor and up the stairs' to ensure they read the horizontal axis before the vertical one and locating things on a real map.



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Wrap around care



Wrap around care at Bandon Hill provides pupils with:



- ✓ Child Led Nurturing Activities
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- ✓ 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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or

E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



Celebration Assembly Winners



Every Friday, we come together as a community to applaud these individuals. It is a moment of pride for the children, their teachers, and their families, reinforcing the idea that hard work and a positive attitude are the keys to success at Bandon Hill.

"A DREAM certificate isn't just a piece of paper; it's a testament to a child's character and their dedication to being the best version of themselves all week long."

Curriculum Update KS2

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What would you do if you found out a Royal was coming to visit your local area? This week in history the children have been finding out about the Royal Visit of Queen Elizabeth 1st in 1575. They read eye witness accounts and discussed the various preparations that were made.

The children have completed their narrative poems based on The Boy Who Tricked a troll this week rounding off their look into Gruesome Tales. For the remainder of the half term their English work will be based on creating a biography on someone linked to our history topic. Will it be Anne, Catherine or even Jane?

"I am a tourist from Uganda", slug, caterpillar, slug caterpillar, tea, coffee, tea, coffee, tea, coffee. Just some of the rhythms the children had a go at playing on the drums this week as part of their 'Drumming their way to Africa' lesson. The children enjoyed listening to some African music before working together to create some amazing drumming sounds!

Finally in our science lessons we are continuing to look at materials. This week the children had the opportunity to look at some reversible changes by observing what happens when chocolate, squash and crayons were heated.



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A short but sweet week in Year 6 this week!

The children have been working incredibly hard in the lead up to their SATs next week. We have every faith in them that they will do amazingly!

Each morning of SATs week, including Friday 15th, we are hosting a SATs breakfast. Children are welcome to join us for a lovely breakfast from 8:10. Please enter via the office for this.

The SATs timetable is as follows:

Monday - SPAG and spelling

Tuesday - Reading

Wednesday - Arithmetic and Reasoning 1

Thursday - Reasoning 2

All tests will be taking place in the morning and the children will be doing their foundation lessons in the afternoon.

Please ensure you have given consent for your child to attend our Mellows Park trip on Friday 15th May so that we can celebrate the children's hard work during SATs week!

<https://forms.gle/CMnNj3E4rBu8tukf6>

Date for your diary:

PGL information meeting - Tuesday 19th May at 3:30pm in Luther King



MCAS Updates



If you are not receiving notifications, try deleting the app and reinstalling it. Log in again and ensure notifications are turned on.

1. What do I need to use the MCAS App?

To use the MCAS App you will need access to a Smart Phone, Tablet, iPad or PC.

2. Where can I get the MCAS App?

You can find this on the App Store on an Apple device or Play Store on an Android device. If accessing on a PC you need to search www.mychildatschool.com.



3. I'm inputting a new password but MCAS won't accept it?

Passwords need to be a minimum of eight characters long and must contain a Capital letter, a number and a special character (i.e. !, ?, £).

4. My child at another school uses MCAS so I already have an account. Do I need to set up a new account?

No, you don't need to set up a new account. Parents with siblings already registered with MCAS just need to add their child on at login.

5. I am not receiving pop-up notifications?

Depending on what device you are using you would need to go Settings, Notifications, and activate for the MCAS App.



6. I am unable to change my personal details?

The only details which you are able to change on MCAS are: Address, Telephone Number and email. Any other details which you require to be changed (i.e. name) will need to be requested via the school office.

7. What do the colours mean on the Academic Calendar?

- Green – normal school day
- Yellow – school holiday
- Red – school event

8. Can I send a message directly to my child's class teacher from the MCAS App?

No. If you send a message from the MCAS App this will be sent automatically to parents@stbedeacademy.org and will be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

9. What can I pay for using the MCAS App?

At the moment we can only receive payments for dinner money via the MCAS App. We need to do further work setting up the system to receive payments for other things, such as snack money and trip money, which need to continue being paid for by cash or cheque in the meantime.

10. Since I have signed up to MCAS I no longer receive emails from school, should I still be receiving emails?

No. When you sign up to MCAS, all communications sent from school are sent through Bromcom, which means you will receive the notification via the MCAS App. Please ensure that you have set your phone to receive notifications (see Question 5).

11. I don't want to use the MCAS App, how will I receive communications from school if I don't sign up?

Although we encourage as many parents as possible to use MCAS, if you would really prefer not to you will continue to receive communications via email. We also have other communication channels such as Twitter, Facebook and our school website.





SPELLINGS

Year 1

window
spider
chasing
through
child
follow



Year 2

Group 1: television, treasure, usual
measure, pleasure, decision, vision
leisure, version, visual

Group 2: have, went, be like, some



Year 3

Group 1: science, scene, discipline, scissors, ascends,
scented, fascinate, scenery, crescent descend

Group 2: **down, town, frown, how, brown**, own,
grow, show, blow, snow

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



Year 4

Group 1: solve, insoluble, real, reality, dissolve,
solution, realistic, unreal, realisation, soluble

Group 2: vague, league, plague, fatigue, antique,
dialogue, unique, grotesque, plaque, mosque

Group 3: five, ride, like, time, side, home, those, woke,
hope, hole



Year 5

Grp 1: cereal, serial, complement, compliment,
principal, principle, stationary, stationery, wary,
weary

Grp 2: science, scene, discipline, scissors, ascends,
scented, fascinate, scenry, crescent, descend.

Grp 3: It's, just, like, little



Year 6

No spellings this week due to
SAT's next week!



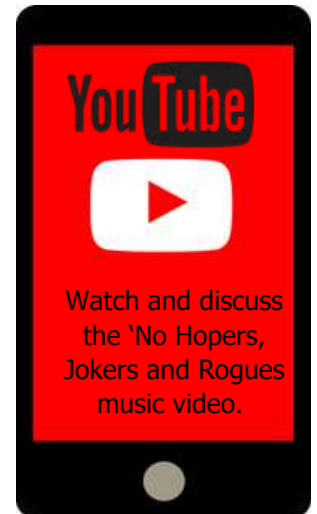


HOME INFORMATION

May's Musician of the Month




Fisherman's Friends




Fae, 2016 ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:John_Cleave,_Fisherman%27s_Friends_\(30256689085\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:John_Cleave,_Fisherman%27s_Friends_(30256689085).jpg))

Now Playing



SPOTIFY

1:24 3:11



About: The Fisherman's Friends are a folk music group from Port Isaac, Cornwall, who sing sea shanties. They have been performing locally since 1995, and signed a record deal with Universal Music in March 2010. Whilst essentially an a cappella group (just singing with no instruments), their studio recordings and live performances now often include traditional simple instrumentation. Their unusual and remarkable success have been documented with two feature films.

Genres: Sea Shanties & Folk

Active from: 1995 - Present

Origin: Cornwall, England

Books to read...

If you like Fisherman's Friends, try...



- Nathan Evans
- Ruth Notman
- Coope, Boyes and Simpson

Our Little Free Cupboard

"Give what you can,
take what you need."



We are very grateful to Neighbourly and Lidl for the 'Go Give a Fridge' grant last year. This allowed us to purchase a large freezer to store our food donations from Marks and Spencer, Sutton.

If you wish to access this frozen food, please ask in the office or a member of staff on the gate.

Additionally, if you are struggling at this time and need any particular food/household items, please contact Mrs Stirrat.

istirrat@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

Here is a little reminder of our community larder guidelines:

- This larder is for the Bandon Hill community.
- Help yourself to anything you need, but don't hoard!
- Please add to the cupboard if you have food at home you won't eat or can afford a few extra items in your weekly shop.
- Do not add food which has been opened or is past its 'use-by' date.
- Adults only! Do not let your children take food.
- It is your responsibility to check food is fit to eat.
- **Do not eat any unpackaged items if you have allergies.**
- Please keep the cupboard tidy and put any stale items in the bin.
- Feel free to contact Bell Stirrat with any feedback/questions/comments.

Summer Term Lunch Menu

Week 1

MONDAY	Cheesy Pasta 2, 6	Cheese Pizza 2, 6 ✓	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Chocolate Brownie 2, 3
TUESDAY	Pasta Bolognese 2	Plant balls in Tomato sauce 2 ✓	Peas & Garlic bread A/F	Fruit Jelly A/F
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken Yorkshire 2, 4	Vegetarian Parcel 2, 6 ✓	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Apple Crumb Cake 2, 4
THURSDAY	Chicken Focaccia 2	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels 2, 6 ✓	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Vanilla Shortbread 2
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers 2, 4	Vegan Fingers 2 ✓	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding

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.

Week 2

MONDAY	Cheese and Tomato Bake 2, 6	Pinwheels Beans & Cheese 2, 6 ✓	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Strawberry Mousse 6
TUESDAY	Beef Burger 2	Veggie Burger 2 ✓	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Ginger Cake 2, 6
WEDNESDAY	Turkey Roast Yorkshire 2, 3, 6	Quorn Sausage Roast 2, 6 ✓	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Shortbread 2, 6
THURSDAY	Chicken Curry 2, 6	Creamy Chickpea Coconut Curry 2, 12 ✓	Mix Vegetables Rice	Citrus Drizzle Cake 2, 3
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 4	Quorn Nuggets 2 ✓	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding

AVAILABLE DAILY

Wholemeal bread, fresh salads, a variety of seasonal fresh fruit, yogurts & jacket potatoes.
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little bites for every future

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ALLERGEN KEY

- 1. Celiac
- 2. Gluten
- 3. Dairy
- 4. Eggs
- 5. Fish
- 6. Soya
- 7. Milk
- 8. Mustard
- 9. Peanuts
- 10. Sesame
- 11. Chickpeas
- 12. Sulfites
- 13. Sulphites
- 14. Tree nuts
- A/F Allergen Free



Education
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Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Summer Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for Primary parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support
for parents of primary aged children
to support their child's common
worries and anxieties, or support
children's everyday challenging
behaviours.

Speak to your school to find out more.



**Encouraging Healthy Habits
in Children with Autism**

29TH APR 12.00PM-1.30PM

11TH May 7.00PM-8.30PM

**Supporting Primary School
Children with Toileting
Problems**

12TH May 1.30PM-3.00PM

**Understanding and
Managing Screen Time for
Primary School Children**

10TH Jun 7.00PM-8.00PM

11TH Jun 1.00PM-2.00PM

Education
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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting Primary School Children with Toileting Problems

This webinar will explore common toileting difficulties faced by primary school-aged children, including problems with bladder/bowel control and anxiety related to toileting, with practical tips and insights to support parents and carers.

DATE / TIME

Monday 11th May
7.00-8.00pm



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LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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DATE / TIME

Tuesday 12th May
1.30-2.30pm



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