

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Headteacher Update



Issue 83

Friday 15th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up an incredibly busy week at Bandon Hill Primary, I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights and important updates with you all.

SUMMER

First and foremost, a massive "well done" to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs this week. They have been an absolute credit to themselves and the school. Throughout the week, they have truly embodied our DREAM values, showing incredible resilience, focus, and a positive attitude. The way they have carried themselves during what can be a pressured time was wonderful to see. Whether it was supporting one another or staying calm and determined, they have made us all very proud!

At Bandon Hill, we pride ourselves on listening to our children. Following recent surveys and discussions within our Pupil Parliament, it was highlighted that our school toilets were "not as nice as they could be." We take pupil voice seriously, and I am delighted to announce that we are acting on this feedback.



The Project: Renovation and new toilets will be built during June and July, this year.

The Plan: To ensure there is no disruption to the school day, temporary facilities will be installed on-site. This ensures the children have clean, accessible toilets while their new and improved ones are being built.

SUMMER

We are thrilled to be able to make these improvements to our school environment based directly on what our children asked for.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the PSA for meeting with me earlier this week. It was a very productive session where we mapped out the events for the next academic year.



We will be communicating the 2026/27 events calendar shortly. By deciding these dates now, we hope to help families get these important milestones into their diaries well in advance.

We look forward to seeing everyone for the final week of this half term starting Monday. School will finish at the usual time of 3:15pm on Friday, 22nd May.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Mr. Hopkins

SUMMER



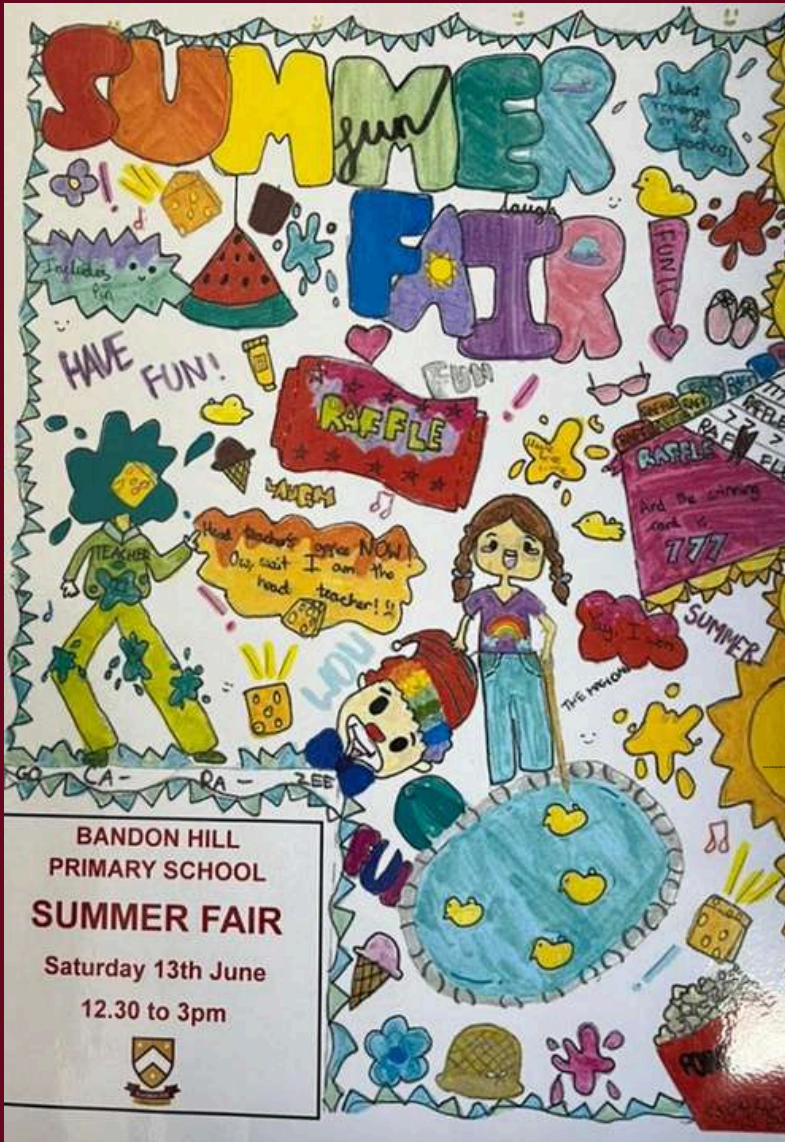
Don't forget to check out our Instagram account if you have not done so already: [bandonhillprimary](https://www.instagram.com/bandonhillprimary)



PSA Updates

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BANDON HILL PRIMARY PSA

we are looking for

School uniform for a nearly new sale	Unopened gift sets
Unopened toys	Helpers for Saturday 13 th June

PLEASE DROP BY THE OFFICE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE

Thank you!

FATHER'S DAY

Friday 19th June
£5 for 2 gifts
 let the children choose 2 gifts for their favourite superhero
Tickets on MCAS

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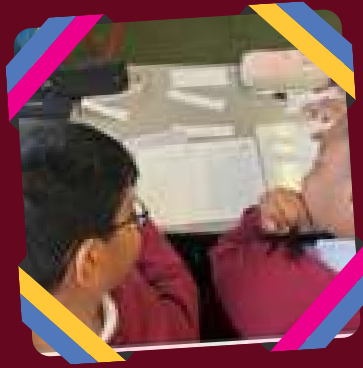
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Around our school
this week



House Points

Mason House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

178

241

191

252

Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
19.05.26	Year 6	PGL information meeting at 3:30 (Luther King)
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
15.06.26	Year 5	Bikeability Week
19.06.26	All	Father's Day Shop Tickets on MCAS
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 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 1st September 2026 - INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
Thursday 3rd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
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

Nursery have enjoyed another fun filled week! We have been learning about farm animals and their babies. We have also been completing repeating patterns and trying to spot the mistakes in a pattern.

Next week, we will be looking at the life cycle of a butterfly. Our rhyme of the week will be 'Incy Wincy Spider', please feel free to practice this at home with your children over the weekend

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 20th May, we will be taking part in a Minibeast Workshop. The children are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite minibeast for the day. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting experience!

Have a lovely weekend!



Reception have had a wonderful week learning all about ladybirds. The children have enjoyed exploring the life cycle of a ladybird, creating beautiful artwork and sharing lots of interesting facts. Next week, we will be moving onto our final minibeast which is frogs/tadpoles. We are looking forward to exploring the life cycle of a frog and finding out how tadpoles grow and change.

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In Maths, Reception have been working hard on learning and recalling number bonds to 10. The children have enjoyed using practical resources and games to help build their confidence. In Phonics, everyone has been trying their best and making fantastic progress. Please continue to work on these aspects at home with your children.
Enjoy your weekend.



Curriculum Update KS1

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Year 1 have had another fantastic week doing lots of learning. We learnt how to use suffixes at the end of verbs, focusing on 'ed' and 'ing.' In maths, we have been exploring the concept of heavier and lighter using scales.

In science, we have reached the end of our learning about animals. We discussed can all animals be kept as pets! Ask your child what they think! In PSHE, we discussed the use and importance of medicine.

Next week, we will be focussing on lots of SPAG learning in English - especially the use of prefixes and suffixes at the end and start of words.

We also need to make sure we are using sounds in our writing and reading back our work to make sure it makes sense. If you could please practise with your children, that'll be great!

Year 2 have had a great week of learning!

In geography, we learnt about climate and how you can experience different climates from around the world. We discussed how in the UK, we experience hot and cold weather so have a temperate climate, whereas in the parts of South America, Asia and Africa, they experience only warm weather because they are close to the equator.

In maths, the children have been working very hard on their fraction work this week. They learnt how to recognise and find quarters, thirds and wholes.

In English, we have started a new piece of persuasive writing! This time, it is based on the book, Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram.

Well done to all the children who have already logged onto Times Tables Rock stars over the last couple of weeks and have started to play the games which help to build up their point score!

It is a great resource to help your child with their times tables. In Year 2, we would like the children to be secure in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Once they know these, please move on to the 3s and 4s!

Upcoming Trip - Sutton Ecology Centre
Ali Class - 18/06/26
Owens Class - 22/06/26



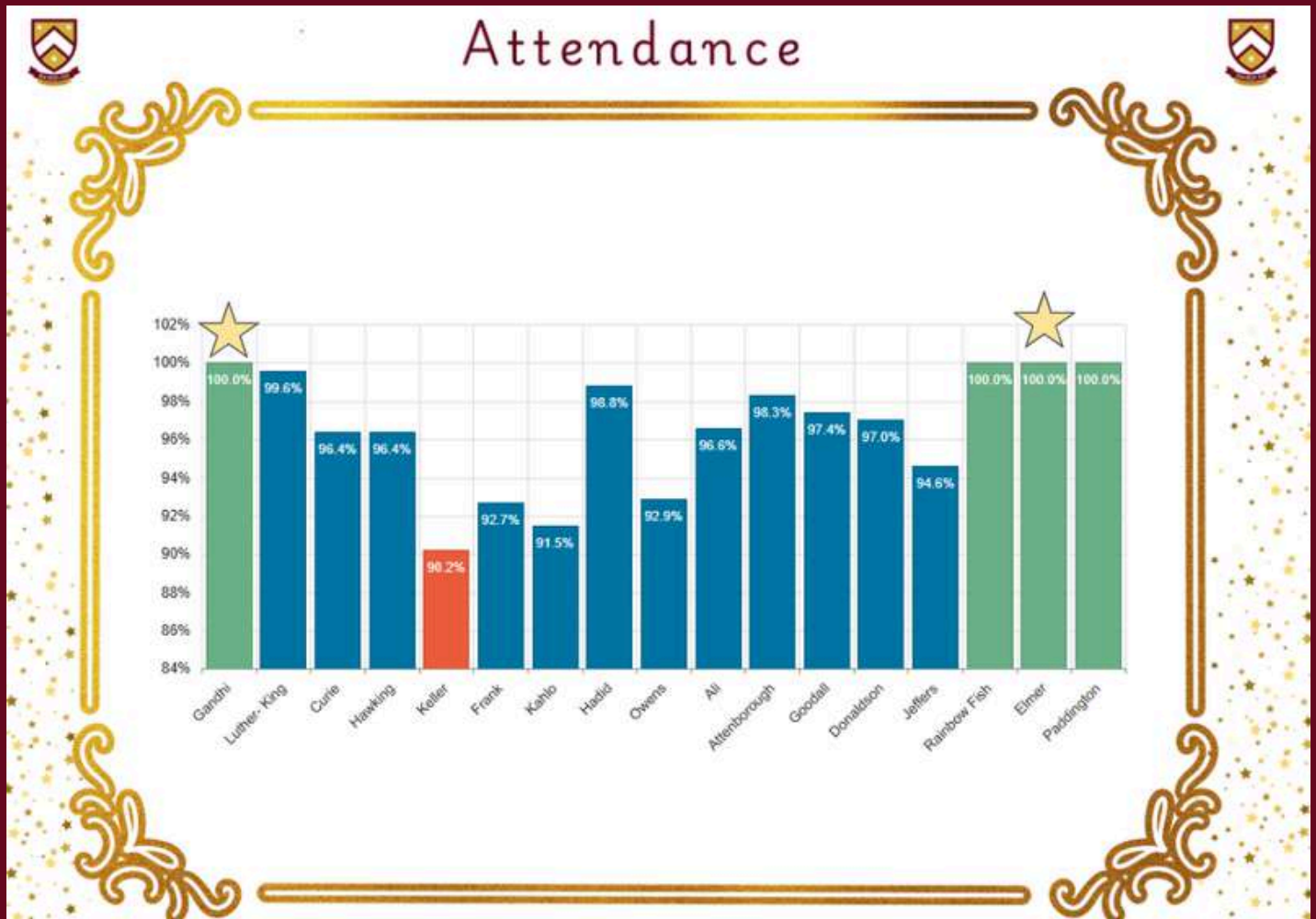
Attendance and Punctuality this week...



KS1
Attendance: Attenborough 98%
Punctuality: Donaldson & Jeffers

KS2 Attendance: Gandhi 100%
Punctuality: Frank, Curie,
Gandhi, Luther-King

Fantastic Effort!



Curriculum Update KS2

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We've had some lovely practical lessons this week in Year 3. Our science has had us exploring the classroom, playground and meadow with magnets. We were investigating which objects were magnetic and which were not and then thinking about the different materials that these objects are made of.

We have also completed our DT project this week which was the pneumatic toys. The children created their own "creatures" or designs out of burger boxes with opening mouths or parts. They then added a balloon to act as the pneumatic part that opens the box. The children had great fun experimenting to see if it worked and on the whole they were very successful!

Time has been our topic in maths this week so do take the opportunity to look at the digital and analogue clocks in your house and when you're out and about and encourage your child to practise telling the time!
Have a wonderful weekend!



Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying the book *The Legend of Podkin One-Ear*. Everyone wrote fantastic persuasive leaflets about the evil Gorm this week, using excellent persuasive features such as emotive language, repetition, and the rule of three to make their writing powerful and convincing. Next, we are going to be writing a poem inspired by the magical item Starclaw from the book. We are looking forward to using adverbs and imaginative ideas in our poems.

In maths, we are learning how to interpret graphs and charts. We have been practising reading information carefully and answering questions using data.

We had a go at drawing our own maps of the meadow this week for geography. We had to think carefully about important map features, such as symbols, grid references, symbols and compass points, and make sure they were included to make our maps clear and accurate.



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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
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- ✓ Snacks and Drinks

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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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It's been another busy week in Year 5. They have shown their creativity in art with some fantastic sketching. The children enjoyed heading to the meadow to collect natural objects which they then turned into sculptures before drawing them. Each child was able to offer their own perspective from where they were sat. The sculptures took their theme from our artist Henry Moore.

In maths we are currently looking at angles, how to draw them accurately and how to identify angles round a point. The children have been looking at the importance of deciding which scale to use when reading a protractor and using their knowledge of angles on a straight line and right angles to help.

Having set up a jar with a steel wool scouring pad submerged in water last lesson, it was time to find out what happened this week - rust. This was an example of an irreversible change - our focus in science this week. The children then looked at a pre-conducted experiment looking at what happens to nails in a test tube of water in different conditions.

A polite reminder that library books can only be changed once the previous book has been returned. Please note that loans can be extended however the book needs to be brought in to be 'returned' and then taken out again. Many thanks

What a fantastic week Year 6 have had! They have shown such resilience with their SATs this week and we are beyond proud of them! It was so lovely to welcome them for SATs breakfast each morning too. They enjoyed a soft start to the day and to be able to chat with their friends before their tests.

After the tests, the children enjoyed some well earned free time on the meadow and playground. In the afternoons, we were focusing on our DT project. Our DT focus is making our own steady hand game! We have had some wonderful outcomes and well executed designs.

After half term, the homework that is going to be sent home will focus on writing. We would be very grateful if, similar to the Easter Homework, your child completes the work each week. Our plan is to then edit and improve their homework to publish in their publishing books.

We would like to thank you all too for your continuous support with the SATs this week. Have a restful weekend!

Due to the weather, we have had to reschedule our trip to Mellows Park. This will now take place on Friday 22nd May. It is expected to be very warm so please ensure the children are wearing sunscreen.

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

phone
giant
when
dolphin
laugh
because



Year 2

Group 1: payment, enjoyment, agreement, achievement, adjustment, darkness, rudeness, sadness, greatness, kindness

Group 2: so, not, then, were, go



Year 3

Group 1: bawl, ball, break, brake, male, mail, fair, fare, berry, bury

Group 2: lie, tie, pie, **fried**, **dried**, cried, tried, died, spied, tied

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



Year 4

Group 1: signal, telephone, assign, microphone, homophone, sign, phonics, signature, megaphone, design

Group 2: science, scene, discipline, scissors, ascends, scented, fascinate, scenery, crescent, descend

Group 3: June, rule, rude, flute, use, tube, tune, huge, cute, cube



Year 5

Grp 1: affect, effect, dessert, desert, draft, draught, precede, proceed, who's, whose

Grp 2: ball, brawl, break, brake, male, mail, fair, fare, berry, bury

Grp 3: look, looked, made, make, me



Year 6

No Spellings this week



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

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little bites for every future

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ALLERGEN KEY

- 1. Celery
- 2. Chicken
- 3. Eggs
- 4. Fish
- 5. Gluten
- 6. Milk
- 7. Mustard
- 8. Nuts
- 9. Peanuts
- 10. Sesame
- 11. Soybeans
- 12. Sulphites
- 13. Toppings
- 14. Tree nuts
- A/F Allergen Free



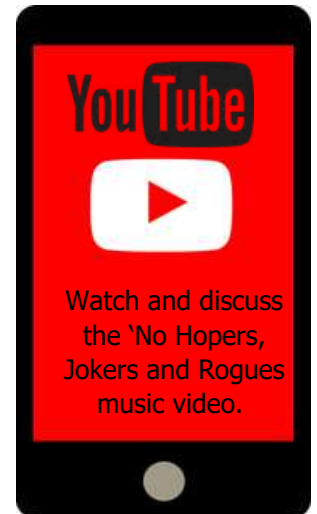


HOME INFORMATION

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

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Primary Summer Term Schedule

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**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



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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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by scanning the QR Code.

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our other events by
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DATE / TIME

Tuesday 12th May
1.30-2.30pm



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