

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Deputy Headteacher
update



Issue 88

Friday 26th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the joys of working in a school is that you can always rely on one of the younger children to share valuable observations that you may have missed. For example, in the past, when it has been pouring with rain and I have gotten soaked, a child has approached me and kindly informed me that, "It's raining" just as I'm shaking an umbrella dry. This week was no different and in the midst of record breaking June temperatures, a Year 4 child remarked to me, "Do you know it's hot today Mr Haddock?" He was of course absolutely correct.

SUMMER

Despite the weather and early finishes, some Year 2 children still managed to go to the local Ecology Centre and Year 5 had a Tudor Workshop so it was still a busy week.

We would like to thank all families and staff for their support during quite an unusual week and as I have reminded my own son this week when complaining about the hot summer - do not worry as it is only six months until Christmas!



Have a lovely weekend and if you need to cool off, please take a leaf out of Year 6's book and have a nice, refreshing water battle, as illustrated below!

Mr Haddock



SUMMER



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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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Thanks to all the amazing parents and staff that helped put on a fun summer fete.

All together we raised £1393!!



For this we raised £296.23



Cultural Celebration Day

Friday 3rd July 2026

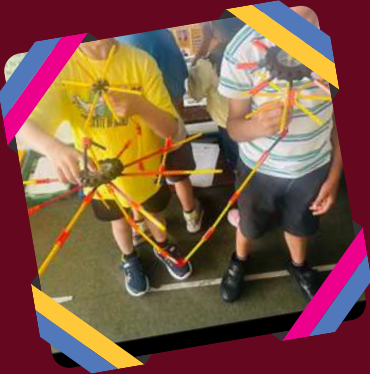


Food FESTIVAL



playground
3:15pm





Around our school
this week



House Points

Mason House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

381

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371

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Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
29.06.26	Year 6	Bikeability Week
01.07.26	Year 3 and 4	Theatre Show at Phoenix Centre Library
02.07.26	Year 1,2,3,4,5,&6	Sports Day
03.07.26	All	Cultural Celebration Day
06.07.26	Year 2	Theatre Show at Sutton Library
06.07.26	KS1	Award Ceremony
07.07.26	KS2	Award Ceremony
07.07.26	Reception	Sports Day
08.07.26	Reception and Year 1	Theatre Show at Phoenix Centre Library
13.07.26	All	Art Exhibition 3:30 (Main Hall)
17.07.26	All	Last Day of Term - Pick Up 1pm



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

N Well that was a hot week! We are very proud of how well the children coped with the extreme heat and changes to their normal routine. Well done to them all!

Next week, we will begin getting ready for our Safari Day. We will be making our binoculars so we can spot the animals hiding when we are on the meadow! The children will also be preparing their passports ready for our plane trip.

Reminder: Please note that Nursery break up for the Summer break on 16th July which is a day earlier than the main school.

We hope you enjoy the weekend!



R Despite the very hot weather this week, the children have done exceptionally well and have continued to enjoy their learning. To help everyone stay cool, we enjoyed putting our feet in water buckets, eating refreshing watermelon, and spending time in our air-conditioned rooms. The children have also been learning about beaches, exploring what makes them special and the different features they might find there. Next week, we will continue our learning by looking at maps and discovering islands around the world.

REMINDERS:

- Cultural Celebration Day - Friday 3rd July
- Sports day - Tuesday 7th July @ 9:15am
- Reception trip to the library - Wednesday 8th July
- Pirate Day - Friday 10th July

Have a lovely weekend!



Curriculum Update KS1

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At the start of the week, Owens class had a wonderful time at the Ecology Centre in Carshalton. They explored the lovely grounds and learnt about what a flower needs to grow.

In history, the children learnt about what school was like years ago with our very own Mr. Reader, who also attended Bandon Hill! They asked some great questions to help them find out what school was like in the past.

In English, the children have been practising how to write in the present tense by writing an SOS message as if we are on board a pirate ship!

In maths, the children were introduced to tallies, tables and pictograms this week. They have all understood very well why we use them and how they can make interpreting information easier.

We are very excited to have secured a place at Sutton Library to watch a theatre show, called 'Miss Moore thought otherwise' on Monday 6th July.

Please fill in the slip (letter sent home 24.06.26) to let us know if your child will require a packed lunch and whether you can help us on the trip!

Many thanks.

Such a busy week and the children have adapted so well to the hot weather and changes due to the heat warnings. We kept lessons practical and enjoyable for the children! We have been learning about our senses in Science - tasting and smelling different foods and identifying objects by touch.

In maths, we continued work on equal groups and learnt to find half of shapes and amounts. This is the foundations for learning about fractions.

We have enjoyed Where The Wild Things Are in English and made our own story maps. Next week we'll do some writing based on this book and learn how to use exclamation marks and question marks.

Reminders:

Year 1 class assembly
Tuesday 14th July at 2.30pm.

Library trip
Wednesday 8th July at 1.10pm
(Applications for library cards are in contact books. Your child can bring this on the trip and we'll hand it in).

Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July at 9am
(Please let us know if you can walk with us that day)



Attendance and Punctuality this week...



KS1
Attendance: Ali 97%

Punctuality: Owens

KS2 Attendance: Gandhi 94%

Punctuality: Frank & Gandhi

Fantastic Effort!



Curriculum Update KS2

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We are so proud of our Year 3s for making it through such a hot and challenging week!

We have been focussing on informal letters in English this week, still around the general theme of "The Bear and the Piano" book. This week the children have come up with some fantastic adjectives and phrases describing and comparing the two places he lived; the forest and the city. They have also begun to plan writing their own informal letter ready for writing it next week.

Maths has taken us into the world of data and we have been reading and completing our own pictograms on different types of information.

In French we have been learning how to say, read and write the different fruits and also starting to look at the different ice-cream flavours. (Very appropriate for such a hot week!)

We hope you manage to have a slightly more comfortable weekend in some slightly cooler weather!



We started out this week in year 4 with a trip to Wallington girls for a science outreach. The children were investigating acids and alkali with the help of some sixth formers.

We continued to look at 'Street child' in English and reading this week where we have been exploring the character of Jim Jarvis. We looked at the emotions that Jim may be feeling and used that to help us create a story board of the events we have read.

We have been doing some revision this week in maths. We begun by recapping out times tables knowledge as this is such a fundamental skill. We then did a shape challenge to see what we could create with just four shapes. Next week we will move on to decimals.

We have a jam packed week next week, on Wednesday year 4 will be attending Pheonix Library for a theatre show. Please could we ask that all permissions for the trip are given by Monday, if you are also free to walk with us to the library we would be very grateful. On Thursday we have sports day please remember to wear you PE kits!

We hope you enjoy a slightly cooler weekend!



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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..

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or

E-mail: office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk

for further information. and terms and conditions



Curriculum Update KS2

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It has been a hot and busy week for Year 5!

In English, the children have been focusing on grammar, specifically learning how to use determiners and subordinating clauses to improve their writing. Over in maths, we have continued our work on adding and subtracting decimals, with the children showing great focus when solving tricky column addition and subtraction problems.

The absolute highlight of the week was our fantastic Tudor workshop. The children loved learning about who the Tudors were, practicing how to speak and write like them, and handling historical artefacts. The excitement continued into the afternoon as they explored Tudor war weapons and finished the day by learning a traditional Tudor dance. It was a fantastic way to conclude last term's history topic.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay cool!

Key dates for your diary:

- 2nd July - Sports Day
- W/C 6th July - Swimming sessions @ Trinity School

We have had a hot and humid week this week in Year 6!

The children have been absolute troopers.

We have been working hard on the production and it is coming along very well!

Please ensure that you have bought your Lion King tickets as well as sent in the relevant costumes for your child's role.

Next week, some children have bikeability sessions. Please ensure they bring their bikes in on the correct days.

If you are able to walk with us to and from Hillside Gardens on Thursday for Sports Day, please put a note in your child's contact book!

Enjoy your weekend!

Key dates for your diary:

- W/C 29th June - Y6 Bikeability
- 2nd July - Sports Day
- 8th July - Production night 1
- 9th July - Production night 2
- 16th July @ 2pm - Y6 Leavers' Assembly



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.






HOME INFORMATION

June's Musician of the Month




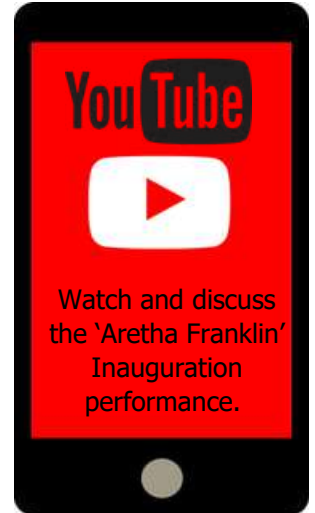
ARETHA FRANKLIN

Now Playing



SPOTIFY

1:24 3:11

About: Aretha Louise Franklin was an American singer, songwriter and pianist. Referred to as the "Queen of Soul", Rolling Stone twice named her as the greatest singer of all time in popular music. As a child, Franklin was noticed for her gospel singing at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, where her father C. L. Franklin was a minister. She went on to sell over 75 million records worldwide and received 18 Grammy Awards. From her time growing up in the home of a prominent African-American preacher to the end of her life, Franklin was immersed and involved in the struggle for civil rights and women's rights.

Genres: R&B/Soul, Gospel and Jazz

Active from: 1954-2017

Origin: Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Books to read...



If you like Aretha Franklin, try...

- Etta James
- Ann Peebles
- Al Green





SPELLINGS

Year 1

kitchen
calm
nature
branch
catch
picture



Year 2

Group 1: can't, didn't, hasn't,
couldn't, it's, wasn't, doesn't,
mustn't, I'll, she'd

Group 2: into, back, from, children,
him



Year 3

Group 1: freight, hourly, missed, scented supposed,
plaque, grotesque, daily, descend, automatically

Group 2: air, pair, chair, fairy, hairy, ear, hear,
year, near, clear

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

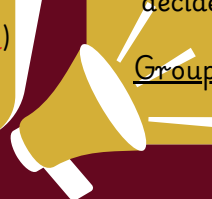


Year 4

Group 1: expression, musician, reluctantly, group,
scene, circle, solve, supermarket, bicycle, except

Group 2: exactly, bravely, pleasure, dislocate, island,
decide, disadvantage, survey, ordinary, promise

Group 3: for, short, born, horse, morning, more,
score, before, wore, shore



Year 5

Grp 1: conscious, constant, controversy, comfortably,
earlier, elegance, fictitious, frequent, manageable,
understandable

Grp 2: freight, hourly, missed, scented, suppose,
plaque, grotesque, daily, descend, automatically

Grp 3: said, she, so, some



Year 6

No spellings



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.



Friends of Sutton

Ecology Centre



SUMMER GARDEN *Party*

CHILDREN'S NATURE ACTIVITY AND
CRAFTING ✿ FACE PAINTING
STORYTELLING FOR CHILDREN
PLANTS STALLS ✿ DANCE ✿ MUSIC
REFRESHMENTS

SATURDAY | JULY 4TH | 11AM - 4PM

 **SUTTON ECOLOGY CENTRE, FESTIVAL WALK,
CARSHALTON**



Free School Meals for Pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind families that pupils may be entitled to a free school meal while at school, either through Universal Infant Free School Meals, the Mayor of London free school meals scheme for primary pupils, or the benefits-related Free School Meals programme.

A healthy and nutritious lunch helps children stay focused, energised and ready to learn. We would like to encourage families to make use of the school meal offer where available.

Our school lunches include:

- Freshly prepared meals cooked on site each day by our catering team.
- A choice of hot and cold options to suit different tastes.
- Balanced meals that support children's health and wellbeing.
- Trained catering staff who follow food safety and allergen procedures.

If your child has a food allergy, intolerance or specific dietary requirement, please contact the school office so that the correct information can be shared with the kitchen team and a suitable plan can be put in place.

If your child is not currently having a school meal, we would encourage you to consider trying the service. It can save time in the morning and helps ensure your child receives a balanced meal during the school day.

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 Wellbeing Service Webinar

YEAR 6 PARENT / CARER WORKSHOP: TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

'Is your child getting ready for the move to secondary school? This transition can bring excitement but also worries and uncertainty. Join us to learn practical, supportive ways to help your child feel more confident and prepared'

- *Is your child mentioning worries about starting secondary school?*
- *Are you wondering how best to support them through the transition?*
- *Do you want practical tips for managing conversations about the move?*
- *Would you like to help your child build confidence and cope with new challenges?*

What you'll gain from the workshop:

- Understanding of common worries about transition
- Tips for supporting anxious thoughts and feelings
- Ideas for helpful conversations and building coping skills

DATES / TIMES

<u>Tuesday 23rd June</u>	6.00-7.00 pm
<u>Wednesday 8th July</u>	12.30-1.30 pm
<u>Monday 10th August</u>	6.00-7.00pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[Click here to book](#)

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