BANDON HILL BULLETIN

Bandon Hill Primary School

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Friday 3rd July 2026

Headteacher update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the children during our Sports Day this week. The children had a blast and your presence made the atmosphere special. Thank you for your energy, sportsmanship, and encouragement!

Secondly, we had a fantastic Cultural Celebration Day today! It was wonderful to see all the children dressed up and looking forward to a day of fun activities. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to bring food in for the Food Festival after school - It was a real hit!

The excitement is building across the school as our Year 6 pupils work hard practising for their upcoming production of The Lion King. The singing, acting, and dedication we are seeing in their rehearsals is impressive. We cannot wait to see it all come together on stage next week!

With the end of the school year comes change. We know that transitioning to new classes, moving to new year groups, or preparing for secondary school can be a mixture of excitement and anxiety for children (and parents too!). To help support your child through this period of change at home, here are a few gentle strategies you can try:

- Validate their feelings: Let them know it's completely normal to feel nervous about a new teacher or classroom. Acknowledge their worries rather than brushing them aside.
- Focus on the positives: Remind them of previous transitions they have successfully navigated. Talk about the exciting new topics they will learn or familiar friends who will be on the journey with them.
- Keep routines steady: Change takes energy. Keeping bedtime, mealtime, and morning routines consistent at home can provide a comforting sense of stability.
- Answer questions honestly: If they are unsure about how something will work next year, jot it down together so we can answer it for them at school.

Your voice is important to us. We use your feedback to directly shape our school improvement plans, refine our environment, and ensure Bandon Hill continues to thrive next year.
Please take a few minutes to complete our annual Parent Survey:

Complete the Edurio Parent Survey Here

Bonus Incentive! By completing the survey, you will be entered into a draw with a chance to win Amazon vouchers.

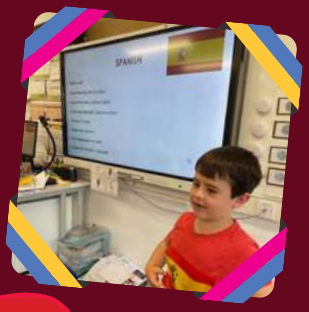
Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and dedication to our school community. Let's make these final couple weeks of term memorable and positive for all of our children!

Mr. Hopkins

Don't forget to check out our Instagram account if you have not done so already: bandonhillprimary

Cultural Celebration Day

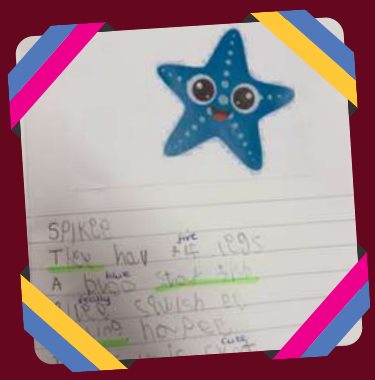
Friday 3rd July 2026

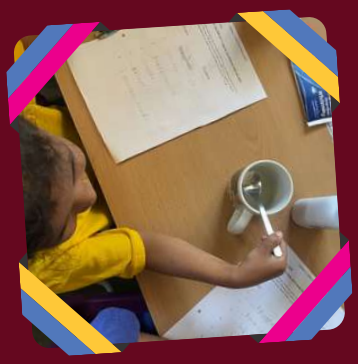


Celebration Assembly Winners

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."





Around our school this week

House Points

Mason House	Shanahan House	Weir House	Widdowson House
30	63	80	70

Please nominate Bandon Hill by 8 July by scanning the QR code above or by selecting the link below.
https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize#form

Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
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 - First Day of Term
Friday 25th September 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

We had another wonderful week in Nursery and it ended with our amazing cultural day on Friday. We all enjoyed learning about Australia and searching for Australian animals in the garden. We also made some yummy fairy bread to take home and try.

We are very excited for our Safari Day on Tuesday 7th July. Passports and boarding passes will be sent home on Monday. Please remember that children can wear their own clothes for this day. All children are to attend their normal Nursery session. We can't wait to spend the day having fun with your children!

Reminder: Last day of Nursery is Thursday 16th July which is different to the main school

Have a fantastic weekend!

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We have had another busy week in Reception! We have learnt about maps and islands and even created our own coffee stained maps! The children have also completed some fantastic acrostic poems about sea creatures. We also had an amazing cultural day on Friday and learnt a lot about Turkey which was our focus country in Reception. Next week, we have a jam packed week with lots of fun activities. Our focus is pirates and ships and on Friday 10th July we will have our pirate day. Please remember your child can wear pirate clothes/outfits to school that day.

REMINDERS:

Sports day - Tuesday 7th July @ 9:15am - Need to wear PE kits!

Reception trip to the library - Wednesday 8th July - Please send in a packed lunch if you did not order a school packed lunch.

Have a lovely weekend!

Curriculum Update KS1

1

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed practising and then participating in sports day. The children showed great team work and resilience during these events.

This week during our story time lessons, we read a book about saving animals in general and how to make sure we look after our pets and animals. We were really proud of the care the children showed about us in regards to looking after these small creature.

In maths, we continued to learn about halving amounts into 2 equal groups. We use this knowledge to find doubles and halves of a number. You could practise with your child - ask them what half of 6 is?

In Art, we have looked at Andy Goldworthy and have learnt about sculpting. We discussed the difference between sculptures and materials used.

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
ntact books. Your child can bring this
on the trip and we'll hand it in).

2

We've had a great week in Year 2, full of hard work and celebration!

In maths, the children have been working hard in interpreting and drawing pictograms using their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Next week, we move onto position and direction. Perhaps, you could create a game where one of you directs the other using the language of half turn, full turn and clockwise/ anti-clockwise!

In English, the children finished their SOS message writing. They wrote in paragraphs and used lots of wonderful language to describe the dangerous sea and what could be lurking in it!

In computing, we have been exploring the International Space Station, going on a virtual tour of the different modules!

Thank you to all of you who helped walked our classes down to Hillside Gardens and back on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did!

We had a wonderful Cultural Celebration day! In Year 2, we explored the country Spain and made some lovely mosaics based on the architect Gaudi, ate some Spanish omelettes and had great fun learning some Spanish dances!

Monday - Trip to Sutton Library to watch a theatre show!

Attendance and Punctuality this week...

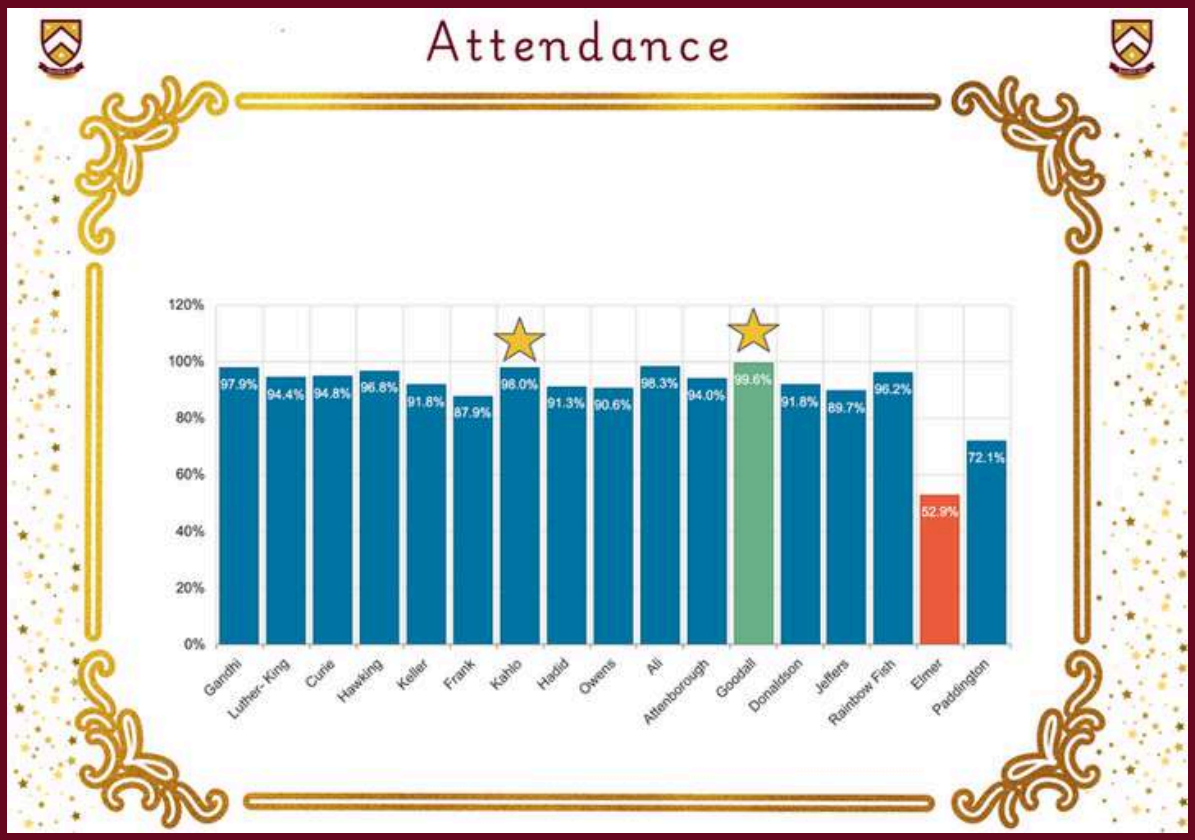
KS1
Attendance: Goodall & Ali 98%

Punctuality: Jeffers & Ali

KS2 Attendance: Kahlo & Gandhi 97%

Punctuality: Frank & Gandhi

Fantastic Effort!



Curriculum Update KS2

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This week in our English lessons (based on the book "The Bear and the Piano") the children have been starting to plan and write their informal letters from the bear to his family all about his journey to the city and the concerts he has been playing in. The children came up with some great descriptions of the city and the concerts and are producing some fantastic writing.

We have been finishing off our topic around data in maths looking at tally charts, pictograms and bar charts, interpreting data. Then, we collected our own class data on our favourite colours and favourite fruits and had a go at presenting our own data in tally charts, pictograms and bar graphs.

Thank you to those who came to support during our sports day on Thursday. We saw lots of children putting in excellent focus and determination and some fantastic team work. Well done to all the children involved and to the winning house!

Have a wonderful weekend!

4

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 4! We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Phoenix Centre Library, where we watched a fantastic theatre performance. The show was full of laughter, with plenty of brilliant (and very cheesy!) jokes that kept everyone entertained.

We also had a fantastic time taking part in sports day. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. To round off the week, we celebrated Cultural Celebration Day, where Year 4 explored the fascinating country of Mexico. The children enjoyed learning about Mexican culture and traditions through a range of activities.

Around all of these exciting events, we've also managed to fit in lots of learning! In English, we have begun researching what life was like for poor people in Victorian England. The children will use their research next week to write a non-chronological report. In maths, we have been revising key concepts, focusing on fractions and decimals to help consolidate prior learning.

A few reminders:

- Next Friday 10th July will be our DT day to make our Michelle Reader inspired sculpture. Please send in recycling material to use to create this on the day.
- Next Friday will also be our last spelling test.
- Please could you check at home for any school library books and return them to school during next week.

Sunrise Stars
7:30 - 8:30am

Wrap around care

Sunset Stars
3:15 - 6:00pm

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.

Sunrise Stars
7:30 - 8:30am

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

Dare to Dream

Sunset Stars
3:15 - 6:00pm

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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What an action-packed week it has been in Year 5! In our English lessons, the children have showcased their creative flair by drafting powerful descriptive pieces based on the myth of Pandora's Box. They worked hard to build suspense and vivid imagery, as well as include expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and personification to bring the opening of their mysterious boxes to life.

Our historical journey continued as we explored the origins of democracy within our Ancient Greeks topic, prompting some fantastic discussions.

A massive well done goes out to all of Year 5 for their great effort, teamwork and sportsmanship during our annual Sports Day—your hard work and energy were wonderful to see! Finally, we wrapped up the week with our Cultural Celebration Day, where we immersed ourselves in the rich culture of Morocco. The children discovered fascinating facts about the country to design eye-catching posters, listened to the Moroccan national anthem and crafted their own detailed Hamsa hands.

Please be reminded that we have our swimming sessions next week. Children are able to wear their PE kit all week to support easy changing after the sessions. Have a lovely weekend!

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Year 6 have had quite a busy week!

We started the week off with a few of our final production rehearsals. The children have put in such incredible effort and dedication to make the production a success.

On Wednesday, a majority of our children had their transition day at their new secondary school. There were a mix of emotions with some feeling worried and others feeling excited for the big change.

We had our Sports Day on Thursday and Luther-King did a fantastic job at supporting KS1 with their races in the morning. Well done!

Today, we had our Cultural Celebration Day where our country focus was India. We tried lots of yummy food, learnt about the traditions of India and even had a go at our own henna designs!

Next week is a busy week. We look forward to seeing you at our production of The Lion King on Wednesday and Thursday!

The children who have a role on stage need to be at school for 5pm and those who have a backstage/lighting/sound/props/souvenirs role need to be at school for 6pm on both days.

We aim to begin the production at 6:30pm and finish by 8pm. Please ensure an adult is picking your child up as we are not allowing children to walk home alone after the production.

Key dates for your diary:

- 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.

This week SPELLINGS

Year 1

Spellings to be emailed on Monday.

Year 2

Group 1: Megan's, Ravi's, Cody's, Sophie's, Sam's, child's, boy's, man's, dog's, lady's

Group 2: Mr., get, just, now, came

Year 3

Group 1: teacher, scheme, mention, bawl, crescent, eighteen, regular, mane, disable

Group 2: bear, wear pear, bare, care, scare, share, hare, mare, dare

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

Year 4

Group 1: incorrect, illegible, subject, international, believe, wildly, preparation, coronation, bravely, thoughtfully

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

Group 3: saw, draw, yawn, crawl, claw, author, August, dinosaur, astronaut, your

Year 5

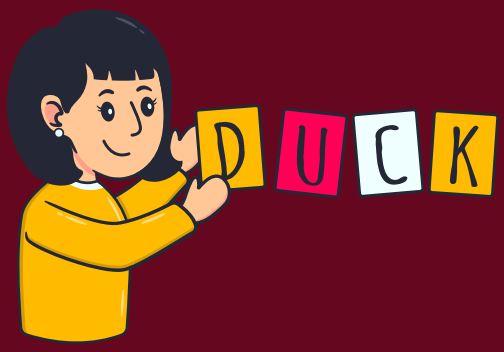
Grp 1: ascend, awkward, conscience, dough, probably, receive, species, thought, transferring, writer

Grp 2: teacher, scheme, history, mention, bawl. crescent, eighteen, regular, mane, disable

Grp 3: the, their, them, then, there

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 V	Mixed Vegetables A/F	Chocolate Brownie 2,3
TUESDAY	Pasta Bolognaise 2	Plant balls in Tomato sauce 2 V	Peas & Garlic bread A/F	Fruit Jelly A/F
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken Yorkshire 2, 4,	Vegetarian Parcel 2, 6 V	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Apple Crumb Cake 2, 4
THURSDAY	Chicken Focaccia 2	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels 2, 6 V	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Vanilla Shortbread 2
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers 2, 4	Vegan Fingers 2 V	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 V	Broccoli & Carrots A/F	Strawberry Mousse 6
TUESDAY	Beef Burger 2,	Veggie Burger 2, V	Wedges & Sweetcorn A/F	Ginger Cake 2,6
WEDNESDAY	Turkey Roast Yorkshire 2, 3,6,	Quorn Sausage Roast 2, 6 V	Cabbage & Carrots A/F	Shortbread 2, 6
THURSDAY	Chicken Curry 2, 6	Creamy Chickpea Coconut Curry 2, 12 V	Mix Vegetables Rice	Citrus Drizzle Cake 2, 3
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers 2, 4	Quorn Nuggets 2 V	Chips Peas or Beans A/F	Selection of Pudding

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little bites for every future

ALLERGEN KEY

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

GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

YEAR 6 PARENT / CARER WORKSHOP:

TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

'Isyour child gettingready 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

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

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk