

BANDON HILL BULLETIN



Issue 96

Friday 16th October 2026

Deputy Headteacher
update



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Bandon Hill. As I write this on a very wet Friday morning, one of the Year 2 classes is about to depart on their school trip to a Great Fire of London workshop. After getting soaked at the school gate an hour ago I think the Great Fire of London wouldn't have had a chance on a day like today! With the weather appearing to change*, please ensure that your children always bring a suitable coat to school this time of year, even if it is not raining in the morning during the walk to school.

Today in assembly Mr. Hopkins gave out the badges to the newly elected Student Council and Eco Reps, as well as the Senior Prefects, Prefects and House Captains. Recently, we also appointed the Wellbeing Ambassadors. All the children who have taken on these areas of responsibility are great role models and are also displaying the school's DREAM values. Well done to all those who received their badges today which are shown below, along with some of their self-portraits.

On Monday 19th next week the children have their Harvest Festival assembly. Donations of non-perishable food (eg: tinned food, pasta, tea bags, cereal etc) or toiletries (e.g: toothpaste, soap etc) would be very welcome and all items will be given to Sutton Nightwatch, a local homeless shelter in Wallington. If children could please bring any donations direct to the classroom on Monday when they arrive, we would be very grateful. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Haddock

* Update at 4.30pm, there is now a lovely blue sky as if the torrential downpour never happened. I hope this illustrates the point that we can never predict our English weather and it is best for the children to bring a coat regardless!



Parents and carers: Please update your MCAS App from home



Log in to the MCAS app

Use your registered email address and password. If you've forgotten your password, use the "Reset Password" link on the login screen.

Navigate to "My Child"



Once logged in, you should see a "My Child" dashboard.

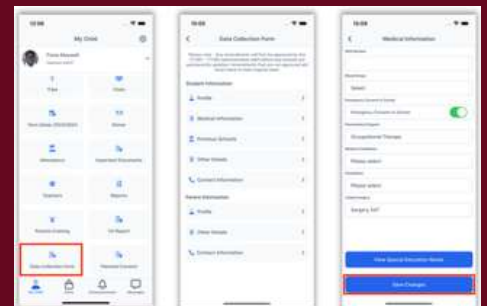


Find "Data Collection Form": Scroll down on the "My Child" dashboard to find the "Data Collection Form" module. Click on it.

Making Amendments:

Within the Data Collection Form, you can edit, delete, and add selected details for both your children and your own personal information. This typically includes:

Addresses
Email Addresses
Mobile Numbers
Medical Information
Other contact details



After making all your changes, make sure to click "Save Changes."



Ensure you have the latest version of the MCAS app installed on your device, or have auto-updates enabled. The app has recently undergone a new UI (User Interface) update.

If you experience any issues logging in, have forgotten your registered email address, or have questions about updating specific information, it's best to contact the school office directly at office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk.

By following these steps, you should be able to update your parent information on the MCAS app for Bandon Hill Primary School.



PSA Updates

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☀ Meet the New Team! ☀

We recently held our AGM and have had a little change-up in the PSA team!

A huge thank you to our outgoing Chair, Bianca, and Treasurer, Michelle, for all the time, hard work and dedication you've given to the PSA. We really appreciate everything you've done! ❤️

We're excited to introduce our new Co-Chairs, Georgia and Angela, who are taking on the PSA together, alongside our new Treasurer, Ariana and our newest committee member Poppy. We're looking forward to getting stuck in and continuing to make great things happen for our school community! 🎉

We're currently working hard behind the scenes to get everything handed over as smoothly and quickly as possible, so please bear with us while we get settled into our new roles.

In the meantime, you'll often find us by the school gates in the mornings, having a chat. Please come and say hello! 🙋 Whether you have an idea, a suggestion, some feedback, or simply fancy finding out more about what we do, we'd love to hear from you.

Everyone is welcome, and you don't have to commit to anything to get involved. Every little bit of help, every idea and every friendly face makes a difference! 💕

Here's to a new chapter for the PSA and lots of exciting things ahead! 🌈



Friday 23rd October

Wear your favourite clothes, bring your favourite snack or some squash.

£1 on MCAS or bucket at the gate



Around our school
this week



House Points

Mason House

Shanahan
House

Weir House

Widdowson
House

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730

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Curriculum

Update - EYFS

N This week has been filled with fun! We have been learning the song 'Big Red Combine Harvester' which we are going to sing in a special Harvest Festival assembly on Monday. We have also been learning a variety of number songs and using number cards to encourage recognition of numbers 1-5. Please feel free to support this at home.

The weather has been very changeable this week and we have seen sun, cloud, rain and wind! Please can you ensure your child has a named coat with them every day. We aim to go outside every day, whatever the weather so a coat is always needed.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!



R We have had such a fun week in Reception! We have been busy learning our 'Big Red Combine Harvester' song ready for the Harvest Festival assembly on Monday. The children have done a great job. Thank you to all the families who attended parents evening. It was lovely to celebrate your child's successes with you all. Please do use the sheets provided to support learning at home.

Miss Heinpuu is holding a Reading Workshop on Zoom on Tuesday 20th October at 6pm so please do log onto this for some helpful tips and tricks!

Next week, the children will be learning about Autumn and how the seasons change. We will also be learning our last sounds for this half term which are h, b, f, l. In maths, the children have done a great job of recognising 1-3 and our number of the week next week is 4!

Have a lovely weekend!



Curriculum Update KS1

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Year 1 have had another fantastic week of learning and having lots of fun.

The children have enjoyed learning a Harvest Festival song called 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' which they sang beautiful during singing assembly this week.

This week in maths, the children have been busy learning the difference between a number line and a number track. We added missing numbers to 10 and practised more and less. Elsewhere in Phonics, the children have been reading longer words with 2 or more digraphs such as 'morning' and 'shimmer.'

In History, we received a video from Mrs. Stirrat's dad, all about his childhood in the past! We then compared it to our own childhoods and realised that there are some similarities (e.g. birthday cakes) and differences (e.g. the introduction of soft play centres which did not exist back when he was young!)

In Art, the children really enjoyed creating our own prints, based on work by Kandinsky.

Reminder: Please can your child return their homework folders and spelling books by the end of the week, ready for their spelling test and new home learning sent home, every Friday.

Thank you.

Year 1 Team.

It has been another busy week in Year 2!

In English, the children have been busy playing detective and exploring the key features of non-chronological reports - looking at subheadings, present tense and use of conjunctions. They've also been learning about firefighters, their equipment, and how they keep our community safe. All of this fantastic research is preparing us to write our very own firefighter reports next week!

We have also been putting our investigative skills to the test with plenty of 'hands-on' experiments in science. The children had a wonderful time testing different materials to discover which ones can be squashed, bent, stretched, and twisted. We also turned our attention to waterproof properties to investigate which materials would make the ultimate raincoat. Ask your child if they can tell you which material keeps us dry!

Ali class had a great visit to Whitehall this week and enjoyed visiting a Tudor house.

The children were very engaged with the Great Fire of London drawing workshop and it was lovely to enjoy some local history together.



Attendance and Punctuality this week...



KS1

Attendance: Owens 99%

Punctuality: Donaldson, Attenborough, Ali & Owens

KS2 Attendance: Keller 100%

Punctuality: Keller & Curie

Fantastic Effort!



Curriculum Update KS2

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We've had another lovely week here in Year 3. In English we have been learning how to write a letter. Based on the Stone Age Boy book we have been reading we wrote a letter from Max to his family telling them all about his time in the Stone Age. The children used some excellent time adverbials and had a go at using paragraphs to organise their work.

In maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction again. The children have worked hard to find patterns and connections to help them work out answers mentally. For example, if I know $9-5=4$ then I know $90-50=40$ and $900-500=400$. Then we used these facts to help us solve addition and subtraction problems mentally. Perhaps test your child at home using this method of 'If I know... then I know...' if you'd like to do some extra maths!

In Art we are coming to the end of our clay bowl making task and have been painting this week. The children have really enjoyed this creative project.

Thank you everyone for getting your payments for Paddington in on time ready for our trip on 17th November.
Have a wonderful weekend!



It's been a busy week in Year 4! We have finished our English writing based on the wonderful book, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. Towards the end of the week, the children wrote some lovely acrostic poems about Edward and his many adventures! Next week, we move onto our next book, 'Hello Lighthouse' by Sophie Blackhall.

In Science, the children have been learning about what environmental changes have impacted the habitats of living things. We looked at how natural disasters and climate change have affected the lives of animals who rely on their habitat to survive. Is it a fact, opinion or belief? In computing this week, we discussed as a class, how we can distinguish between these three things when on the internet.

In maths, the children have been working hard on subtracting two 4 digit numbers with exchanges, which we will continue next week. Well done to those who are completing the home learning and spellings practise each week as well as reading and practising their times tables on TTRS! If your child does not have their TTRS login in their contact book, please let us know.
Future Dates: Wednesday 25th November - Saxon Workshop at school.
We hope you have a lovely 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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We are rapidly approaching the end of our first half term. It was so lovely to meet many of you at our parents evening this week - thank you for coming.

This week we have had some very persuasive letters written in English which have included many AFOREST features. The children have been very creative coming up with reasons as to why they should be the next companion for The Explorer.

'We're on a roll' in gymnastics as the children have been looking at how to complete various rolls including straight, straddle and forward rolls. The children have also discussed the importance of stretching and everyone has given it go - well done!

Meanwhile in maths we have started our new topic of multiplication and division. This is one area where children have a fun way of practising using Times Tables Rockstars at home. Please request their login details if you need them.

In art, the children are getting to grips with their brayers (rollers) and have completed their printed backgrounds using their lino tiles and printing ink. The final stage will be to put everything together along with some familiar face pictures in the final week.

Have a lovely weekend

What a busy and exciting week it's been in Year 6! In maths, the children have been tackling long division, pushing their skills further by learning how to write remainders as fractions and decimals. Some children have found this particularly tricky so any extra practise at home would be super helpful!

Over in English, we've been exploring the key features of newspaper reports. Inspired by our class book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, everyone has started planning their own front-page story about the dramatic events at Buckingham Palace.

Things got creative in music as we conclude our film music topic. Working in groups, the children have been composing soundtrack pieces to match scenes from *Wallace & Gromit*—using instruments to capture everything from moments of sadness to chaotic car chases!

Meanwhile, in history, we turned our attention to World War I to learn all about the surprising but vital and amazing roles animals played on the front lines.

Reminder - Please could we have any spare cardboard/ kitchen roll tubes for our DT project next week. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend 😊



MCAS Updates



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.



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



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.



Upcoming dates

Date	Year Group	Event
23.10.26	All	PSA Favourite Fridays (Mufti Day)
26.10.26	All	Half term starts
10.11.26	All	Return to school
17.11.26	Year 3	Paddington Trip
23.11.26	Year 5	Science Museum Trip
25.11.26	Year 4	Saxon Workshop
04.12.26	All	Elfridges Christmas shop
12.12.26	All	Christmas Fair
15.12.26	Years 5 & 6	Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church (9:45)
16.12.26	Years 3 & 4	Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church (9:45)
16.12.26	Year 6	Natural History Museum Trip



Bandon Hill Primary School Term Dates 2026/27

Tuesday 1 st September 2026 - INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 - INSET Day 2
Thursday 3 rd September 2026 - First Day of Term
Friday 25 th September 2026 - INSET Day 3
Friday 23 rd October 2026 - Finish at 3.15pm
October half term
Monday 9 th November 2026 - INSET Day 4
Tuesday 10 th November 2026 - First Day of Term
Friday 18 th December 2026 - Finish at 1.00pm
Christmas holidays
Monday 4 th January 2027 - First day of term
Friday 12 th February 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
February half term
Monday 22 nd February 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 25 th March 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 27 th May 2027 - Finish at 3.15pm
Friday 28 th May 2027 - INSET Day 5
May half term
Monday 7 th June 2027 - First day of term
Thursday 22 nd July 2027 - Finish at 1.00pm
Summer Holidays



SPELLINGS

Year 1

they, some, sure,
drum, splat, train

Year 2

great, break, steak,
beautiful, pretty

Year 3

Group 1: actual, bicycle, answer, circle,
earth, enough, island, fruit, often, popular

Group 2: flowers, boxes, brushes, lunches,
cars, foxes, dogs, dishes, boats, churches.

Group 3: from, get, go, got, had

Year 4

Group 1: strength, grammar, calendar,
women, appear, straight, interest, opposite,
increase, believe

Group 2: Those highlighted in red

Group 3: from, get, go, got, had

Year 5

Grp 1: appreciate, cemetery, conscious,
convenience, environment, immediately,
language, sufficient, thorough, vegetable
Grp 2: strength, grammar, calendar, women,
appear, straight, interest, opposite, increase,
believe

Grp 3: from, get, go, got, had



Year 6

Group 1: amateur, category, correspond,
environment, frequently, language, occur,
queue, signature, twelfth

Group 2: actual, bicycle, answer, circle, earth,
enough, island, fruit, often, popular

Group 3: Mr, Mrs, mum, my, not





Making Life
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**FAMILY
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Parent/Carer Group: Supporting Infants with Big Emotions & Behaviours

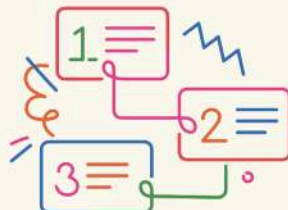
IS YOUR CHILD:

- Aged between 1-4 years old?
- Struggling with big emotions and behaviours?
- Are you struggling to know how to best support them?

If yes, this group might be for you!

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Top tips on how best to understand your child's behaviour
- Strategies to support your child to express and manage big emotions



TO SIGN-UP & REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

please complete
this form (click link below):
[Parent Group Application](#)

You can also scan the
QR code below.



We'll start with a
screening call to make
sure the group is
right for you!



GROUP DETAILS:

Our parenting groups run over four weekly sessions.
We ask that you attend all sessions.

DATES:

**Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November 2026,
and a follow up session on 9th December 2026
9:30 am – 11 am**



LOCATION:

Sutton Best Start Family Hub Floor,
1A Sutton Central Library,
St Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1EA



SUITABILITY:

We ask that Parents/Carers are not engaging with
other support services to avoid families getting lots
of different advice.

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

We encourage you to
submit your application
as soon as possible if
you're interested in joining!

Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Schedule 26/27

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.



Through the school gates - overcoming daily challenges getting into school

Understanding and supporting your child's sleep

Supporting big emotions at home and school - the zones of regulation

Understanding and managing screen time for primary school children

Encouraging healthy habits in children with Autism

Supporting common child anxieties and worries including around exams

Parent/Carer Webinars

Early Years Schedule 26/27

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these
free local NHS webinars for Early Years 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
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**Toilet Time Basics: Supporting your pre-school child
with potty/toilet training**

Feeding and its difficulties in the early years

**Building Strong Bonds: How to build healthy and secure
attachment/relationships with children**

Understanding and supporting your child's sleep

**Managing big feelings in small people; tantrums, aggression
& how to respond**

**Finding your feet - supporting your child's emotional
wellbeing when starting school**

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.