



Belleville News

12 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make last Saturday's Winter Fair such a success. Events like this are a joy, and a celebration of the whole school community. We never take for granted how lucky we are to have such impressive and well attended events.

Special thanks to everyone that organised, set up and ran the Fair - we are so appreciative of all the unseen (and seen!) work you did. As ever, the hard work is led by our fantastic PTA team: Greg Harris, Gloria Adegboyega, Maria Ghani, Aidan Grace, Stephan Kofler, Lucy Porter, Aileen Reilly and Rebecca Trickett. Many thanks to all of you.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Important Dates

Year 1 Nativity - Monday 15 December, 2.15pm - St Michael's Church.

Year 2 Nativity - Monday 15 December, 10.45am - St Michael's Church.

St Michael's Church Wandsworth Common is located at [Cobham Close, London, SW11 6SP](#).

There will be bucket collections at all our festive performances with proceeds going to St George's Hospital and St Michael's Church.

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 16 December. Children can wear festive jumpers to school. If you feel able to, please make a donation of £2 to [Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day appeal here](#).

House Winners celebration – Thursday 18 December. Children in Wakehurst House can wear their own clothes to school.

Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 19 December, **with earlier finish times**. Years 1–6 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery Red 2.30pm. **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term.** All children can wear their own clothes to school on the last day of term.

Inset Day - Monday 5 January.

First day of Spring Term - Tuesday 6 January – children return to school.

Closing Date for Reception Applications for September 2026 – Thursday 15 January.

Closing Date for Nursery Application for September 2026 – Friday 6 February.

[Term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years are on our website.](#)

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Nursery Places from September 2026

From September 2026, **we are very pleased to announce that we will be offering a combination of full-time and part-time places at our Nursery on Webb's Road.** This is in response to feedback from our community and to make it easier for working families.

The new full-time places will be offered from 9am – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Part-time places will now either be offered from 9am – 3.30pm Monday and Tuesday and 9am – 12pm on Wednesday, or from 12.30pm – 3.30pm on Wednesday and 9am – 3.30pm on Thursday and Friday. This is the same provision that is offered at other Q1E schools, including Belleville Wix Academy in the local area.

There is no change to our admissions criteria and Nursery places will continue to be offered in the order detailed in the school's admissions criteria which is [available on our website](#). There will be a minimum of 13 full time places available.

To find out more about the Nursery application process, including using the Government's free childcare funding and top-up costs, or to download an application form, [please visit our website](#).

Completed application forms should be returned to the school office by **Friday 6 February 2026**.

Reception Applications for September 2026

Applications for Reception places in September 2026, for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, close on **Thursday 15 January 2026** and are made directly through Wandsworth Council. Further details and an application form [are available here](#). **Please note: Children who are currently in Belleville's Nursery are not automatically offered a place in Reception.** Parents and carers of current Nursery pupils should follow the application process for Reception.

Wandsworth Council will notify you directly of your primary school Reception place on national offer day which is Thursday 16 April 2026.

We know that choosing a primary school for your child is an important decision to make. There are two remaining small group tour dates available on Thursday 8 and Monday 12 January if you would like to visit the school. If you would like to book a place, or if you have any other questions or need help with your application, please call into the office, email us on enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk or phone us on 020 7228 6727 and we will be very happy to help.

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16 December is the children's Christmas Lunch. Children and staff can come to school wearing their brightest, cheeriest jumper, a Christmas jumper they already own or decorate an existing jumper. (There is no need to buy anything new!)

If you can, please donate £2 to Save the Children [via the link here](#). All the money raised goes towards helping children around the world.





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House Winners

Our winning house for Autumn Term 1 is **Wakehurst House**. Congratulations, you have won a **non-uniform day** on **Thursday 18 December**. The House points will be reset for Spring 1. Well done to everyone who has received House Points for demonstrating our CARE and Excellent Learner values. You should be proud of every point!



Lacrosse Tournament

Last Friday, a group of Year 4 pupils proudly represented Belleville in a thrilling lacrosse fixture against Honeywell, organised by our lacrosse specialist, Pete. The match was played over four fiercely competitive quarters, with both teams showing impressive skill, teamwork and determination. Belleville produced excellent passing, movement and some outstanding goals as the lead swung back and forth throughout the game.



With just minutes remaining, Belleville trailed by two goals, but through grit, perseverance and fantastic team spirit, the children battled back to secure a dramatic 17–17 draw. It was a wonderful afternoon for both schools, full of memorable moments the pupils will treasure.

Eco Council Update

The Eco-councillors have been busy collecting pens and glue sticks to be sent off to be recycled. They have been working hard to ensure Belleville is becoming a more sustainable school and the hard work will continue.



They also wanted to share some eco-friendly tips for a greener winter break:

- **Wrap gifts with old newspapers** - A creative and sustainable alternative to store-bought wrapping paper — and fully recyclable afterwards.
- **Choose ribbon or recyclable tape instead of Sellotape** - Ribbons can be reused year after year, and recyclable tape reduces plastic waste.
- **Use gift bags that can be re-gifted.**
- **Make your own cards using recycled paper or old materials** - Personal, unique, and low-waste - a great way to use up leftover craft supplies.
- **Support charity shops or give experience-based gifts** - Pre-loved items, homemade presents, or useful experiences reduce demand for new products. Ask people what they need.
- **Reuse wherever possible** - Decorations, wrapping materials, containers, and even last year's supplies can all find a second life and reduce waste.
- **Freeze leftover food** - Extends the life of meals and reduces food waste during big gatherings.
- **Donate food, share meals, or compost vegetable scraps** - A thoughtful way to support your community and the environment during the winter season.



Year 3 Update

As the time of year when we struggle to leave our warm beds and venture out into cold mornings returns again, it's time to report on the second half of Year 3's autumn term; a half-term in which our pupils have continued constructing and gathering new knowledge, skills and experiences.

In English, two stories have framed the children's learning and helped them to develop narrative writing skills, such as how to punctuate and use direct speech, to show character and move the events of the story along, and how expanded noun phrases can not only add detailed description to characters and locations but also help to establish the mood and atmosphere required to impact on the reader. The sophistication of the work the pupils have produced suggests that the next great novelist may be currently learning their craft in one of our Year 3 classes!

Maths studies have been informed by a deep dive into multiplication and division. Beginning with an exploration of the relationship between multiplication and division, and how this inverse relationship can be used to help unlock division facts, maths has progressed through learning about formal written methods of calculation through to solving word problems in which the pupils need to employ these new skills effectively. All of our maths has been informed by our pedagogical approach of concrete-pictorial-abstract, methodology which has helped our pupils to understand these abstract concepts.

Forces and magnets have been the topic of our Science lessons this half-term. The pupils have conducted research and experiments to help them understand what forces are, the difference between a contact force and a non-contact force and what a magnetic force is. Our young scientists have shown a great understanding of this topic, which has laid the foundations for them to revisit and deepen their knowledge when they return to the topic in Year 5.



Autumn 2 was launched in spectacular fashion with our Roman Day, and our pupils resurfaced their historical learning of the period in computing lessons, during which they produced their own fact books in the book creator app. It was great to see how much knowledge the children had retained, combining this with their own creative flair to produce an engaging digital book on the Romans. Our autumn term was crowned off with a stunning winter performance in St. Michael's Church. All of the teachers were immensely proud of their young performers for working so hard and for producing a brilliant show. A special thanks goes out to Miss Hughes for tirelessly working hard to create the show.

As the year draws to a close, and it'll soon be time to tear off another page of the calendar (or watch the digits roll over on our screens), the Year 3 team would like to thank you all for your continuing support and wish you a joyful winter break and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



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Festive Performances

We've really enjoyed all the festive performances this week, and many congratulations to the children, their teachers and teaching assistants, and to Mrs Hughes, our specialist music teacher for all the hard work that goes into making these so memorable. Thank you as well to the team from Wandsworth Music for their instrumental tuition for Year 4, and to all the parents and carers who helped at the events. We're looking forward to the Year 1 and 2 Nativity performances next week!



Open Classrooms

We have been delighted to welcome in so many parents and carers over the previous two weeks for our open classroom events. Across the school, children have loved having the opportunity to share their learning and showcase the work they are most proud of. From Reception to Year 6, the children have shared stories, sung songs, recited poetry and presented their work. We do hope you enjoyed this window into your child's learning journey.





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French Update

We've had a fantastic half-term in French! In Year 3, pupils have been learning to describe how they are feeling and practising useful classroom questions, such as "Est-ce que je peux boire de l'eau?", to help them use as much French as possible during lessons. Year 4 have been busy exploring weather vocabulary through games and songs, and they proudly created their own colourful weather wheels. Year 5 have been learning to describe their families in preparation for our pen pal letters starting in January, while Year 6 have focused on physical descriptions of hair and eyes. One of the highlights from Year 6 is the brilliant "Wanted Poster" project, where pupils invented fictional characters and described them in French.

Both Year 5 and Year 6 also successfully made it through the first round of the French Spelling Bee organised by Routes into Languages — congratulations to all the pupils moving on to Round 2! Finally, a special shout-out to Kiara in 4T, who won the Poesiart competition with her stunning artwork inspired by the poem La Nuit by Emmanuel Favre. She competed against schools across the UK and Europe and is the only Year 4 pupil selected in the whole of Europe — bravo, Kiara!



Free Wellbeing Webinars

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. Their topics for January include Feeding and its Difficulties in the Early Years, Managing Big Feelings in Small People, Promoting Sibling Harmony, Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND, and Supporting Common Worries Around Exams. Sign up to any of their free webinars here: [Early Years](#) or [Primary Years](#)

Christmas Holiday Athletics

Herne Hill Harriers will be holding their Star Track athletics camp at Tooting Bec Athletics Track throughout the Christmas Holidays. For more info or to sign up, please [download their flyer](#).



Thank you to all our reps, volunteers and staff who gave their time, creativity and energy to pull together an amazing 2025 Winter Fair. Collectively we've raised around £14k for our school! Whether you ran a stall, made a sign, donated prizes, set up, cleaned up or showed up to support, the day was a success thanks to all of you. A massive thank you to our incredible Winter Fair Team - Gloria, Natasha, Lucy, Anett and Victoria - there is an enormous amount of time and effort that goes into coordinating these major events and it wouldn't have happened without this group – thank you!