



# Belleville News

13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was four years since Belleville's last Ofsted inspection, which means that the school now enters the window for its next inspection. There has been a new Chief Inspector of Ofsted (Sir Martyn Oliver) since our last inspection and he has introduced a new inspection framework and grading system for school inspection. If the previous framework's core focus was the curriculum, this framework's focus is Inclusion for children with SEND and children who are Disadvantaged. All the areas of the inspection will be looked at through this lens.

Belleville was judged to be Outstanding in March 2022, but the new framework no longer has an overarching one-word judgement.

Instead there are five possible judgements:

- Exceptional
- **Strong**
- **Expected**
- **Needs Attention**
- Urgent Improvement

Ofsted guidance states that they expect the vast majority of inspections to deal primarily with the three judgements in bold.

These judgements will be applied to seven different areas:

- Inclusion
- Curriculum and Teaching
- Achievement
- Attendance and Behaviour
- Personal Development and Wellbeing
- Early Years
- Leadership and Governance

In addition to this there is a Met or Not Met judgement for Safeguarding.

It has been shared that, the Expected grade is higher than the previous Good grade, and the Strong grade is higher than the previous Outstanding grade. Ofsted have produced a useful video for parents and carers to explain the new system. [You can view it here](#). If you would like to see an example of a report under the new framework, please [visit their website](#).

Ofsted frameworks are an excellent school improvement tool for schools and as a school we are assessing our provision against the new framework. It is all part of our drive to continually seek improvement with the ultimate aim of making the provision the very best it can be for your children.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher





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## Girls' Football Success

On Monday, the Belleville girls' football team travelled to the regional finals held at the training ground of Chelsea Football Club. The girls got off to a tricky start. Their performances were strong, but the results didn't quite reflect their efforts, as they drew their first three games. However, the team soon began to find their rhythm. Back-to-back victories saw them sneak through the group stage and progress to the knockout rounds.



Belleville then faced Cleaves School in the semi-finals, a team that had won all their matches up to that point without conceding a single goal. Belleville made a fast start, scoring an early goal before producing some heroic defending to hold onto the lead and secure their place in the final.

In the final, the girls gave everything and played outstandingly well. Unfortunately, a spectacular long-range strike from the opposition proved to be the difference, and Belleville narrowly lost 1-0. Finishing 2nd out of 97 schools is an incredible achievement and something the team should be extremely proud of.

Throughout the day, the girls were also able to draw inspiration from talks given by academy players as well as members of the women's team from Chelsea F.C. Women. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved and undoubtedly a day the girls will never forget.

## Suzi Telford

Many congratulations to Suzi Telford, Year 5 Year Leader and Maths Lead (Juniors), who graduated last week from the University of Oxford with an MSc in Learning and Teaching, achieving a Distinction with a score of 95 (the highest mark awarded in the Department of Education in the past seven years).

Her research explored how structured classroom talk can help pupils develop stronger mathematical reasoning and confidence.



## Year 3 Geography Trip

Towards the end of last week, our Year 3 classes visited the Bandstand Beds, a local community garden on Clapham Common. The visit supported the children's geography unit, 'could we only eat local?' The children had a great time learning about the different plants and how to grow them.





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## Nursery Update – Food, Glorious Food!

We have had a very exciting and tasty start to our new half term in Nursery. Our new topic is Food and the children have already enjoyed some wonderful hands-on experiences.

On our first couple of days back, the children were lucky enough to watch pancakes being made. They talked about the ingredients, watched how the mixture changed when it was cooked, and enjoyed the delicious smell filling the room! Afterwards, each child chose their own topping before sitting down to enjoy their pancake. It was a fantastic way to encourage independence and decision-making - in a very yummy way!



This week, we have been focusing on the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have loved retelling the story, dressing up and taking part in role play. As part of our food theme, they have been busy making sandwiches to put into Little Red Riding Hood's basket to take to Grandma's house. The children carefully spread butter, chose their fillings, and assembled their sandwiches all by themselves. We were very proud of their growing confidence and fine motor skills.

Next week, we will be exploring the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar where the children will be preparing their very own "Hungry Caterpillar" fruit salad. This will be another opportunity for them to practise their cutting skills safely, learn about different fruits and talk about healthy eating.

The delicious treats don't stop there as towards the end of this term they will also be making Tiger who came to tea cupcakes and Little Red Hen bread!



## Reception Drama Workshop

To support their topic of Traditional Tales this term, Reception took part in a West End in Schools drama workshop. The children had a great time. There was lots of laughter, acting and voice work as they recounted the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.





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## British Science Week Visit

Ahead of celebrating British Science Week as a school, 6S welcomed Mr Oikonomou who came to talk to the children about his profession. He is an ear, nose and throat surgeon and he spoke to us about the important work he does in medicine. During his presentation, he explained how he diagnoses and treats conditions affecting the ear, nose, and throat and he described the many years of study and training required to become a surgeon. He also discussed the responsibilities of working in a hospital and the importance of careful decision-making and teamwork in healthcare. The talk was both informative and inspiring and it gave our class a valuable insight into a highly skilled medical career.



## Wandsworth Music – Music Scholarships

Applications for Music Scholarships to attend the Wandsworth Music Academy are open. These scholarships provide up to 4 years' of funding for children in Years 3 to 6 to attend Wandsworth Music Academy. Pupils eligible for the scholarship will have been playing their instrument for a year or more and be in need of financial support to continue their music tuition. For more information, please go to [www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships](http://www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships). The **deadline for applications is Friday 24 April 2026**.

## Parent Feeding Group for Children with Autism

The Education Wellbeing Service are running a six week in-person programme to support parents of children with a formal diagnosis of Autism who are between the ages of 4 to 8. The programme is designed to support parents in understanding the links between anxiety and feeding challenges and to provide practical tools to reduce stress around mealtimes. The group will take place on six consecutive Mondays from Monday 5 May, 10-11.30am, at the DBT Clinic, Birches Close, Mitcham, CR4 4LQ. Free parking is available on site. For more information or to sign up, please [visit their website](#).



Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.

Childline: 0800 1111

## Bolingbroke Academy – A Night at the Musicals

For Year 6 families transferring to Bolingbroke Academy, Bolingbroke would like to extend an invitation to this year's show – **A Night at the Musicals**, taking place next week on **Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 March at 7pm**. The Friday night show is already sold out, but if you would like to come along to the **Wednesday or Thursday performance, please [book your tickets here](#)**. The music department will email you to confirm your booking and you will need to bring cash to pay for the tickets on the door.