



# Belleville News

14 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many of our families in school for Wednesday and Thursday's Parents' Evenings. These events are so important in establishing a positive relationship between home and school and that relationship helps your children to succeed in their education.

Parents' Evening should be part of an ongoing dialogue, so do make contact if you have any issues you wish to raise because we know it is always best to deal with issues as quickly as possible, before they have the chance to escalate. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Next week is half term so we wish everyone an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing all the children back at the normal start time on Monday 24th February.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Spring Half Term:** Monday 17 to Friday 21 February.

**Parent/Carer Coffee Morning with Zahra Ahmed** – Monday 24 February, 9am, Webb's Road. [Sign up here.](#)

**World Book Day** – Thursday 6 March.

**Belleville PTA Wine Tasting Evening** – Friday 7 March, 7.30 – 9pm, Webb's Road. For more information and to buy tickets, please [visit the PTA website.](#)

**Belleville PTA School Discos** – Friday 14 March, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Meteor. Friday 21 March, Reception, Year 1 and 2 at Webb's. Tickets, timings and information on the [PTA website.](#)

**Spring Open Classrooms** – From Monday 18 March to Wednesday 26 March. Year group details on the next page.

**Year 6 Wandsworth Music Singing Performance** - Friday 21 March, 10.30am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road.

**Year 6 Brighter Sounds Performance** – Monday 31 March, 7.30pm, Royal Albert Hall.

**Last day of Spring Term 2:** Friday 4 April.

## Parent Coffee Morning with Educational Psychologist Zahra Ahmed

On Monday 24 February at 9am, we are hosting a Parent Coffee Morning with Educational Psychologist Zahra Ahmed at Webb's Road.

Zahra Ahmed will be describing her role, discussing the different areas of need and how to support these as well as an opportunity for individual questions. This coffee morning is open to **all parents/carers** who are interested in hearing more about her work. Please [sign up here](#) if you would like to join us.

## World Book Day

Thursday 6 March is World Book Day!

The theme this year is 'Read your way', encouraging children (and adults alike) to read for pleasure.

We will be dressing up on the day, holding special assemblies during the week, and sharing some award-nominated texts with the children.

Click [here for more information](#) about World Book Day, including some great ideas to encourage your child to read for pleasure.





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## Spring Open Classrooms

We are excited to announce our first Open Classrooms this academic year. These will take place at the end of the day just before pick-up, from **2.40pm to 3pm**. Please find dates for your diary below:

**Reception** - Thursday 27 March

**Year 1** - Monday 17 March

**Year 2** - Monday 24 March

**Year 3** - Wednesday 26 March

**Year 4** - Tuesday 18 March

**Year 5** - Wednesday 19 March

**Year 6** - Tuesday 25 March

We look forward to opening our doors so that your child can share their learning with you in their classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to look through some of your child's work with them and to celebrate their achievements.

On the day, please come to the school office for 2.35pm and you will be taken to your child's classroom. At 3pm we will ask you to leave via the office whilst we organise the end of the day. Your child's class teacher will bring their class out to the playground at the usual pick up time. To avoid disappointment, please let your child know if you are unable to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

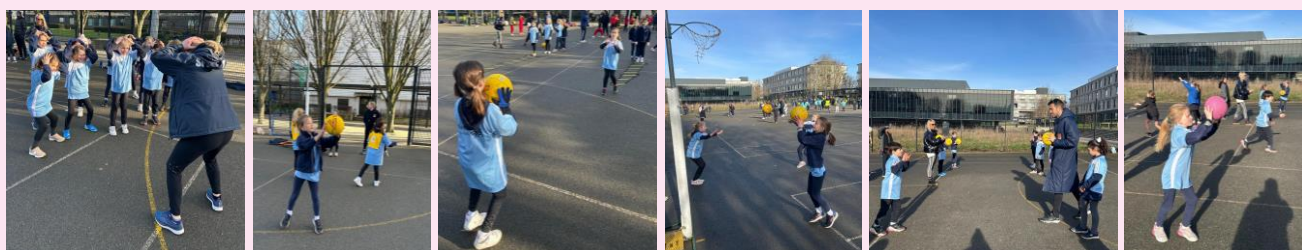
## Work with us!

We are recruiting for a Premises Officer to join our friendly team, working across both Belleville sites to maintain clean, safe and secure premises to ensure a good working and learning environment.

To find out more and apply, [please visit our website](#). Applications close at **noon on Monday 24 February**.

## Years 3 and 4 Netball Tournaments

Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part at a netball festival organised by Wandsworth School Games and run by Spencer Netball club. The children rotated around a series of drills and games with a variety of coaches and were able to learn some new skills in a fun environment.



For families looking for netball opportunities, here are three local clubs that have some availability.

[Spencer Netball](#) – Limited space available for U7s and U11s and waitlist for U8s, U9s and U10s.

[Clapham Netball](#) - Availability in March & in the Summer Term.

[Satellite Sessions](#) - Availability in March.

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## Reception Update

As we come to the end of this half term, we are excited to share the highlights of what has been an exciting and productive few weeks filled with learning new skills. The highlight was our Dinosaur Workshop! The children were fascinated by the hands-on activities and learning about prehistoric creatures. From fossil hunting to a roaring triceratops, it was a memorable day for everyone.



This led to our Dinosaur Project, where the children dived deeper into the world of dinosaurs. The children created facts about their favourite dinosaurs and created magnificent art pieces working collaboratively to build their knowledge of all the features for their dinosaur to come to life. Their enthusiasm was incredible, and they demonstrated teamwork throughout. The projects were truly impressive!

In maths, we focused on number bonds, patterns and part-part whole models. The children practiced breaking numbers down into different parts and explore how different combinations work together to form a whole number. This has strengthened their understanding of addition and subtraction, and we are so proud of their progress.



In Literacy, we explored the power of storytelling through story maps. The children learned to break down stories into key events, using pictures and simple phrases. This helped develop their understanding of structure, sequencing and storytelling skills. It's been wonderful to see their creativity shine through and further into their role play in their continuous provision.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting term ahead.

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





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## Music Update

Congratulations to the school orchestra who performed at the Mayor's Gala on Tuesday evening.

Year 3 have been learning how to play the C sound on the recorder and have been learning songs using sounds BAGC. Year 5 have been learning the song 3 little birds and have learnt how to play the chord sequence, riff on the ukulele and to sing the chorus and verse in harmony. They have also learnt about Bob Marley and reggae music.



Year 1 have been learning about pitch and learning how to sing, sign, and play the scale Do-re-me-fa-sol-la-ti-do in the xylophone. This week, they composed our own music using step, leap and jump pitch patterns. Year 2 have been learning how to play the sound G on the ocarina with songs using the notes BAGC.



## Year 1 Computing

Year 1 have enjoyed learning how to sequence instructions for the Indis in computing. They have developed their problem solving and collaborative skills.



## Year 6 Park Run

As part of their fundraising activities for their residential trip, a group of Year 6 children and their families did the Battersea Park Run last week. They all ran very well on a slightly damp Sunday morning! The Battersea Park Junior Park Run is organised by a Meteor mum who kindly co-ordinated everything for this group. She would be delighted to see more Belleville families at the Park Run. To sign up or find out more, please [visit their website](#).





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## French – Défi crêpes (Pancake challenge)

La Chandeleur (Candlemas or Pancake Day in France), is celebrated on 2nd February, For the occasion, [Linguascope](#) have created a recipe sheet in French to challenge you to make crêpes at home. You can [download the recipe here](#).

The défi (challenge) is open to all age groups and pupils from all schools, anywhere in the world, can take part. If your child would like to participate, please [email their pictures to us](#) by **Monday 24 February** to be entered via our social media.

Linguascope will announce the three global winners in March and the winners will win Linguascope gift vouchers for their school.



## Belleville PTA

Belleville PTA is looking for parents and carers to help organise key events that support our school community. We are looking for a small team to take the lead in planning this year's Summer Fair in July. This event is an important part of Belleville life, bringing families together and raising valuable funds for the school. We need your help to keep this going. We also need one or two people to help organise the annual Fun Run on Wandsworth Common (proposed date is 11th May).

The current PTA committee will be stepping down at the end of our tenure in July 2025 and we need new people to step up for the next academic year. Our current roles are Co-Heads, Sponsorship, Inclusion, Treasurer, Communications, Secretary, Website and Ticket Sales.

No prior experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved. The PTA is a supportive team, and we'll ensure a smooth handover to help the next group of volunteers get started. If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, please contact us at [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org) or speak to a member of the PTA committee at school.



## Term Dates

### Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children  
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January  
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February  
Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February  
First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February  
Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April

### Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children  
First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April  
Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed  
Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May  
Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May  
First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June  
Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July

Term dates for 2025-26 academic year are [on our website](#).