



Belleville News

14 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wandsworth council have sent us the number of applications for a Reception place at Belleville in September 2025. We have 150 places in Reception next academic year and 515 parents put Belleville as one of their schools of choice, of which 177 put Belleville as their top choice.

We are the school with the biggest intake in Wandsworth and it is very pleasing to see that so many parents want their child to attend Belleville, especially in the light of falling primary school rolls across the borough and London as a whole. We take this as a great compliment and it again reminds us how vital it is that we continue to improve and develop every element of our school. It is a privilege to serve our families and the community.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Belleville PTA School Disco - Friday 21 March - Reception, Year 1 and 2 at Webb's. Details, timings and tickets via the [PTA website](#).

Spring Open Classrooms – From 2.40pm to 3pm starting from next week. Please come to the school reception for 2.35pm. Year group information 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.

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April. School closed to children.

First day of Summer Term 1: Wednesday 23 April.

Belleville PTA Auction of Promises – Friday 16 May, 7pm, Civic Suite, Wandsworth. Tickets via the [PTA website](#).

School Attendance

We monitor all pupils' attendance and punctuality. Nationally, any child who attends school less than 90% of the time is considered a Persistent Absentee.

As part of our procedures, we will be contacting parents/carers in the coming weeks if their child is approaching to be a Persistent absentee. For further information, please [visit our website](#).



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Spring Open Classrooms

Our first Open Classrooms of this academic year start next week. They will take place from **2.40pm to 3pm** on the following dates:

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

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 and 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.

Neurodiversity Celebration

Next week is [Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#). Running from 17th - 21st March, it is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools with the opportunity to recognise the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.

Children at Belleville will be engaging in assemblies, lessons and activities celebrating our varied strengths and how we view the world.

School Streets Update

The consultation for the **Meteor Street School Street** proposal closes via Wandsworth Council on Monday 14 April and **we would encourage all parents/carers to [complete the Council's short survey with your views](#)**. Currently, there is a petition to the Council against this School Street from a local independent school and without support from our school community, it becomes more difficult for the Council to make the scheme permanent and put ANPR cameras in place.

For the School Street at the Webb's Road site, there is a new consultation **to extend the scheme on Belleville Road so that it runs the full length of Belleville Road up to Wandsworth Common** past Bolingbroke Academy, and to introduce ANPR camera enforcement to this scheme. [Further details about the extension to this scheme and how to give your views are available here](#). Wandsworth Council are holding a community drop-in session on Tuesday 18 March from 4-7.30pm at Bolingbroke Academy and would be very happy to chat to any Belleville parents about the scheme there.

The **Education Wellbeing Service** is holding a free webinar on Monday 17 March at 7.30pm and Wednesday 19 March at 1pm on **Promoting Sibling Harmony**, with tools and ideas for supporting and strengthening sibling relationships at home. To sign up to one of these webinars, or others webinars in their series, please [visit their website](#).



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British Science Week

This week we have been celebrating [British Science Week](#) at Belleville!

Children have received exciting, hands-on science lessons in line with this year's theme: change and adapt. They have been reading science books during reading enrichment sessions and have had an assembly to discuss the theme and launch our annual poster competition.



Children in Key Stage 1 created their own calming sensory bottles that changes colour, in science this week. To create them they observed what happens when we mix different colours with water and then added oil to create layers.



In Years 3 and 4, children created a new material called casein out of milk and vinegar. This material was used in history to make useful products, like buttons for our clothes. This irreversible change was very messy but very fun. Children in Year 5 and 6 were on a mission to discover the pH levels of some suspicious liquids. They were also exploring colour change and were using universal indicator paper to identify pH levels.



Poster Competition Time!

If your child would like to enter the [British Science Week](#) poster competition, the deadline for entries is **Monday 24th March**. Please **hand your poster into your class teacher**. We will be judging posters on how well they meet the British Science Week theme 'Change and adapt' and how creative they are.

Children could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings, or how humans have adapted to changing technology. They could look at climate change, or their favourite science experiment and how it shows change. The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better! Posters should be no larger than A2 (and can be smaller). Prizes for the winners and certificates will be handed out before Easter holidays. Good luck!



Nursery Update

This half term has been a food frenzy for the Nursery children. They have made sandwiches for Little Red Riding Hood's basket and on Shrove Tuesday last week, watched Ms Cliff make pancakes where they chose a topping to spread on top. This week we have been reading "The Hungry Caterpillar" and have made a fruit salad with all the fruits in the story. Children have learned about the seeds found inside each fruit as well as what the seeds could grow into. The children have also been expanding their fine motor skills by cutting up the fruits to make a fruit salad and most importantly savouring their efforts!

The food focus continues with cupcakes for the "Tiger who came to tea" in a couple of weeks and crusty bread to complement "The Little Red Hen" in the last week of term.



Royal Institute Science Show

Some of our Year 5 children were invited to attend a Science Show run by the Royal Institute at Broomwood School. The show was very exciting, full of fire, explosions and rockets launching. They had a brilliant time and were excited to share what they learnt with the rest of their class.



Polka Theatre Visit

Our Reception classes have been visiting the [Polka Theatre](#). They were extremely excited to be watching the Princess and the Pea to enrich their 'Traditional Tales' topic.





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Netball Tournament

A group of Belleville children attended the annual netball tournament at Burntwood School.

They played against six different schools and had lots of fun competing and practising their match skills. High 5 netball meant that they had to rotate positions after each game.



4M's 10k Walk for Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who supported 4M in their 10k fundraising walk for Comic Relief. They raised an amazing £1198 for the charity!

Comic Relief sent a lovely thank you message which said 'a huge THANK YOU to the incredible children of 4M at Belleville School for their amazing efforts for Red Nose Day! Their efforts will help change lives, and we couldn't be more grateful.'

Belleville PTA

Tickets are now on sale for the Belleville School PTA Auction of Promises!!!

The event will be held at the Wandsworth Town Hall Civic Suites on **Friday 16 May** from 7pm and promises to be an evening of Great Gatsby glamour, riveting auctioneering, some tasty nibbles and drinks, all followed by floor-filling tunes to see us into the early hours! All to raise as much money as we can for our wonderful children and their outstanding school. Tickets are available as tables of ten, with single tickets also available. [Buy your tickets here!](#)

We are also still looking for some more promises for the auction. If you can donate a promise, please [fill out this short form](#). Thank you.



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

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

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

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Inset Day: Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December

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