



# Belleville News

14 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Trust we lead a programme called GPE (Guided Peer Evaluation) for a group of about thirty schools. A GPE is a two-day visit to a school by the Head Teachers of five different schools. The visit is guided by an OFSTED inspector, who also works as a School Improvement Consultant for the Trust and is a chance for the visiting Head Teachers, to look at many aspects of that school and to check that what the school thinks is happening, is happening.

They are also of course free to offer any other insights that they find during the visit. This week we had a GPE visit to our Juniors (Year 3 to Year 6). It was a very successful couple of days and is exactly the type of event we love to be involved in so we can keep reflecting on and improving the provision that we offer your children.

**John Budden**

Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**

Headteacher

## Important Dates

**Belleville PTA Festive Shopping Evening** – Wednesday 19 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Webb's Road. Tickets are [on sale here](#).

**Northcote Road Christmas Lights Switch On** – Friday 21 November, 4.45pm, featuring children in Years 4 – 6 who are in the school choir.

**Open Classroom Events – Reception:** Wednesday 26 November, **Year 1:** Tuesday 2 December, **Year 2:** Friday 28 November, **Year 3:** Wednesday 3 December, **Year 4:** Tuesday 25 November, **Year 5:** Monday 1 December, **Year 6:** Thursday 27 November. Please come to Reception for 2.40pm. To avoid disappointment, please let your child know if you are unable to attend.

**Belleville PTA Christmas Tree Sale** - Saturday 29 November, Webb's Road.

**Belleville PTA Winter Fair** - Saturday 6 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Road.

**Festive Performances** – From Monday 8 December to Monday 15 December. Details on next page.

**Last day of Autumn Term 2** - Friday 19 December.

**Full term dates for the 2025-2026 and for the 2026-2027 academic years are [on our 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

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## Festive Performances

**Nursery Christmas performances: Blue Class** - Wednesday 10 December, **11.15am**, **Red Class** - Monday 8 December, **2.45pm**, both at Webb's Road. **Please note corrections to performance times.**

**Reception Nativity: RF** - Monday 8 December, 10am - Webb's Road, **RC** - Monday 8 December, 2.15pm - Webb's Road, **RMC** - Wednesday 10 December, 10am, Meteor Street, **RS** - Thursday 11 December, 10am, Webb's Road, **RH** - Thursday 11 December, 2.15pm - Webb's Road

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

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

**Year 3 Winter Performance** - Tuesday 9 December, 10.45am - St Michael's Church

**Year 4 Winter Performance/Belleville Orchestra** - Thursday 4 December, 2.15pm - St Michael's Church

**Year 5 Winter Performance** - Tuesday 9 December, 2.15pm - St Michael's Church

**Year 6 Winter Performance** - Friday 12 December, 2.15pm, Webb's Road

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

## School Council Update

Remembrance Day took place on Tuesday and our School Council would like to thank everyone who supported their collections for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise funds to support veterans and their families through the Royal British Legion.



## Eco-Council Update

Our Eco Council members are excited for the year ahead! They have already begun recycling paper and old stationery, and recently completed their first litter pick around the school. The children wear their Eco Council badges with pride, showing that they represent their classes and are committed to making our school a greener place.



## Wrap Up London

5 huge sacks of warm coats were collected last week for Wrap Up London. Thank you to the Belleville community. They are off to be sorted and distributed to those in need this winter. Huge thank you too to Anna Biesty for arranging this collection.





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## Year 2

In English, Year 2 have been exploring a beautiful book called *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson. This book explores themes of belonging and feeling different. So far, the children have written a diary as the main character Angelina, and they are now writing a letter of advice to another class to teach them how to make children feel welcome at school.

Their science unit this half term is all about Materials. The children have explored different objects, identified the materials they are made from and described the properties of that material. There was some very impressive scientific language being used in our classrooms. They have also looked at what materials are suitable for different objects. Year 2 agreed that a chocolate teapot and a glass hammer were not suitable at all!

In geography, Year 2 are exploring 'Where People Live'. To launch this unit, we used population density maps to identify which countries are densely populated and which countries are sparsely populated. The Year 2 teachers were very impressed by the children's geographical enquiry skills.



## Odd Socks Day

Children across the school have all participated in Anti-Bullying Week this week. Odd Socks Day was a huge success and a fantastic opportunity for children to celebrate what makes them unique and special. Assemblies and PSHE lessons have furthered children's understanding of bullying and how we can all work together to tackle it. It has been great to see the children sharing the ways they can make a difference. We will continue to revisit these themes throughout the year in a variety of ways.



## House Points

Well done to Northcote House who remain in the lead with the most house points at the end of the second week of Autumn Term 2.





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## Art Update

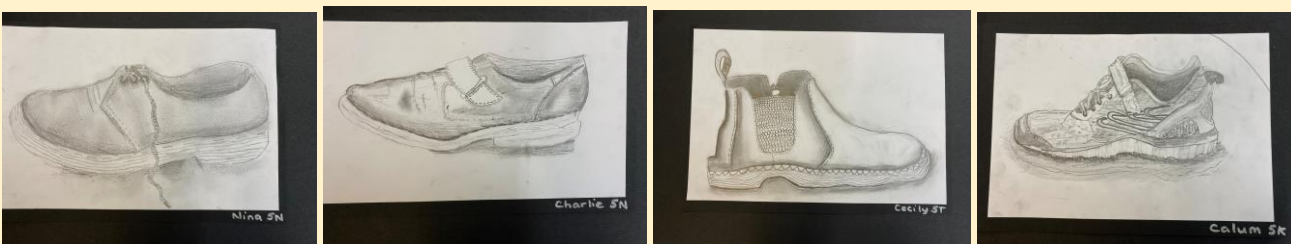
What a successful beginning to the year the children have had in their Art lessons! Year 1 have been having fun making pet portraits inspired by Picasso's collages. Year 2 have been drawing from their imagination inspired by the Spanish artist, Joan Miró. They made drawings onto acetate to test on different backgrounds to see how that changed the mood of the picture.



Year 4 have been practicing their observational drawing skills. They have been looking closely to add detail and skilfully making marks to show texture on these wonderful bird drawings.



After learning about the Japanese installation artist, Chiharu Shiota, Year 5 have made these carefully observed shoe drawings. They are now excited to go on to design and make a shoe with clay.



Year 6 have brought colour to the Art Studio! Inspired by the British/Ghanian Artist, Yinka Ilori, they have designed and painted the studio stools for the whole school to enjoy. They've done a great job!





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## Year 6 Visit to the BFI

Year 6 had a wonderful day at the BFI's 'Dig for Victory, Run for Cover!' history event. On the first day back after half term, we headed to the British Film Institute on the Southbank for our children to participate, with other London schools, in this interactive workshop.

The World War II themed day incorporated a variety of historical sources as the basis for discussion, mostly focussing on original film archive. The children explored the purpose, intended audience, and effectiveness of the clips as well as examining the role of propaganda during this time. After this, they were set the challenge of creating their own documentary script for one of the clips used as part of the 'Dig for Victory' campaign. Following a picnic lunch by the river, we were treated to a screening of 'Goodnight Mr. Tom' which tells the story of a young London boy evacuated to the countryside at the onset of war and the life he experiences in his new home.

We were very proud of how well the Belleville children represented us during the extensive Q&A sessions – knowledgeably, confidently and articulately. A huge thank you to our amazing parents and carers who gave up their time to support us on the trip: we couldn't have done it without you!



## Year 3 Roman Day

Last Friday, Year 3 took part in Roman Day. They tried Roman foods, learnt about the Roman alphabet and wrote on wax tablets, learnt about Roman battle tactics and made mosaics.



We are hosting a **Festive Shopping Evening** next week on **Wednesday 19 November from 7.30 – 9.30pm** at Belleville's Webb's Road site.

Support our school and many local businesses. There will be over 30 stall holders selling items ranging from jewellery, food, drinks, gifts, clothing, and much more, the perfect opportunity to get gifts for friends and family!

Entry costs £7 which includes a complimentary tote bag and a welcome drink. [Tickets are now available via the PTA website.](#)

