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Belleville News

16 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who have already offered to help with our upcoming open morning. It is wonderful to see our community supporting the school so proactively as we welcome prospective families. Supporting our PTA with engagement in the 'Dream House' Lego competition would also be appreciated. As a long-standing supporter of Belleville PTA events, local estate agent Rampton Baseley is running an exciting create and build competition for pupils. You can find full details here. Top prize is £200 worth of Lego!

As this half-term draws to a close, we have much to celebrate. Our newest pupils in Reception and Nursery are not only settled, but fully integrated into school life and flourishing alongside their peers. Achieving this after barely six weeks is immensely impressive and a true testament to the dedication of our families, children, and staff.

As we head towards the break, we would also like to gently remind families of the vital role regular attendance plays in your child's development. Every day in school matters - not only for academic progress, but for nurture, social growth, and peer relationships. Please note that attendance continues to be measured and recorded right up until the very last day of the half-term. Holidays taken any point before this time, will not be authorised.

We have also appointed our new representatives for both the Eco-Council and School Council. Both groups have set out thoughtful manifestos outlining their pledges to their peers, and we look forward to working alongside them to bring positive changes to Belleville.

On a related note, this week marked the launch of our pupil postal service. Receiving our very first batch of letters has been delightful and enriching for senders and recipients alike. As a reminder, any letter written by a pupil (initially addressed to Mr Martlew) will receive a considered written reply. Beyond being enjoyable, this exercise introduces children to civic engagement and offers a meaningful way to have their voices heard. In an era where emails and posts can feel almost disposable, learning the care and effort behind a well-considered, handwritten letter is a valuable lesson.

Toby Martlew
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Girls' Football Success

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 girls who represented Belleville brilliantly at the AFC Wimbledon tournament at Southfields Academy!

The girls worked fantastically as a team, taking part in lots of different activities and winning games along the way. They showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout the event, making us all very proud.

Well done, girls! You were fantastic ambassadors for Belleville!

Foodbank Donations

As we celebrate the season of harvest and giving, we are inviting all our families to support Belleville's Harvest Food Collection in aid of Wandsworth Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable food items, such as tinned food, coffee and tea, as well as cosmetic essentials listed here would be greatly appreciated. We're collecting from Monday 19 October until 9am on Friday 23 October Donations should be left at the School House at Webb's and the School Office at Meteor.

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Important Dates

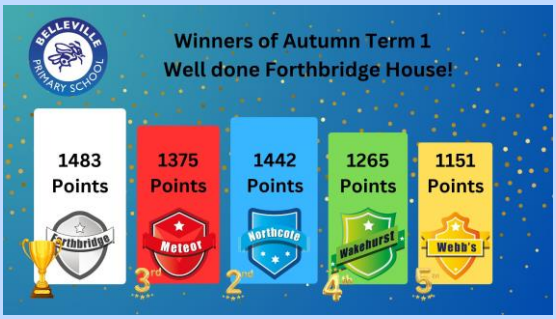
Parent/Carer Evenings – Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October.
House Celebration Day – Friday 23 October. **Children in Forthbridge House can wear their own clothes to school.**
6H (Meteor) Drumming performance – Friday 23 October, 10.15-10.45am, Meteor Hall.
Half Term Holidays - Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October.
Inset Day - Monday 2 November – school closed to children.
First day of Autumn Term 2 - Tuesday 3 November.
Belleville Open Days for Prospective Parents – Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 November, from 9.15am.
Parent Workshops: How we teach maths – Thursday 5 November, 2pm and 6pm, Webb's Road. Open to all year groups. Sign up via form sent by School Spider.
Belleville PTA Festive Wreath Making – Saturday 14 November. Further details to follow.
Year 5 Residential – Monday 23 – Friday 27 November. 5CN, 5P, 5T (Mon-Weds), 5LN, 5S (Weds-Fri).
Belleville Choir at Northcote Road Light Switch On - Friday 27 November, 4pm. Details to follow.
Belleville PTA Winter Fair and Christmas Tree Sale – Saturday 5 December. Webb's Road.
Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 18 December.
Inset Day - Monday 4 January – school closed to children.
First day of Spring Term 1 - Tuesday 5 January.
Closing Date for Reception Applications for September 2027 - Friday 15 January.
Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2027 – Friday 5 February.
Year 6 Singing Project at the Royal Albert Hall – Tuesday 23 March, 7pm. Details to follow.

Full term dates for the academic year are available on our website.

House Winners – Autumn Term 1

Our winning house for Autumn Term 1 is **Forthbridge House**. Congratulations, you have won a non-uniform day on **Friday 23 October.** The House points will be reset for Autumn Term 2.

Our House Captains delivered inspiring speeches to the whole school today, encouraging all children to think about how they can demonstrate our CARE values and Excellent Learner values in their everyday lives. They reminded us that responsibility is key and that we can all make a difference by trying our best to be kind and caring. They challenged everyone to put effort into everything they do, reminding us that we will never discover our full potential if we don't try. One powerful message was to replace "I'm not good at this" with "I'm not good at this yet", showing how a small change in language can make a big difference to our mindset. Finally, they reminded us of the importance of perseverance, sharing how, if Thomas Edison had given up, we might never have had the light bulb!



Well done to everyone who has received House Points for demonstrating our CARE and Excellent Learner values. You should be proud of every point!

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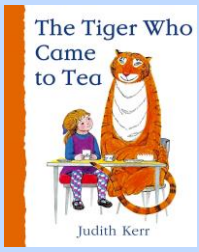
Year 1 Update



This half term, Year 1 have been learning about senses in science and have been enjoying their investigation smelling and tasting different things! They decided whether they were good or bad smells and tested the different flavours we taste. This week the children are using their ears to hear different sounds!

In English, the children were very excited to hear that a tiger visited their classrooms and all the mischief it got up to! This week, the children have been writing their own story of what the tiger got up to using verbs!

Art Update

Year 2 have been learning about the Spanish Painter and Sculptor, Joan Miro. They have enjoyed drawing from their imagination, inspired by the artist's surreal, abstract paintings. They are now making an image on clear acetate to lay on top of watercolour and collaged backgrounds they have made to see how each changes the mood of their picture.

Year 3 have been practising drawing natural forms from observation using charcoal and then, inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keeffe, they have been exploring colour mixing, making tones and tints of hues to make a colour study of a flower, shell or skull.

Year 6 have been learning about the artist Hew Locke, a contemporary artist known for his vibrant sculptures, installations and boat artworks with themes that explore history, power and culture. They are each making a mixed media boat using found materials that we hope to exhibit at the end of term for the Belleville community to enjoy.

Open Mornings

Our open mornings for families looking for a place at Belleville will take place on **Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 November**, from 9.15am. If you know of any families looking for a school place, or if you are considering Belleville for your child's sibling and would like a tour, please sign up here.

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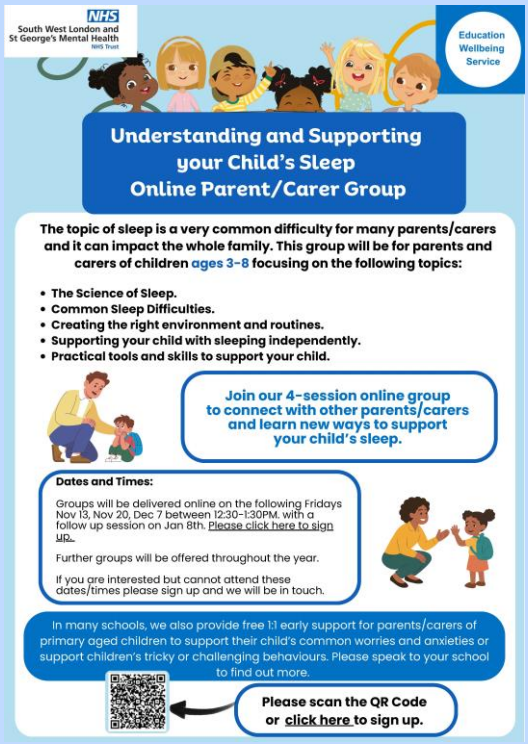

For more info or to sign up, click here.

Athletics Opportunity

Herne Hill Harriers, Belgrave Harriers and Enable are organising a Come and Try event at the Battersea Park Athletics Track on Sunday 18 October from 10am for children aged 9+ to have a go at different track and field events. Entry is £3.80 per child. To help with registration on the day, please email them in advance with your child's name, age and preferred events.

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The Family Information Service has resources available for families with children with SEND. You can also join Belleville's SEND parent-run WhatsApp group.

Belleville PTA

Tickets are now on sale for our **Festive Wreath Making Workshop** on **Saturday 14 November** at Webb's Road!

The workshop will be led by Anna Paley-Smith, a Belleville parent and owner of the luxury floristry studio FLORIA. She will guide you through crafting a stunning festive wreath. For £60 per person including all materials, this is an amazing opportunity to learn from a professional. You'll leave with a beautiful handmade wreath, all while supporting the school! Only 25 places per session: 11.30am-1.30pm or 2.30pm to 4.30pm. **Book your tickets here**.

Build Your Dream Home LEGO competition.
One of the PTAs long-standing supporters, local estate agent Rampton Baseley is running a creative LEGO building competition for pupils aged 3 - 11. Build the Lego house, garden, treehouse, or dream space you'd love to live in and upload a minimum of three photos of it. You can enter here.
The top prize is £200 worth of Lego! The closing date is Monday 2 November.