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2 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week across the school. Our prospective family tours are now underway, and it has been fantastic to see such a strong turnout across both our Webb's and Meteor sites. Visitors commented on the politeness and hospitality of our pupils and staff, the vibrant learning environment, and—above all—how happy our children are. We could not agree more!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the recent PTA coffee mornings. The PTA plays an invaluable role in the life and ongoing success of Belleville. From funding our school minibuses and expanding our instrumental music tuition, to supporting major playground resurfacing works, their contribution touches every corner of school life. This strong sense of community is a truly special feature of Belleville. We look forward to seeing as many of you at our Festival of Friendship tomorrow at our Meteor site.

Please remember that the PTA is always eager to welcome new parents and fresh ideas. Support doesn't always mean fundraising—giving your time is just as valuable. We are always on the lookout for willing gardeners, painters, or even volunteers happy to help run the school Lego through the dishwashers!

Looking ahead, we will be hosting further parent surgeries over the coming months to give you the opportunity to ask questions directly of senior leaders. The first session will coincide with the publication of our Ofsted report in the near future. We will share full details of daytime and evening slots as soon as possible to give you plenty of notice.

Toby Martlew
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Important Dates

Belleville PTA Festival of Friendship – Saturday 3 October, 2pm-4pm, Meteor.
Parent Workshops: How we teach Early Reading & Writing – Thursday 15 October, 2pm & 6pm, Webb's
Parent/Carer Evenings – Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October. Booking details to follow.
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.
Year 5 Residential – Monday 23 – Friday 27 November. 3 classes Mon-Weds and 2 classes Weds-Fri.
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.
Full term dates for the academic year are available on our website.

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Research Project

Next week, Belleville is taking part in **a Department for Education Case Study Project on Playground Behaviours.** If you would like to be part of a parent focus group, and have availability **on the morning of Thursday 8 October**, please indicate your interest by signing up via the QR code by Tuesday 6 October.

SEND: Parent Carer Forum Survey

The Parent Carer Forum (PCF) would like to gather views from as many parent and carers as possible regarding their **current lived experience of SEND in Wandsworth.**

This will help the forum to better understand what is working well and highlight areas where improvements are needed. The link to the survey can be found here.

Parent/Carer Workshops

How we teach Early Reading and Writing

We are running two workshops to introduce you to the methods we use to teach Early Reading and Writing from Nursery to Year 2 at Belleville. These workshops have been very well attended in the past and our children have really benefited from parents and teachers working together using the same strategies. Attendance at the workshop will also allow you to volunteer as a reader in your child's class.

The workshop will be on **Thursday 15 October at 2pm and** again **at 6pm at Webb's Road.** It is open to any parents/carers in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are new to Belleville, or any parents who were unable to attend the workshops last year.

Maths workshops

We invite all parents/carers to our maths workshops on **Thursday 5 November at 2-3pm and** again from **6-7pm** at our **Webb's Road** to learn more about how we teach maths in Belleville Primary School.

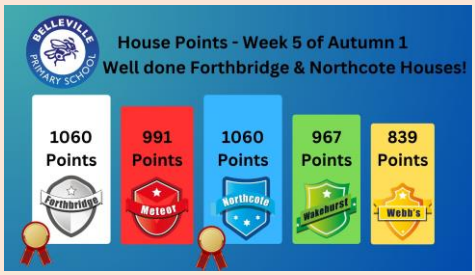
Led by our Infants Maths Leader, Ed Frain, and our Juniors Maths Leader, Suzi Telford, the session will explain our approach to teaching maths, what we need to cover and how we teach it, the structure of our lessons, and how we support your children in their learning. The session is suitable for all parents with children in Reception to Year 6.

If you would like to attend a workshop, please complete the sign-up form that was sent to the relevant year groups via School Spider.

Music Mark

We were delighted to receive the Music Mark of Recognition Award for Ambition and Quality in Music Education again this year. Many congratulations to our specialist music teacher, Mrs Hughes, with support from the instrumental teachers at Wandsworth Music.

This award is in the highest category and celebrates the value that we place on music in our school.



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Art Update

In Art, **Year 1** are learning about the Swiss artist Paul Klee. They are experimenting with oil pastels, blending, layering and using the Scrafitto technique to create texture and pattern which they will use in a Magic Fish drawing.

Year 4 are practising their observational drawing skills. They have been thinking about proportion, texture, detail and shading as they are developing these lovely bird drawings.

Year 5 have been looking at the work of the abstract painters Sayed Raza and Sonia Delaunay. They have been thinking carefully about colour theory and composition, comparing the Orphism movement and the Bombay progressive artists to inform their own abstract piece.

Arts Council

Our Arts Council is a pupil led group that supports the Arts specialist Teachers to promote and enhance the arts provision in school and in the wider community. The children run lunchtime art, music and dance clubs, organise competitions, and support music, dance and art events in school. They bring fresh ideas of how we can celebrate the Arts at Belleville and give children the chance to share what they are creating.

Congratulations to our new Arts Council members for this academic year:
Alina (5CN), Asiya (5T), Bella (5P), Ceci (6C), Conrad (5CN), Cora (5T), Elissa (6T), Emily (5S), Emilly (6C), Fozila (6C), Frankie (6S), Grace (5P), Ines (5CN), Ishan (5LN), Julian (5CN), Laviniia (6C), Maria (5T), Maya (5CN), Merlin (5CN), Oliver (6H), Rafay (6S), Saoirse (5CN), Sofia (5LN), Sophia (6B), Tessa (6T), Theia (6T) and Zara (6C).

Thank you for all the wonderful applications received. We look forward to a creative year ahead.

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Year 3 Update

With the wheels of our year together in Year 3 turning now at pace, the Year 3 team are pleased to report that our pupils' learning journeys are now well and truly underway. Our pupils have been engaging in stimulating studies, developing key academic skills and creating expressive and effective writing as well.

In Maths, after further developing their understanding of place value - knowledge that is of vital importance to accurate calculating and understanding of the four maths operations – our pupils strengthened their addition and subtraction skills. Multiplication and Division are next up, later this term.

Our English studies have begun, using the award-winning book *Tuesday* by David Weisner. The fascinating events of the book have been transcribed by the children, focusing on consolidating the foundational skills of sentence writing, alongside exploring how the use of adverbials can help give a narrative structure and variety. We have also been focusing on handwriting, pencil grip and seating position to ensure that writing is a comfortable process in which the children can create their own worlds and express themselves articulately.

Our first unit of Science is based on Human anatomy. This sequence of lessons provided our young scientists with the opportunity to develop their scientific skills by gathering information, predicting and, planning and conducting an experiment and using their findings to draw a scientific conclusion. The enthusiasm with which our pupils embraced these lessons was inspiring and a joy to witness.

Football Tournament Success

Well done to the 32 boys from Years 5 and 6 who represented Belleville at a football tournament held at Wandsworth Common on Friday 25 September. The boys put in some fantastic performances throughout the tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and footballing skill.

Their hard work and positive attitude paid off, with our teams finishing in an impressive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! A huge well done to every boy who took part. It was wonderful to see such great team spirit, sportsmanship and skill on display.

Belleville 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. We also have small group tours throughout the year.

We are also looking for parents/carers who are happy to help us at the open mornings by taking tours. Please sign up here to help. Thank you.

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Wellbeing and SEND Support

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health: **Early Years (Nursery and Reception)**, **Primary (Years 1 – 6)**

The Family Information Service has resources available to help families with children with SEND. You can also join Belleville's SEND parent-run WhatsApp group. Just scan the QR code.

Belleville PTA

Belleville PTA's Festival of Friendship is tomorrow! Saturday 3 October, 2pm-4pm at **Meteor Street.**

Come and join this celebration of music, arts, food and culture from around the world by Belleville families and friends. Thank you so much to all our community who are taking part in this event and to Lilly and Gloria for organising it all. It will be an amazing afternoon, everyone is very welcome.

Festive Cards
All pupils were sent home with an IQ card letter and template last week. IQ cards will scan your child's drawing and then send you instructions on how to place your online order. Your child's artwork can be turned into cards, gift tags and more — perfect for family and friends.

The deadline for IQ card submission is **Monday 12 October at 4pm.** Please return the drawing to your school office - there will be a box at both Webbs and Meteor. **We will be unable to accept submissions after this time.**

Coming Up
We will be supporting the **Wrap Up London coat collection** again this year, after half term. If you are having a clear out at home, please keep back any warm clean coats – adult or child – to donate to this collection.

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