



Belleville News

20 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud of how we teach maths at Belleville. We use a maths mastery approach throughout the school and pride ourselves on the quality and consistency of our provision. All lessons follow a structure that gives children the opportunity to work independently, as a pair and in groups.

A mark of our success with maths is that we are a co-lead school for the South West London Maths Hub. Maths Hub is a national project designed to improve maths education from Early Years to post-16 and there are 40 hubs across the country.

It is a privilege to be a lead school and it enables us to share our expertise with schools across South West London and beyond, while also bringing back great ideas and training to further improve the provision at Belleville.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Important Dates

Science Poster Competition – Monday 23 March, closing date for posters to be given to class teacher.

Year 6 at Wandsworth Music Brighter Sounds Concert – Wednesday 25 March, 7.30pm, Fairfield Halls.

House Celebration Day – Thursday 26 March. Children in **Meteor House** can wear their own clothes to school.

Last day of Spring Term 2 - Friday 27 March, **with earlier finish times**. Years 1–6 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery Red 2.30pm. **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term.** All children can wear their own clothes to school on the last day of term.

School Holidays – Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April

Inset Day - Monday 13 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer Term 1 - Tuesday 14 April

[Term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years are on our website.](#)

Parent Gym

We are going to be running an **ONLINE Parent Gym Course** in Summer Term 1. Parent Gym is a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. Come along ONLINE to meet other parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. The programme, normally worth £1000 per parent, is **free of charge**. Everyone is welcome but spaces are limited!

Each weekly session lasts one and a half hours and will be held online with Parent Gym Coach, Guro. They will take place on **Thursdays from 10am – 11.30am, from 30 April to 11 June** (excluding half term week). **To sign up, [please register here.](#)** If you have any questions about Parent Gym, please contact Fiona Allan, SENCo - Years 1, 2 & 3 at fiona.allan@belleville.q1e.org.uk



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Appointment of Q1E Trust Chief Executive Officer

We are delighted to have appointed Daniel Terry to the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Quality First Education Trust.

Daniel has worked in education for over 20 years, with primary teaching and leadership experience, including as a trustee in a Multi Academy Trust across south London. He is currently Deputy CEO of the Cygnus Academies Trust, a network of eight primary academies across South East London, Dartford and Tonbridge.



Daniel Terry says: "I am delighted to introduce myself as the new CEO of the Quality First Education Trust from September 2026. It is a privilege to join a group of schools and communities that are so deeply committed to giving every child the opportunity to thrive.

I believe passionately that all children should be supported to achieve their goals, and that this is made possible when we invest in the people who work with them every day. High quality professional development for our staff is central to this, because when we strengthen our teachers and leaders, we strengthen outcomes for every child.

Children succeed not by chance but because the adults around them build strong, honest relationships and work together with a shared determination to make things better. Great ideas flourish when communities come together with purpose, courage and a belief in what is possible. I am very much looking forward to working closely with families, staff and local partners. By collaborating deeply and authentically, I know we can continue to provide the best possible education for every child, every day, with no exceptions."

Daniel will officially start at the Q1E Trust in September 2026, but he will be involved in the planning and handover process during the summer term.

House Winners – Spring Term 2

Our winning house for Spring Term 2 is **Meteor House**. Congratulations, you have won a **non-uniform day** on **Thursday 26 March**. The House points will be reset for Summer 1. Well done to everyone who has received House Points for demonstrating our CARE and Excellent Learner values. You should be proud of every point!



SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up here: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Rec. – Y6\)](#).

Their next Early Years webinars are on **Managing big feelings in small people** on [20th April, 8pm](#) and [24th April, 12pm](#). For Primary, they are on **Encouraging Healthy Habits in Children with Autism**, [29th April, 12pm](#), **Supporting Primary School Children with Toileting Problems** on [11th May, 7pm](#) and [12th May, 1.30pm](#), and **Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary Children** on [10th June, 7pm](#) and [11th June, 1pm](#).



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British Science Week

Last week at Belleville, we celebrated British Science week. The theme this year is **curiosity - what's your question?** Last half term we asked all classes to submit some questions that inspired them, and our dedicated science team created a range of lessons and activities linked to the winning questions.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 got hands on with the paint to investigate if all fingerprints look the same, discovering that each of theirs are unique to them.



Years 3 and 4 investigated how they can design and change a paper aeroplane to make it fly further. They concluded their findings by competing in a paper aeroplane competition in the hall to discover which planes flew the furthest.



Years 5 and 6 underwent a mini research project investigating a range interesting questions and focused on how to present their findings scientifically with their peers.



We have also launched our **Belleville Science Poster Competition**. All entries must be completed on the A3 template provided and we will announce winners later this year. We hope to present winning posters up in the halls to further inspire scientific thinking and curiosity. **The deadline for posters is Monday 23rd March.** Children should hand entries to their class teachers before judging commences.



Year 5 - Creativity, Curiosity and Global Connections

Year 5 have continued the term with the same energy and curiosity that characterised the start of the year. Classrooms have been full of thoughtful discussion and creative exploration as pupils balance focused learning with imaginative projects across the curriculum.

Earlier this month, pupils completed their mid-year NFER assessments. It was wonderful to see the maturity and resilience with which they approached the tests. Pupils showed real focus and perseverance, taking the opportunity to demonstrate the progress they have made this year.

Creativity has also taken centre stage. During our ICT day, pupils became composers using GarageBand on the iPads. They experimented with tempo and digital instruments, layering sounds together to create their own original pieces of music. The classrooms were filled with a great deal of excitement as pupils discovered how technology can be used as a powerful tool for creativity.

In English, pupils have been immersing themselves in the world of Greek mythology. Inspired by the story of The Odyssey, pupils wrote powerful speeches as the Cyclops Polyphemus, pleading with his father Poseidon to punish Odysseus for blinding him. It has been fantastic to see pupils experimenting with dramatic language, persuasive techniques and vivid imagery as they bring these ancient characters to life.



Our science learning has also sparked curiosity through our biomimicry unit. Pupils have explored how nature inspires human inventions, discovering how engineers and designers look to the natural world for creative solutions. Pupils have begun spotting these connections everywhere and have been asking thoughtful questions about what we can learn from the remarkable designs found in nature.

The wider life of the school has been just as vibrant. Year 5 celebrated World Book Day with enthusiasm and entering a special writing competition. We also have had Ghana Day, celebrating the successful funding of a water well in the village in Ghana that our school supports. Pupils learned more about the community where Ms Elizabeth Nyedige grew up, and reflected on how small acts of collective effort can make a meaningful difference beyond our community.

Moments like these remind us that learning stretches far beyond the classroom, connecting curiosity, creativity and community in ways that pupils will carry with them long after the term ends. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We appreciate 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



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Music Update

In Music, Year 1 are learning about dynamics and have been conducting each other playing sounds at different dynamics using their star batons.

Year 2 have been composing rhythms in 3/4 time using rhythm cards and playing them on the Ocarina.

Year 3 have been learning about where the recorder sounds are located on the staff and have been composing step and leap patterns on the staff using buttons. They have then been playing and performing them to the class on the recorder.



Bike Bus – Ride to school the fun way!

Every Friday morning, some parents & kids turn the school run into a rolling party - music playing, bright vests shining, friends pedalling together, and big smiles all the way to the gate. The Belleville Bike Bus is all about getting kids excited about cycling—fresh air, exercise, confidence, and independence. But most of all, it's just brilliant fun! Kids pedal, chat, and arrive at school buzzing with energy!



Want to join? The more, the merrier! We currently ride from Clapham Common West Side and Chivalry Road but would love to expand. With support from the [Walk Wheel Cycle Trust](#), Bike Buses are popping up everywhere, and we want Belleville to have even more people and routes!

Come ride with us - it's healthy, joyful, and turns an ordinary school run into the highlight of the week! Scan the QR code to join us on WhatsApp.

