



# Belleville News

21 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see so many of you attending the recent Open Classroom sessions. The children are so proud and keen to show and discuss their learning and having the opportunity to explain and look at their work with a new audience is very beneficial.

The Open Classroom sessions continue next week and we look forward to seeing many more of you then.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Spring Open Classrooms** – From 2.40pm to 3pm. Please come to the school reception for 2.35pm. Remaining dates on next page.

**Ghana Day** – Friday 28 March. Children can dress up in the colours of the Ghanaian flag. £1 Donation. Details on next page.

**Year 6 Brighter Sounds Performance** – Monday 31 March, 7.30pm Royal Albert Hall.

**Last day of Spring Term 2:** Friday 4 April with **earlier finish times**. Years 1–6 - 2.20pm, Reception - 2.25pm, Nursery Red - 2.30pm. Please note: **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term.**

**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](#).

**Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day** – Wednesday 4 June, morning. Tooting Bec Athletics Track. Further details to follow.

**Year 4 and Year 5 Secondary Transfer Event** – Monday 9 June, 6 – 7.30pm. Further details to follow.

## School Holidays

We would like to remind all parents/carers that holidays are expected to be taken during the school holidays and not during term time.

Holidays during term time are not allowed and will be classified as unauthorised absence. For further information, please [visit our website](#). Thank you for your co-operation.



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## Open Classrooms

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Classrooms this week. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's work. Our final Open Classrooms this term are from **2.40-3pm** on the dates below:

**Reception** - Thurs 27 March

**Year 2** - Mon 24 March

**Year 3** - Weds 26 March

**Year 6** - Tues 25 March

To avoid disappointment, please let your child know if you are unable to attend.

## Year 6 visit to the Black Cultural Archives

This week, 6T had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton as part of their history learning.

The children explored a range of historical artefacts, photographs, and personal stories that brought the experiences of the Windrush generation to life. They learned about the contributions Caribbean migrants made to British society, as well as the challenges they faced upon arrival. Engaging discussions and activities helped pupils reflect on the importance of diversity, identity, and community in shaping modern Britain.

This visit provided an invaluable experience, reinforcing the historical knowledge gained in class and encouraging thoughtful conversations about resilience, belonging, and cultural heritage.



## The Littlest Yak - Primary Arts

This week, Reception had a treat! [LAs theatre](#) came in as part of [A New Direction's](#) Primary Arts project to perform 'The Littlest Yak'.

Gertie is great at being THE LITTLEST YAK, Only, Gertie doesn't want to be the littlest. She's in a rush to grow up and be just like THE BIG YAKS. But then something happens that only Gertie, a little yak, can do. The children enjoyed an incredible interactive performance, complete with music and singing. In the afternoon, they took part in a puppet making workshop.



## Ghana Day

On Friday 28 March we are celebrating Ghana Independence day. Children will be able to dress up in the respective colours of the Ghanaian flag (Red, Yellow, Green and Black). We ask for a £1 donation, where possible, with all money going to support our partner school in Ghana.



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## Year 5 Update

As the freezing mornings and dark afternoons disappear in our collective rear-view mirrors, replaced by a blanket of bright, warm sunshine, Year 5 have continued to develop their learning, skills and understanding of the world.

In Maths, the pupils are coming to the end of a three-unit exploration of studies of fractions, decimals and percentages. Alongside an in-depth analysis of methods to calculate, covert and compare all three, they have discussed how these skills are transferable to real life scenarios. It was great to see how this knowledge was used when studying the topic of money in our PSCH lessons.

Our young writers have been working hard on two extended narratives, the first of which was inspired by the events of the incredible novella, "Oranges in No Man's Land". After reading about the journey of the story's protagonist, a ten-year-old girl called Ayesha, across a war-torn city to save her granny, our budding novelists constructed their version of her return journey. Soaked in atmosphere and thrusting action, the ability to create a story of both peril and hope was impressive. Our pupils should feel rightly proud of themselves for creating a truly compelling end to the character's journey (much more compelling than the actual resolution to her journey in the novella itself).

On 6th March, Belleville celebrated World Book Day. In addition to a plethora of costumes and characters, our pupils were introduced to the stunningly beautiful picture book, "Do You Remember?" by Sydney Smith. A book which combines images and text to create an evocative snapshot of childhood, the ambiguities of the text were discussed maturely and articulately by all classes, helped, no doubt, by their three-week unit of lessons in which they analysed picture book techniques.



The topic that launched Geography studies in 2025 for Year 5 was Climate Zones and Biomes. We were fortunate to be joined by the Freshwater Theatre Company and the ensuing workshop, in which the pupils engaged in a range of performance-based activities, all designed to help the children to understand key knowledge and information around the climate zones and biomes of our planet, engaged all of our geographers brilliantly.

Last week was British Science Week. All Year 5 classes embraced the theme, this year, of "Change and Adapt" by taking part in a chemistry lesson that looked at how colour change can help us to identify the PH levels of a range of different solutions. The faces of our young scientists were a picture as they investigated the key questions with a range of equipment chosen to help them understand the difference between acidic and alkaline liquids.





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## Wandsworth Music – Music Scholarships

**Applications for Music Scholarships** to attend the Wandsworth Music Academy are now open. These scholarships provide up to 4 years' of funding to attend Wandsworth Music Academy, including instrumental tuition, instrument hire and ensemble membership. They are open to children in Years 3 to 6 in challenging circumstances or in need of financial support to continue their music tuition.

More information including eligibility criteria and the online application form can be found at [www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships](http://www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships). The deadline for applications is **Friday 2 May 2025**.

**Spencer Netball** have a few **places available for girls in Year 2** to join their netball training. If you are interested, please email your child's name, school, date of birth, home address and your contact number to [Membership@SpencerNetball.co.uk](mailto:Membership@SpencerNetball.co.uk). More information is available [on their website](#).

## Belleville PTA

**Summer Fair - Save the date!** A huge thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to help organise the Summer Fair, which is now confirmed for Saturday 5th July!

### Volunteers please!

As we look ahead to September, the PTA is still looking for people to join the PTA committee. We've had some wonderful volunteers step forward from Meteor - thank you - and we'd love to see some parents and carers from Webb's get involved too!

Our current PTA roles are Co-Heads, Sponsorship, Inclusion, Treasurer, Communications, Secretary, Website & Ticket Sales. These roles can be changed to fit the new team, so if you're interested but unsure where you'd fit, please reach out to us on [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org)

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to welcoming new members to the PTA.



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](#).**