



Belleville News

26 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have read numerous articles over the past few weeks about the drop in numbers of school age children reading for pleasure (or reading at all) in their own time, this trend deeply concerns me both personally and professionally. I have said a number of times that reading, apart from the pleasure and knowledge it provides, is the single biggest factor in a child's success in the education system. Therefore, this short paragraph is in essence a plea to parents to buck this national trend in your own household.

Read to your children, read with your children, listen to your children read and discuss what your children are reading with them. The benefits and joys of reading are too wide and varied to capture here, but be assured you will be giving your child benefits that will last a lifetime.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Important Dates

Wellbeing Coffee Morning – Tuesday 30 September, 9.15am, Webb's Road. [Sign up here.](#)

Belleville PTA Photo Days for Class Calendars – Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 October.

Phonics Workshop – Tuesday 7 October, 2-3pm and 6-7pm, Webb's Road. Information to follow.

6H Drumming performance - **Monday** 20 October, 10.30am, Meteor Hall. (Please note day correction.)

Belleville PTA Halloween Bake Sale - Friday 24 October at pick up time.

Last day of Autumn Term 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 Term 2 - Tuesday 4 November.

Belleville School Open Mornings for prospective families – Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 November.

Belleville PTA Festive Shopping Evening – Wednesday 19 November, Webb's Road.

Belleville PTA Pre-Loved Uniform and Christmas Jumper Sale – Friday 28 November, at drop off.

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

Belleville PTA Winter Fair - Saturday 6 December, Webb's Road.

Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 19 December.

Full term dates for the 2025-26 academic year are [on our website.](#)

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Lateness = Lost Learning

We would like to remind everyone of the **importance of being on time for the start of school**. For **Years 1 – 6, children are expected to be in school by 8.50am** for registration as the lessons start promptly at 9am. Missing the start of lessons can be upsetting and embarrassing for a child to have to walk into a classroom late and on their own. Did you know that if your child is **5 minutes late** for school each day, they will lose **three days of learning over the course of a school year**? If they are 30 minutes late each day, that rises to 19 days of missed learning! Please make sure that your child is on time for school.

All late arrivals to school must sign the late register in the entrance area. Failure to do so means that your child will remain absent on the school register and in the event of an emergency would be considered as absent. It could also mean that your child will not be included in the school meal numbers for the day.

Wellbeing Coffee Morning

We will be hosting **a coffee morning on Tuesday 30 September at 9.15am at Webb's Road**. We will have two guests speaking. All parents and carers are welcome from both Meteor and Webb's.

The **Educational Wellbeing Service** will be talking about what support they are able to offer parents and children. They host sessions for Year 6 classes on transition to secondary and work with families, supporting children who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or common behavioural difficulties. They will be hosting an [online version of this talk on Monday 29 September at 4pm](#) for those unable to attend in person. We will also have Carol Hill joining us from the Local Authority to share what the **SEND local offer is in Wandsworth** so that you can find out what support there is for parents and children, including activities and clubs.

If you would like to come to the coffee morning, please [register your interest](#) so that we have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

[Rachel Carruthers](#) and [Fiona Allan](#) – our SENCOs

The **SEND LOCALoffer** has information and links about support, services, and advice for families with a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

Contact the SEND Local Offer Team
dcr-wand@wandsworth.gov.uk
020 8871 8907

A screenshot of the Wandsworth Family Information Service website. The main heading is 'SEND LOCALoffer' in large, colorful letters. Below it, the text reads 'Wandsworth's Local Offer for 0-25 year olds with special educational needs and/or disabilities'. There are several icons representing different services: 'Early Years Inclusion', 'Learning, activities and sport', 'Support and advice', 'Education', and 'Preparing for Adulthood Opportunities'. A large QR code is overlaid on the bottom right of the screenshot.

Visit: wandsworth.gov.uk/localoffer
or scan the QR code





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Year 6 Update

Year 6 have started their final year in primary school, and they have done so with a bang! The children have been working hard to demonstrate positive learning behaviours both inside and outside of the classroom.

They have started several exciting units of work. In English, we have begun to read 'Lori and Max' – an exciting detective novel where some charity money goes missing. The jury is out as to who the culprit is, but the children have started to make accusations using evidence to back up their ideas.

In science, they have continued the learning about electricity that they started in Year 4. Faced with the scenario of the school's power system faltering, the children used lemons and potatoes to power a circuit and get a bulb to light up. It turns out that 6 lemons could light a small LED, which got some of the children thinking about how many lemons would be needed to power the school!

In history, the children have been fascinated by the start of our learning about World War 2. In their launch lesson, they explored a range of primary and secondary sources, asking questions and detailing our observations. Since then, they have explored some of the causes of the war.

If any parents or carers have any areas of expertise in any of these curriculum areas, please speak to one of the Year 6 teachers or email the school office as we would love to further enrich our curriculum.



Open Mornings

Our larger scale **open mornings for prospective families** looking for a place at Belleville will take place on **Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 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](#). You can also find out about our small group tours for prospective families that run throughout the year [here](#).

House Points



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

Year 4 are very excited to start learning their instruments with their [Wandsworth Music](#) tutors and even more excited to take the instruments home! In Year 4, all our children have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument in small groups as part of their curriculum music lessons. This programme kindly supported by Belleville PTA.



Year 3 have started learning the recorder and they are working at softly blowing the B and A sounds, and Year 5 have started learning the ukulele, working on playing C Major and A minor chords.



Belleville PTA

We've got lots of exciting events coming up this term, including the Halloween Bake Sale, Festive Shopping Evening, and Winter Fair. These events are only possible with the help of parent/carer volunteers! We're especially looking for support with: Halloween Bake Sale (24 Oct), Festive Shopping Evening (19 Nov), Christmas Tree Sale (29 Nov) and the Winter Fair (6 Dec).

If you can spare a little time, please email hello@bellevillepta.org, or scan our volunteer group QR codes. Every bit of help makes a huge difference!

Meteor Volunteers

Webb's Volunteers

