



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break.

Next week we shall be celebrating World Book Day. There are a number of fun and enjoyable events attached to WBD, but the message behind the day is vital and fundamental - reading for pleasure (i.e. any time someone chooses to read a book instead of doing something else) brings enormous benefits for children in all aspects of their school life, as well as bringing them a source of lifelong joy.

You may well have seen the recent data saying that reading for pleasure in our society is under attack, largely from the rise of the smart phone, but the benefits and pleasures of reading remain undimmed. Please make time to read with your children, and role model for them the pleasure of reading a book. You will be establishing a habit that will bring them so many benefits both now and in the future.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

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Important Dates

World Book Day – Thursday 5 March. Children may dress up as their favourite book character. *The dressing up day for Year 3 will take place on Wednesday 4 March due to a school trip on 5 March.*

PINS Project Parent and Carer Coffee Morning - Thursday 5 March, 9.15am – 10.45am, Meteor Street.

Ghana Day – Friday 6 March, Children may wear the colours of the Ghanaian flag. £1 donation

Belleville Choir perform at Wandsworth, London Borough Culture Event: Sing to Thrive – Thursday 19 March, choir singing at 4.30pm. Putney Exchange Shopping Centre. [Further details are available here.](#)

Year 6 Singing Project Performance – Friday 20 March, 10.30-11am, Webb's Lower Hall. All Y6 classes. The parts and backing tracks are [available to practise on our website.](#)

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

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

Ghana Day

On Friday 6 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.





Belleville News

Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round Success

We are delighted to share some exciting news from this year's Primary Maths Challenge 2026. Following outstanding performances in the initial round, Ates, Charlie and Wilfred have all qualified for the prestigious Bonus Round — a national stage of the competition that invites only the highest-performing pupils to take part.



The Bonus Round papers have now been completed and submitted, and we eagerly await the national results, which are expected before Easter. Reaching this stage is a remarkable achievement. The challenge requires deep mathematical thinking, perseverance, and the ability to tackle unfamiliar problems independently. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and problem-solving skills these pupils have demonstrated – very well done to all three of them.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5 March**. We invite all our pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character as we dive into a day dedicated to the magic of books and reading. Throughout the day, the children will engage in special book-themed activities and explore new stories designed to spark their imaginations. If your child would like to dress up as a book character, we encourage reusing or recycling items you already have at home rather than buying new items. Here are [some easy ideas to create at home](#).

We are also thrilled to announce a writing competition that will take place on the day. There are four lots of £10 book tokens to be won (one for Nursery and Reception, one for Year 1 and 2, one for Year 3 and 4 and one for Year 5 and 6), alongside a grand prize of a signed and framed print from one of this year's featured books! More details will be shared on the day.

To help every child start their own home library, we will be distributing £1 book tokens before the end of this week. These can be swapped for one of the special World Book Day books for free, or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more at participating retailers.

Belleville v. Honeywell Netball Match

It was another exciting outing for Belleville as the Year 5 and 6 netballers took part in a competitive match against Honeywell. This was a fantastic opportunity for all the players who have been developing their skills at the morning netball club to put their hard work into practice. The team began the match feeling a little nervous – understandably so, as this was their first competitive game. However, as the match progressed, Belleville demonstrated outstanding attacking and combination play. Their passing and movement were excellent, and some pinpoint shooting was on display. Defensively, they were sound, showing strong marking and impressive interceptions. Above all, the team displayed brilliant teamwork, great sportsmanship, and ensured it was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.





French Update

It has been a fantastic half term in French across the school! Year 3 have been consolidating their classroom routines and developing their spoken French, confidently saying how they feel, learning numbers and the months of the year, and beginning to say when their birthday is.

In Year 4, pupils have been learning about food and typical French dishes, and each student had the opportunity to design their own French menu for a restaurant, showcasing both creativity and language skills.

Year 5 have been learning how to describe their family and their home as well as their ideal house, and 5T were especially excited to receive a package from our partner school in France, enjoying some delicious French snacks before preparing a box of British treats to send back this half term.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been learning to talk about school subjects, explain which ones they prefer and give reasons for their opinions, producing some fantastic double-page spreads on the topic. Well done everyone – bravo !



SEND Support and PINS Project Update

Belleville is participating in the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** programme. In the autumn, the PINS team sent out a survey. They are now sending out another **anonymous survey to find out what parents/carers feel about inclusion**, so they can monitor any changes. Please could you [complete the survey here](#). It is open to all parents/carers and will close on 31 March.

PINS are hosting a **Parent and Carer Coffee morning on Thursday 5 March from 9.15am – 10.45am at Meteor**. Come along and discover the positive impact of the PINS project on inclusion in Wandsworth Schools and share your experiences and ideas. [Book your free place here](#) or just turn up on the day.

SEND Parent Carers in Wandsworth are hosting **SEN Support Explained** on **Wednesday 4 March, 10am – 12noon** at Providence House, 138 Falcon Road, SW11 2LW. They will be joined by a representative from WIASS and a SENDCo who will be discussing what to expect if your child is receiving SEN Support, what schools can put in place (the OAP), and the SEN Support Cycle. [Book your free place here](#).



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Year 3 Update

As the constant blanket of grey clouds begin to splinter, and the spring sun makes its debut appearance, it is time to reflect on the first spring half-term for Year 3. Our pupils have been industrious as ever, building upon their foundations of knowledge to surge forward on their learning journeys.

In English, our classrooms were transformed into makeshift embalming suites as we delved into the world of Ancient Egyptian mummification. To master the art of writing instructional texts, some of the children were "mummified" to help understand the precise, step-by-step process required to prepare for the Egyptian afterlife. This hands-on experience provided the perfect scaffolding for their writing; helping them to become experts in using imperative verbs and time adverbials to ensure the process could be carried out effectively.

Our mathematical journey this half-term has seen our pupils exploring the topics of mass, volume, and money. They began by exploring the weight of objects and the capacity of liquids, honing their estimation skills, before moving on to precise measurements.

In Science, our pupils have been "enlightened" by their study of Light. They have explored the necessity of light for vision, the way shadows are formed, and the dangers of direct sunlight. Our young researchers conducted experiments to categorise materials as opaque, translucent, or transparent, showing a brilliant grasp of how light behaves when it hits different surfaces.

In their History topic, Ancient Egypt, a real highlight of the half-term was undoubtedly a visit from a Lego specialist, who helped the children apply their architectural thinking to build magnificent, scaled Lego pyramids. This workshop allowed the pupils to visualize the sheer scale of Egyptian engineering while sparking fantastic discussions about the lives of the Pharaohs.



During Computing days, the children investigated how to read, create and use databases. They learned how to organise, sort, and filter information effectively, alongside creating their own data records, leading to developing an understanding of how digital systems allow us to manage vast amounts of information with just a few clicks. It was impressive to see how quickly they moved from being passive users of technology to active managers of data.





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Wellbeing Resources

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

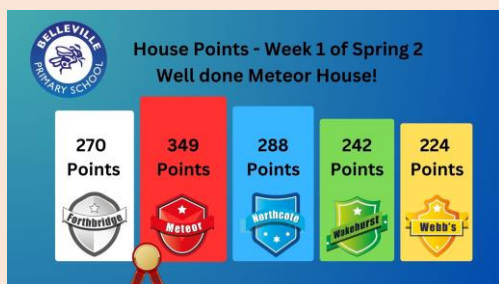
The next webinars are on **Supporting common child anxieties and worries, including around exams** on [Tues 24 March at 1pm](#) and [Thurs 26 March at 7pm](#).

Free Football Match Tickets

AFC Wimbledon Women are back at the Cherry Red Records Stadium, Plough Lane, SW17 0NR and would like to invite you to join them - FOR FREE! - for their matches against **Billericay on Sunday 1 March at 3pm** and against **Exeter City on Sunday 12 April at 2pm**.

To claim your free tickets, visit tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk and enter the code **AFCWPL** on in the Promotional Code field towards the top of the page. Once entered, you can choose the amount of tickets you need (up to 10), and then download your tickets either to your phone, or have them printed. The code is valid for both games, and you can claim free tickets for either or both games.

Entry to the ground is via Gate 3, opposite Lidl - the gate opens one hour before kick-off. There will be food, drinks and fun activations available, and a programme and player cards for sale, which all the players will sign after the game! If you have any questions, please email women@afcwimbledon.ltd.uk



ADHD Ambassadors

Belleville is currently participating in the Wandsworth-wide ADHD Ambassadors project, which is supporting Wandsworth schools to develop a universal level of awareness and understanding of ADHD. As part of this, we would like to signpost families to the following sources of support: [ADHD Embrace](#), [ADHD UK](#), [ADHD Aware](#) and [Young Minds](#).

Belleville PTA – TCS Mini London Marathon

Belleville has been successful in its application for places in the TCS Mini London Marathon, taking place on Saturday 25 April. We have been allocated:

- 25 places for the 1 mile race (Reception to Year 7 (ages 4-12))
- 15 places for the 2.6k race (Year 4 to Year 12 (under 18))
- Each child who completes the race will earn a £10 contribution for the school.

As it is likely we will have more interest than places available, the PTA will be running a ballot to allocate spaces. If your child has previously competed, we ask that you consider letting other children take part this year. To enter the ballot, please [complete this form](#) by **Friday 6 March**.

Entering the ballot does not guarantee a place. Children aged 3-7 (Reception to Year 2) must have an adult accompany them on the course - maximum 1 adult per 6 children. Successful entrants will be notified by email.