



Belleville News

28 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On my train journey to work, I saw a parent reading a book entitled 'Autumn' to their child. The child was young enough to be in a pushchair, but fully engaged by her mum reading to her. The mother read with feeling and stopped to point out pictures and words to her child, explaining what they were. The child was clearly used to this because they too asked 'what's that?', pointing out a picture of a fountain. It was such a positive snapshot of a parent and child's relationship and as someone who has seen a lot of children pass through the school system, I know what a huge advantage that mother is giving her child by making quality time to read and discuss books with them. Reading with your child is one of the most impactful things we can do as a parent.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show – Deadline for submissions via the school – Monday 3 March. Details on page 3.

World Book Day – Thursday 6 March. Children are invited to come into school dressed up as a book character.

Belleville PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale – Friday 7 March, 8.30am, Meteor Street.

Belleville PTA Wine Tasting Evening – Friday 7 March, 7.30 – 9pm, Webb's Road. To buy tickets, please [visit the PTA website](#).

Belleville PTA School Discos – Friday 14 March, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Meteor. Friday 21 March, Reception, Year 1 and 2 at Webb's. Tickets, timings and information on the [PTA website](#).

Spring Open Classrooms – From Monday 18 March to Wednesday 26 March. Year group details on the next page.

Year 6 Wandsworth Music Singing Performance - Friday 21 March, 10.30am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road.

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

Last day of Spring Term 2: Friday 4 April.

PE Teaching Update

Miss Ogunyemi, one of our specialist sports teachers, is recovering from major back surgery. She is an experienced classroom teacher and will be returning to a class teaching role in 4C to cover Miss Common's maternity leave for the rest of this academic year.

All children will continue to have their two hours of PE lessons per week, taught by a combination of our specialist sports teachers, and their classroom teachers. We thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

World Book Day

World Book Day, this year, will take place on Thursday 6 March.

Children are invited to dress up as a book character and special lessons are planned to celebrate the importance, enjoyment and love of reading that inform every day at Belleville.

We would encourage reusing or recycling items you already have at home rather than buying new items for the day. Here are [some easy ideas](#) to create at home.

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Spring Open Classrooms

Our first Open Classrooms this academic year will take place from **2.40pm to 3pm** on the following dates:

Reception - Thursday 27 March

Year 1 - Monday 17 March

Year 2 - Monday 24 March

Year 3 - Wednesday 26 March

Year 4 - Tuesday 18 March

Year 5 - Wednesday 19 March

Year 6 - Tuesday 25 March

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to look through some of your child's work with them and to celebrate their achievements.

On the day, please come to the school office for 2.35pm and you will be taken to your child's classroom. At 3pm we will ask you to leave via the office and your child's class teacher will bring their class out to the playground at the usual pick up time. To avoid disappointment, please let your child know if you are unable to attend.

Chess Success

Many congratulations to the Belleville children who won the Chess Tournament at Knightsbridge School earlier this week.

They competed against five other primary schools and were unbeaten!



School Attendance and Punctuality

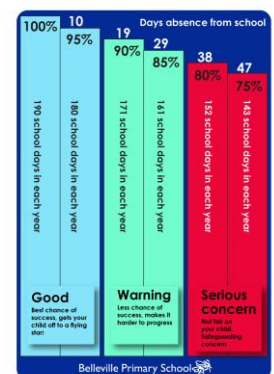
School attendance is very important to make sure that every child reaches their full potential, not only academically but also socially and emotionally. We expect all children to attend school every day and to be in the playground at the start of the day. Periods of absence and poor punctuality are disruptive to the children's learning and send poor messages about the value of education. We ask parents and carers to support us in ensuring their children do not miss out through unnecessary absences.

We monitor all pupils' attendance and punctuality. Nationally, any child who attends school less than 90% of the time is considered a Persistent Absentee. As part of our procedures, we will continue to contact parents/carers if their child's attendance is below this level to start a conversation about improving your child's attendance and if there is anything we can do to support you.

If your child is unwell and away from school, please call the School Office on **020 7228 6727** or email enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk before 8.30am to let us know. For further information about our attendance expectations, holidays, reporting absence and sickness, [please visit our website](#).

Lateness = Lost Learning

We would also like to remind everyone of the **importance of being on time for the start of school**. 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.





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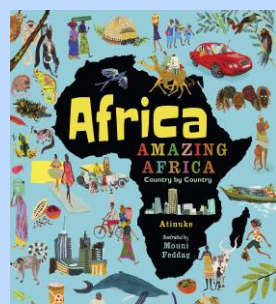
Year 3 Update

We've had a fantastic start to Spring 2 and can't wait for our learning to continue!

In science, we started our topic on Geology. Our first lesson saw us breaking open a geode so that we could look and discover what was inside. We were amazed and acted as 'Super Scientists' by asking lots of questions that we would like to find the answers to throughout the unit. Later this term, we will head to the Natural History Museum to further discover different rocks, fossils and minerals!

In English, we have started a new unit focussed on books written by Atinuke. The author sets her fiction books in Nigeria, the country in which she was born. This week, we wrote a non-fiction information text about Nigeria after reading her book Africa, Amazing Africa and conducting our own research.

We are continuing to learn all about money in maths. Our problems relate to real-life situations such as getting change, applying discounts to items and figuring out if we can afford what we would like to buy!



Year 4 Science

Year 4 have been learning about electricity in Science. They were lucky enough to have a Zoom talk with a parent in 4H who works as an Engineer on a wind farm. This built on their learning of sustainable electricity and linked with climate change in their Geography topic too.



Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show

If your child would like to submit a piece of artwork to the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show, please remind them to hand their artwork and their parental permission slip to Miss Green, Miss Allan, or Mr Thompson no later than the end of the school day on **Monday 3 March**. Parents/carers may register their children directly by 5pm on Wednesday 5 March on the [RA website](#). Further details including [FAQs](#) and [Guidance for Submissions](#) are also available on the [RA website](#).

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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School Streets

A reminder that School Streets on both Belleville Road and Meteor Street are still in operation and that only residents of the street, emergency vehicles and those with exemptions e.g. Blue Badge holders, WAND cards, should be driving on those streets during the School Street hours. Once we have further details on Wandsworth Council's next steps for both sites, including possible cameras, we will let you know.

We still need to put the Road Closed sign out at whenever possible. If you can help, please sign up here: **Meteor** - [sign up](#), **Webb's** - [sign up](#).

Education Wellbeing Service – Child Anxiety Parent Group

Is your child experiencing worries about coming into school? Or about specific things? Do your child's fears and worries impact on your family's daily life? Would you like to understand how to help your child manage their anxiety?

The Battersea Education Wellbeing Service may be able to support you. They have a 5-Week Parent Group to learn effective strategies to support your child's anxiety, taking place at Belleville and starting on Wednesday 7 May, 9-11am. If you are interested, please complete the [referral form here](#) and they'll be in touch with you.

4M Fundraising for Comic Relief

On Sunday 2 March, children from 4M will be walking 10km for Comic Relief! Taking in the key sights of London they're hoping to raise £300 for this incredible charity. If you would like to support them, here is the link to [their fundraising page](#).

Belleville PTA

Belleville PTA Wine Tasting Evening - Friday 7 March, 7.30 – 9pm, Webb's Road

Tickets Still Available – Don't Miss Out! The weather may be miserable, but we've got the perfect way to brighten your evening! Join Belleville dad and wine expert, Matthew Jukes for a warm, welcoming night of Australia's finest wines—all while supporting your PTA.

Tickets £30 per person including a welcome glass of Tasmanian sparkling wine, and six outstanding wines personally selected by Matthew. [Book here](#).



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](#).