



# Belleville News

3 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had the great pleasure of welcoming a former pupil to Belleville today. He attended in the days when the Boys and Girls were schooled in separate parts of the Webb's Road building and children were caned for throwing crayons around the class (as he remembered happening to him!) He left the school in 1967, going on to Dulwich College and then to study maths at Oxford University. His pride and fondness for the school was clear to see.

It was very moving to see his childhood memories flooding back as he looked into classrooms and around the school. He shared that he arrived as the son of an Italian immigrant into the then working class neighbourhood of Clapham and he wanted to thank Belleville for giving him the grounding for such a successful academic career and life. It was a powerful reminder of the power of education. It is still the main route for social advancement for people from all walks of life. We work hard to continue that honourable Belleville tradition.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher

## Important Dates

**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. Details on next page.

**6H Drumming performance** - Monday 20 October, 10.30am, Meteor Hall.

**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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## Bike Buses

Sustrans are working with Wandsworth Council and Belleville to establish a Bike Bus for both sites. A bike bus is a group of people cycling and/or scooting to school together. It's a fun way to make the benefits of cycling and scooting a regular part of the week! To find out about the potential routes and sign up, please download the [Meteor Bike Bus flyer](#) or the [Webb's Road Bike Bus flyer](#).

## Phonics Workshops

We are running parent/carer workshops to introduce you to the methods we use to teach reading from Nursery to Year 2 at Belleville. These workshops have been very well attended in the past and our children have really benefited from parents and teachers working together using the same strategies. Attendance at the workshop will also allow you to volunteer as a reader in your child's class. The workshops will be held at Webb's road on **Tuesday 7th October at 2pm and repeated that evening at 6pm**. It is open to any parents/carers in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are new to Belleville, or any of our existing parents who were unable to attend the workshops last year. Please do complete the sign-up form that was sent to parents/carers in these year groups via School Spider to let us know which workshop you will be attending, as it would be helpful to know how many parents to expect.



Last week, one of our Deputy Headteachers joined Deputy Heads from 20 other schools across six London Boroughs to help develop our Guided Peer Visits programme for which the [Q1E Trust](#) provides the structure, guidance and encouragement. This free professional development programme enables our senior leaders to visit and learn from different schools, providing a network of support and refreshing their ideas. As one participant put it, it helps Deputy Heads "to build trusting relationships for constructive, non-judgemental dialogue on school improvement." As a Trust, it is a privilege to work with this committed group of professionals whose leadership is driving improvement for the children.

## 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 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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## Reception Update

We are so proud of how well all the children have settled into and adapted to school life. They have shown great enthusiasm and confidence in exploring their new environment. It has been wonderful to see the progress they have already made, and the strong friendships they have started to form. This half term, we have focused on helping the children adjust to school life, learning daily routines, managing emotions, and building positive relationships with both peers and staff.

As part of our 'All About Me' topic, we have enjoyed hearing the children share stories about their families and show family photos. In phonics, we have introduced most of the single letter sounds, and the children have started writing these letters. In maths, we have explored sorting objects by size, colour, and function. In literacy, we have enjoyed introducing the children to a wide range of texts.

Afternoons have been dedicated to child-initiated learning, with a range of learning activities based on their interests. Whether it is drawing self-portraits, relaxing in the book corner with a book, or building a train track, the children have had lots of creative opportunities to explore and express themselves in their new learning environment. We can't wait to see the children continue to flourish next half-term!



We're excited to let you know that the much-loved Class Calendars will be happening again - a Belleville tradition and one of our biggest fundraisers for the school. The children will be photographed in their classes on Monday 6 October, Tuesday 7 October and Wednesday 8 October next week and you should have already received a School Spider email with a breakdown by class. Please make sure your child is in school on their photo day if possible.

Each class photo groups children by their birthday month to create a unique calendar design — a wonderful keepsake and a perfect Christmas gift! Calendars will be on sale soon via the PTA website.

We'll also need a few volunteers on the day (runners/admin support) to keep things running smoothly. If you can spare a little time, please email [pilchas@gmail.com](mailto:pilchas@gmail.com)

**Meteor PTA  
Volunteers**



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