



# Belleville News

5 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we were delighted to host six teachers and administrators from the Singapore education system. They looked at many aspects of the school and we shared very interesting panels about the differences and similarities between our country's education systems. Our link with Singapore goes back a number of years and it helps us stay outward looking and learning from the best education systems around the world.



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Fair on Saturday. So much time and effort goes into organising and running an event like this and we want to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers that will help make the event a huge success. As ever the PTA will be leading the way and special thanks go to the PTA team for everything they do. It will be a fantastic event and we look forward to seeing all of you there.

**John Budden**

Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**

Headteacher

## Important Dates

**PTA Winter Fair** (including pre-loved uniform sale) - Saturday 6 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Rd.

**Nursery Christmas performances: Blue Class** - Wednesday 10 December, 11.15am, **Red Class** - Monday 8 December, 2.45pm, both at Webb's Road.

**Reception Nativity: RF** - Monday 8 December, 10am - Webb's, **RC** - Monday 8 December, 2.15pm - Webb's, **RMC** - Wednesday 10 December, 10am, Meteor, **RS** – Thursday 11 December, 10am, Webb's, **RH** - Thursday 11 December, 2.15pm - Webb's.

**Year 1 Nativity** - Monday 15 December, 2.15pm - St Michael's Church

**Year 2 Nativity** - Monday 15 December, 10.45am - St Michael's Church

**Year 3 Winter Performance** - Tuesday 9 December, 10.45am - St Michael's Church

**Year 4 Winter Performance/Belleville Orchestra** - Thursday 4 December, 2.15pm - St Michael's Church

**Year 5 Winter Performance** - Tuesday 9 December, 2.15pm - St Michael's Church

**Year 6 Winter Performance** – Friday 12 December, 2.15pm, Webb's Road

St Michael's Church Wandsworth Common is located at [Cobham Close, London, SW11 6SP](#).

There will be bucket collections at all our festive performances with proceeds going to St George's Hospital and St Michael's Church.

**Christmas Lunch** - Tuesday 16 December. Children can wear festive jumpers to school. If you feel able to, please make a donation of £2 to [Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day appeal here](#).

**Last day of Autumn Term 2** - Friday 19 December, **with earlier finish times**. Years 1–6 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery Red 2.30pm. **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term**. All children can wear their own clothes to school on the last day of term.

**Inset Day** - Monday 5 January. **First day of Spring Term** - Tuesday 6 January – children return to school

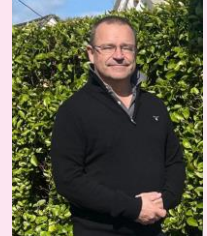
[Term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years are on our website](#)



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## Quality First Education Trust News

John Grove, CEO of the [Quality First Education \(Q1E\) Trust](#), has announced that he will be retiring from the role of CEO at the end of the Summer Term. He has served Belleville Primary School and the Q1E Trust for 25 years as Headteacher, Executive Headteacher and CEO.



John is an outstanding leader with over 20 years of successful headship experience and a track record of improving schools. As Headteacher of Belleville from 2000 to 2016, he led the school from "in danger of failing" to outstanding. Belleville gained national recognition for excellence in many areas and grew to be highly regarded for its support to other schools in the local area. Under John's leadership Belleville was designated as a National Support School, a National Teaching School, an Academy Sponsor and a Maths Hub. John is a National Leader of Education and a Fellow of the National College for Teaching and Leadership.

In 2017, John became CEO of the Q1E Trust and Belleville was joined by Belleville Wix Academy, The Alton and Churchfields Primary School later that year, and by Thomas's Academy in September 2025.

As Ofsted wrote about John, following one of their visits to Belleville: "You provide inspirational leadership to your staff and are very highly regarded by your colleagues. A strong vision is evident and a positive ethos permeates the school. There is an uncompromising drive for continuous improvement. Your work with partner schools in the network of local headteachers is very well received."

We echo these words, and we could not put it better ourselves. John will be leaving with our deep gratitude, respect and very best wishes for the future.

## Parent/Carer Support Groups for Children with ADHD

There are several free events to support parents and carers of children with ADHD taking place in the New Year. ADHD Embrace have a wide range of events. To find out more [please visit their website](#).

SEND in Mind Wandsworth are hosting a daytime in person course on 14 and 21 January. For more information, please email [SENDinMind@wclmind.org.uk](mailto:SENDinMind@wclmind.org.uk)

## Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16 December is the children's Christmas Lunch. Children and staff can come to school wearing their brightest, cheeriest jumper, a Christmas jumper they already own or decorate an existing jumper. (There is no need to buy anything new!)

If you can, please donate £2 to Save the Children [via the link here](#). All the money raised goes towards helping children around the world. We can't wait to see you all in your jumpers!



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## Reception Update

It's hard to believe that our Reception children are almost ending their first full term at Belleville. It has been a joy to see how quickly all the children have settled in. They have built positive relationships with their peers and adults and have made lots of progress with their learning.

We have been very busy this half term, and the children have loved this half term's focus on light and dark. This has involved learning about night and day, shadows, nocturnal and diurnal animals, and space. The children have also created some wonderful art pieces focusing on colour mixing, inspired by the work of Kandinsky and Rothko.



We have now covered all the single letter sounds and some digraphs. We incorporate daily practice, using these in words, captions and sentences.

In maths, we have focused on numbers to 10 - reciting, writing and ordering them, as well as looking at number bonds to 5. 2D shapes have been introduced through naming them and describing their properties. The children also loved completing obstacle courses, to help develop their learning of positional language.

As we head into the final couple of weeks, we are very excited to be welcoming you to our Christmas performances next week. We will also have a huge array of fun Christmas activities for the children, including letter writing to Santa, lots of Christmas arts and crafts, and learning why and how people celebrate Christmas.

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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## Childnet Presentation

On Tuesday, Childnet came to Belleville to deliver an interactive online-safety presentation to Year 6. The talk explored a multitude of topics including use of streaming platforms, social media, gaming, and building online friendships,

The children were very animated in their discussions on the use of AI; trustworthiness of sources; age- appropriateness of apps and the sharing of personal information.

As well as scenario-based discussions, the children were also given some tips for safer internet use including use of privacy settings and speaking to a trusted adult, if anything upsets them.



## Wellbeing Webinars

In December, the Education Wellbeing Service are holding the following free webinars:

**Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children** taking place on [Monday 8 December, 1-2pm](#), and [Thursday 11 December, 7-8pm](#) for parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception.

**Understanding and supporting your child's sleep** on [Tuesday 9 December at 1pm and 7pm](#) for all Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 parents and carers. Sign up via the links above.



## Winter Fair – Saturday 6 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Road

We are looking forward to the Winter Fair tomorrow, Saturday 6 December from 12 noon until 3pm.

Everyone is welcome – just pop in and enjoy lots of stalls, music, festive food and drink and the festive atmosphere.

There is also the Winter Fair raffle with loads of fantastic prizes. You can [buy your raffle tickets online](#) or in person on the day.

Thank you in advance to everyone who has worked so hard to make this year's event happen.

