



Belleville News

6 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wandsworth council have sent us the number of applications for a Reception place at Belleville in September 2026. We have 150 places in Reception next academic year and 514 parents put Belleville as one of their schools of choice, of which 174 put Belleville as their top choice.

We are the school with the biggest intake in Wandsworth and it is very pleasing to see that so many parents want their child to attend Belleville, especially in the light of falling primary school rolls across the borough and London as a whole.

We take this as a great compliment and it again reminds us how vital it is that we continue to improve and develop every element of our school. It is a privilege to serve our families and the community.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Important Dates

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.

Last day of Spring Term 2 - Friday 27 March

Inset Day - Monday 13 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer Term 1 - Tuesday 14 April

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

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – Bolingbroke Academy

We hope that most of you have now accepted a secondary school place for your child and that you are happy with the choice. **If you have been offered a place at Bolingbroke Academy but you are not intending to take it, please could you inform Wandsworth Council as soon as possible** so that the place can be offered to the next Belleville child on the list. The waiting list for Bolingbroke Academy is made up of the Belleville children who have applied. In other words, each of the five feeder schools have their own separate waiting list. Many of our children would like to attend Bolingbroke and if places are held onto that are not going to be taken up, it can cause unnecessary worry to families in our community who are on the waiting list.

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Chess Success

The Belleville Chess Team came 2nd place at the Knightsbridge School Chess Competition receiving silver medals after a very intense last round! They all played brilliantly and really came together as a team, encouraging each other every step of the way!



World Book Day

Belleville were fortunate enough to receive a personal message from Robert Macfarlane; author of one of the books we read, *Firefly*. Mr Macfarlane is a world-renowned, award-winning author and he had some wonderful words to say to our children and teachers:

"I'm so touched that you've chosen Firefly for World Book Day, and Luke (the illustrator) and I love knowing that the school will be reading and thinking about (and with) our book next week. Luke is a stone-cold genius, and the story of how he made the prints is an analogue epic in itself: candle-soot and copper and wax and needles and acid. Not an Ipad in sight!"



Thank you for the work you do as a teacher and inspirer; it's about the most valuable work there is.

Getting children writing and drawing is vital work, as we see the creative arts eroded in schools across the country. Being able to imagine other futures, other selves and lives, and other ways of being otherwise is a superpower, in my view."

London Borough of Culture Events

Belleville School Choir are performing in Sing to Thrive, part of Wandsworth's London Borough of Culture celebrations. They will be performing at [Putney Exchange on Thursday 19 March at 4.30pm](#).

As Wandsworth's time as the Mayor's London Borough of Culture draws to a close, they are hosting a free family-friendly day festival at **Battersea Power Station** on **Saturday 21 March**.

The Beat Goes On is a high-energy celebration of music, movement and community. Battersea Power Station will come alive for a full day of unforgettable performances. From homegrown heroes to international icons, expect live music, dance takeovers, creative workshops and family-friendly activities across this iconic riverside site - uniting the borough's past, present and future in one joyful finale. **The event is free**, but you need [to reserve your spot here](#).

A pink poster for the "Sing to Thrive Choir Pop Up" event. It features a yellow starburst logo with the text "WELCOME TO WANDSWORTH". The main title is "Sing to Thrive Choir Pop Up" in large yellow letters. Below that, it says "Thu 19 March | 3:30pm - 6:30pm Putney Exchange". There is a circular inset photo of the choir members. At the bottom, it lists the line-up: "Line up: Hotham Primary School, Hotham Community Choir, Belleville Primary School, National Opera Studio and Sing SWell." and the website "welcometowandsworth.com".

WELCOME TO WANDSWORTH

Sing to Thrive Choir Pop Up

Thu 19 March | 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Putney Exchange

We're performing at Putney Exchange as part of **Sing to Thrive**, a project celebrating the health and social benefits of singing.

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What a fantastic day we all had celebrating World Book Day! After exploring many brilliant books in classes this year, our pupils were given the opportunity to compose a piece of writing inspired by these books and enter it into a writing competition. Our panel of judges are very much looking forward to reading the entries and embarking on the difficult job of choosing the winners.





Year 1 Update

Year 1 have had an extremely exciting start to Spring 2! In Science for their topic of animals, they had a visit from Zoolab where they met lots of different animals. The workshop helped the children to use their scientific skills to clarify different types of animals, describing and comparing them. They met Amphibians, Reptiles, Insects and Arachnida!



In Geography, the children started their new unit - Our Amazing Planet. For their first lesson, they were introduced to the continents of the world, and are learning a fantastic song to help them remember them! They also had a go at colouring in a world map to show the oceans and continents.

In English, the children had a special visitor from a planet far away! Beegu the alien came to Belleville School! The children realised that Beegu was lost, and loved imagining what her home planet would look like. Luckily, Beegu eventually found her way home!

In maths, we have begun a new topic, working on grouping. The children have also tackled some tricky word problems, but it has been great fun solving these with their partners.



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Wellbeing Resources

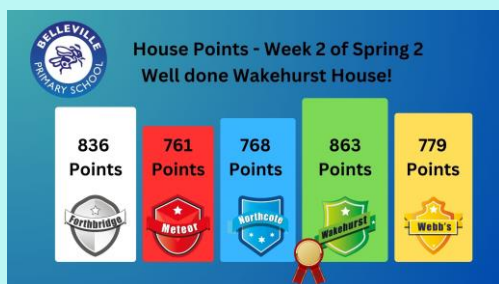
The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to their programme of webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Rec. – Y6\)](#).

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](#).

Wandsworth Music – Music Scholarships

Applications for Music Scholarships to attend the Wandsworth Music Academy are now open. These scholarships provide up to 4 years' of funding for children in Years 3 to 6 to attend Wandsworth Music Academy. The scholarship includes weekly instrumental tuition, instrument hire and ensemble membership, and can be worth up to £4,000 for the funding period. Pupils eligible for the scholarship will have been playing their instrument for a year or more and be in need of financial support to continue their music tuition. Pupils who are shortlisted will be informed in early June and may be invited to audition, where they will need to play a short piece of music of their choice.

For more information including eligibility criteria and the online application form, please go to www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/scholarships. The **deadline for applications is Friday 24 April 2026** for scholarships commencing in September 2026.



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 – Reminders

Thank you to the volunteers who arranged the pre-loved uniform sales this morning in support of Belleville's partner school in Ghana and to the Year 6 families who are arranging the school discos this evening for Reception to Year 3. There are still some **tickets available for the Year, 4, 5 and 6 discos next Friday 13 March at Meteor** to raise money to support the Year 6 residential trip. You can [buy your tickets here](#). Year 6 are also selling candy floss to raise money for their trip on 12 and 26 March at Meteor and 19 March at Webb's after school.

If you are interested in your child taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday 25 April, the ballot to allocate spaces closes today, **Friday 6 March**. 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 the end of today. 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.