



Belleville News

7 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to seeing many of you in school next week for Parents' Evenings. We see these occasions as a very important part of the ongoing conversation between you and the teacher. There should be no major surprises at Parents' Evening if the communication is working well. It is also an opportunity for you to see your child's work.

Please stay in touch if you have any issues you wish to raise, because we know it is best to deal with issues in the early stages, rather than allowing them to develop. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Have a good weekend.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Work with us!

We are recruiting for a Premises Officer to join our friendly team, working across both Belleville sites to maintain clean, safe and secure premises to ensure a good working and learning environment.

To find out more and apply, [please visit our website](#). Applications close at **noon** on **Monday 24 February**.

Dates for your diary:

Belleville PTA Quiz Night - Friday 7 February. **Tonight's event has been cancelled so please don't come to Meteor this evening. It will be rescheduled for the summer term – watch this space for the new date!**

School Orchestra performance at Mayor's Gala – Tuesday 11 February, 5pm-8.30pm - Civic Centre.

Parents/Carers' Evenings – Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 February. Booking via School Spider.

Last Day of Spring Term 1 – Friday 14 February. School finishes at the usual time. Children in Wakehurst House can wear their own clothes to school.

Belleville PTA Valentine's Bake Sale – Friday 14 February, 3.15pm, Webb's and Meteor sites.

Spring Half Term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February.

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, year group timings and information on the [PTA website](#).

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.

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Winning House

Today we announced our winning house for Spring Term 1. Congratulations **Wakehurst House**. You have won a non-uniform day on Friday 14 February. The points will be reset for Spring 2.

Well done to all the children who have received House Points for demonstrating our CARE and Excellent Learner values. You should be proud of every point you have earned. We're also proud of our new House Captains boards, now up at both sites.



Free Swimming Lessons

Wandsworth Council offers **free** swimming lessons during the school holidays for [eligible](#) children in Years 2 to 7 who cannot swim 25 metres. To find out more, [visit their website](#). All Wandsworth children under 8 can swim for free at Wandsworth Leisure Centres.

Wandsworth Council also offers [eligible residents](#) a range of offers at their leisure facilities. Find out more at [Access for All](#).

We would like to apologise to those who had difficulty with booking their parent/ carer evening via School Spider. This has been raised with the provider. If you have not yet booked your place, you should now be able to. Thank you.

Sustainability

As part of the [Q1E Trust](#), we recognise our responsibility to embed sustainability in everything we do. The [Q1E Sustainability Vision](#) sets out our ambition to be net zero and climate-ready by 2030 and to provide best-in-class sustainability learning for our children, combined with engagement across the whole school communities that we serve.

The [Q1E Sustainability Vision](#) is based on three action areas:

- Decarbonisation and Efficient Resource Use
- Biodiversity and Protecting Nature
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience

So far, we have joined the over 5,200 UK schools signed-up to [Let's Go Zero 2030](#), and joined [Education Nature Park](#). We are registered with [EnergySparks](#) to enable us to monitor and then start to reduce our energy usage. We will be starting food waste recycling next month, in addition to the paper and pen recycling already undertaken by our Eco-Council.

We look forward to sharing more with you about sustainability at Belleville over the coming months and years. If you are interested in supporting us on our sustainability journey, please [email us](#) with sustainability in the subject line.

Q1E Sustainability Vision





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Year 6 Update

Year 6 have continued to impress with their deep thinking and enthusiasm for a challenge. In Science, to enrich their learning on the circulatory system, the children dissected a lamb's heart. The children's questioning and understanding of what they observed was very impressive as they identified the blood vessels present, the impact of fat on the function of the heart and the importance of valves within the heart.



In History, the children had a presentation by Dr Eiad Zinah, a dentist from Syria. We heard all about his journey and the challenges he has faced in getting to where he is now. To further enrich our History learning, the children will soon be going to the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton, to develop their understanding of the Windrush generation.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Computing unit this half term, where they programmed Sphero RVR+ robots to complete a range of tasks. Problem solving skills were key to this as they learnt to debug their code.

Our English learning this half term has been based upon the Graphic Novel 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. Using this book as inspiration, the children have written a number of pieces: a diary entry, learning to empathise with a character; a letter, developing their ability to change the register of their writing; a narrative, focusing on building tension; and our favourite, a persuasive advert and subsequent one-star review, where the children tried to convince someone to visit their fictional city before picking apart the limitations of the city they had created.

We are constantly looking to further enrich the children's learning so, if you have any skills/knowledge that you think would link to our curriculum, please contact a member of the Year 6 team.

Year 1

In Year 1, we are learning about the five animal classes. This week, the children were scientists making observations and comparing two fish: a rainbow trout and a mackerel. They identified the gills, fins, eyes, mouth, tail and scales, and touched the scales to feel if they were smooth or rough, dry or moist. It was fantastic!





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Year 3 Visit the British Museum

Our Year 3 classes have visited the British Museum to enrich their learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They listened to a presentation about how the Ancient Egyptians mummified bodies and then went to see the real-life artefacts in the museum. It was amazing to see the size of the items and how elaborate they were in real life.



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Valentine's Bake Sale – Friday 14 February, 3.15pm, Webb's and Meteor sites.

Calling all bakers! We're looking for delicious biscuits, cakes, sponges, brownies, tarts, muffins, cupcakes, and more - homemade with love, or in shop packaging. Please could you drop off your **nut-free** bakes at the school office in the morning or bring them straight to the sale. Thank you for your support!



School Discos

There are still some tickets remaining for the School Discos, available to buy via the [PTA website](#).
Friday 14 March – Meteor. Year 3 - 3.45-4.30pm, Year 4 - 4.45pm-5.30pm, Years 5 & 6 - 5.45-6.30pm.
Friday 21 March – Webb's. Reception - 3.50-4.30pm, Year 1 - 4.45-5.30pm, Year 2 - 5.45-6.30pm.

Gardening Club

Two of our parents, Anna and Indre, have been kindly running a popular gardening club at Webb's Road. However, due to their business commitments, they will not be able to continue leading the club from next term. We are very grateful to them for their time, expertise and enthusiasm in running it.

We would love to see the gardening club continue to thrive. We are looking for volunteers who might be interested running it at both school sites. If you or someone you know loves gardening and would like to take on this role at either Meteor or Webb's, please [let us know](#). Thank you.

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

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February
Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February
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