



# Belleville News

7 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we held our two main Open Mornings for prospective Belleville parents. We were delighted to welcome a large number of visitors to look around our school over the two days and, as ever, we were immensely proud of the contribution made by all the pupils and staff to the success of the events.

Special thanks to the parents who led tours across both sites on both days; their enthusiasm and willingness to represent the school is hugely appreciated. Thanks also to our House Captains who represented the school superbly. We make a point of not doing anything out of the ordinary on these days; we are very proud of what the pupils do and achieve every day at Belleville, and it was a pleasure to share this with our visitors.

**John Budden**

Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**

Headteacher

## Important Dates

**Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Day** – Monday 10 November. Please wear odd socks to school!

**Belleville PTA Festive Shopping Evening** – Wednesday 19 November, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Webb's Road. Tickets are [on sale here](#).

**Northcote Road Christmas Lights Switch On** – Friday 21 November, 4.45pm, featuring children in Years 4 – 6 who are in the school choir.

**Open Classroom Events – Reception:** Wednesday 26 November, **Year 1:** Tuesday 2 December, **Year 2:** Friday 28 November, **Year 3:** Wednesday 3 December, **Year 4:** Tuesday 25 November, **Year 5:** Monday 1 December, **Year 6:** Thursday 27 November. Please come to Reception for 2.40pm. To avoid disappointment, please let your child know if you are unable to attend.

**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.

**Festive Performances** – From Monday 8 December to Monday 15 December. Details on next page.

**Last day of Autumn Term 2** - Friday 19 December.

**Full term dates for the 2025-2026 and for the 2026-2027 academic years are [on our 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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## Festive Performances

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

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

**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](#).

## Wraparound Care for the Spring Term

The Belleville Beehive wraparound care for the Spring Term will open for bookings during the week commencing Monday 17 November, and you will receive an email about this through School Spider.

## Polite Reminder – If there is a problem...

We understand that when you are worried about your child or something that is happening in school it can be an emotional and difficult time for you. Our staff are available to listen to you and to help as much as we can by working as partners together. On rare occasions, we have needed to remind parent/carers about our expectations of their communication and behaviour.

We ask that you remember to:

- never confront someone else's child about an issue - either on site or in the local area - let school know what is worrying you and let us manage the problem.
- avoid conflict/confrontation with other parents/carers at school and school events – this makes children and the community feel unsafe. Staff are on hand to hear any concerns and often problems escalate when they are not reported to us in the first instance.
- treat our staff politely and with respect – we may need to end conversations that are aggressive, demeaning or discriminatory. Please think carefully about the content and wording of emails sent to staff when you are upset.
- be careful about what is posted on WhatsApp groups or similar – negative/personal comments about children, families or staff are rarely useful in resolving issues but often damage relationships.



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## 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 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 be contacting you if your child's attendance is below this level to start a conversation about improving their attendance and if there is anything we can do to support you.

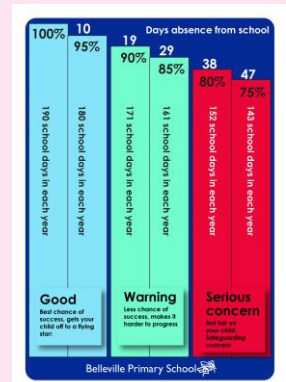
If your child is unwell and away from school, please call the School Office on **020 7228 6727** or email [enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk) before 8.30am to let us know.

We would also like to remind you that holidays are expected to be taken during the school holidays and **holidays during term time are not allowed** and will be classified as unauthorised. In exceptional circumstances, term-time absence may be authorised at the discretion of the Headteachers.

## 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.

For further information about our attendance expectations, holidays, reporting absence and sickness, [please visit our website](#). Thank you for your support.



## Wellbeing and SEND Resources

The Education Wellbeing Service offers free lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. Their next webinars are [Promoting Positive Behaviours](#) for children in Nursery and Reception, and [Building Resilience in Primary School Children](#). You can sign up to their webinars here. [Early Years](#), [Primary](#)

For South Asian parents/carers in Wandsworth, especially those who speak Urdu, Gujarati, Bengali, Pashto or Somali, who have children with SEN, there are free workshops at 222 Upper Tooting Road, SW17 7EW on the first Friday of every month until June. To find out more or sign up, [please visit this website](#).

## House Points

Well done to Northcote House who have been awarded the most house points at the end of the first week of Autumn Term 2.





## Year 5 – What a Start!

Year 5 has burst into the new school year with energy, creativity and plenty of curiosity! We've been learning about the amazing digital artist David Hockney and even used the Brushes app – just like he does – to recreate some of his colourful masterpieces.



In French, PSHCE, Geography and Maths, we've been putting our speaking skills to the test. Whether chatting in pairs, sharing ideas in small groups, or presenting to the whole class, the children have thrown themselves into every challenge with confidence and flair.

Our Science unit has been full of discovery (and a little bit of mess!) as pupils designed and conducted their own experiments, collected data and drew line graphs to show their results. The runaway favourite? The ice balloon investigation – just ask them what happened when things started to melt!



To top it all off, in the final week of term we set off to the South Bank to meet the brilliant author Frank Cottrell-Boyce. He inspired us all with his stories and even gave every child a copy of his latest book to take home. A huge thank you to our amazing parent/carers who helped make the trip possible – all 150 children made it there (and back!) on the same day!

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the theme for this year is 'Power for Good'. We will launch the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10 November. All children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school as a way for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality, as well as what makes them unique. Throughout

the week, children will have specific assemblies and PSHE lessons about Anti-Bullying, where they will have the opportunity to learn more about it and how we can all work together to tackle bullying.





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## Q1E Inset Day

On Monday, 130 teaching staff from across our Q1E Trust joined together for our professional development INSET day which we hosted at Belleville School.

We were joined by Dr Timothy Mills MBE, who spoke about the Department for Education's Writing Framework. He shared strategies for helping children prepare for and develop an understanding of what a sentence is — its grammatical features, how to write sentences, and how to progress from writing simple sentences to constructing more complex ones. We also learnt about Ready, Steady, Spell – the research-driven spelling programme for teaching spelling across the primary curriculum.

We heard from Q1E Trust's Director of Maths, Karen Taylor, who worked with our teachers to further develop the progression of Factual Fluency from Nursery to Year 6 and emphasised the importance of the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach in teaching primary maths, and from Andrew Goodgame who is working with our teachers to improve the use of technology in our Trust.



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### Festive Shopping Evening

We are hosting a Festive Shopping Evening on **Wednesday 19 November from 7.30 – 9.30pm** at Belleville's Webb's Road site.

Come along and support our school and many local businesses. There will be over 30 stall holders selling items ranging from jewellery, food, drinks, clothing, gifts and much more, the perfect opportunity to get gifts for friends and family!

Entry costs £7 which includes a complimentary tote bag and a welcome drink.

[Tickets are now available via the PTA website.](#)



### Christmas Tree Sale

While you are getting into the festive spirit, we are delighted to let you know that you can now order your Christmas tree through the PTA to support Belleville! You can [pre-order your tree online](#) or pop by to Webb's Road on **Saturday 29 November, 8.30am – 2pm** to buy your tree in person.

### Final Call for Class Calendars!

Orders for the PTA class calendars close at the end of today, Friday 7 November. Order your calendar through the [PTA website here.](#)