



Belleville News

9 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone in the Belleville community; we hope you had a lovely break. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and focus of the children as they returned to school.

All staff enjoyed a stimulating INSET day on Monday. The day included training on teaching writing and spelling, a thought provoking presentation about the potential of AI to be used in assessment in schools, and a presentation about better helping children with dyslexia in school. Two of these presentations (on writing and AI), were delivered by national figures in education, Dr Tim Mills and Daisy Christodoulou, and it was a privilege to hear them speak.

Belleville and the Q1E trust always want to be at the vanguard of ideas and development in education and this type of high quality stimulus and training helps our staff to further enhance the provision that your children receive.

We look forward to a very successful 2026.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Important Dates

Closing Date for Reception Applications for September 2026 – Thursday 15 January.

Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2026 – Friday 6 February. [Further information here.](#)

Last Day of Spring Term 1 - Friday 13 February.

Spring Half Term - Monday 16 to Friday 20 February.

First Day of Spring Term 2 – Monday 23 February.

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

Reception Applications for September 2026

Applications for Reception places in September 2026, for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, close **next Thursday 15 January 2026** and are made directly through Wandsworth Council. Further details and an application form [are available here](#). **Please note: Children who are currently in Belleville's Nursery are not automatically offered a place in Reception.** Parents and carers of current Nursery pupils should follow the application process for Reception.

Wandsworth Council will notify you directly of your primary school Reception place on national offer day which is Thursday 16 April 2026.

If you would like to visit the school, there is a tour available on Monday 12 January. If you would like to book a place, or if you have any other questions or need help with your application, please email us on enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk and we will be very happy to help.



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Parent Gym

We are going to be running a Parent Gym Course in the Spring Term. We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too). Parent Gym is a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. You can find out more [by watching their video](#) or [on their website](#).

Come along to meet other parents and carers, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. The programme, normally worth £1,000, is free of charge. Everyone is welcome but spaces are limited!

Each weekly session lasts two hours and will be held at Webb's Road. We welcome parents and carers from both school sites. The sessions will take place on Tuesdays from 9.15-11.15am on the following dates: 20 January, 27 January, 10 February, 24 February, 3 March, and 10 March.

To sign up, please [register using this link](#).

If you have any questions about Parent Gym, please contact: fiona.allan@belleville.q1e.org.uk

Wellbeing Webinars

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening free parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to their programme of webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Reception – Year 6\)](#). Their next webinars are on [Feeding and its difficulties in the Early Years](#) on 14 January at 12 noon, on Sibling Harmony on [26 January at 7pm](#) and [27 January at 1.30pm](#).

Nursery Applications for September 2026

Applications for Nursery places for September 2026 close on **Friday 6 February 2026**.

From September, we will be offering a combination of **full-time and part-time places** at our Nursery on Webb's Road. The new full-time places will be offered from 9am – 3pm, Monday to Friday. Part-time places will now either be offered from 9am – 3pm Monday and Tuesday and 9am – 12pm on Wednesday, or from 12.30pm – 3.30pm on Wednesday and 9am – 3pm on Thursday and Friday. We can offer extended hours until 3.30pm daily outside of the 15/30 hours free childcare provision, and parents/carers can also use the school's breakfast and after-school club to extend hours further.

To find out more about the Nursery application process, including using the Government's free childcare funding and top-up costs, or to download an application form, [please visit our website](#).



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Nursery Update

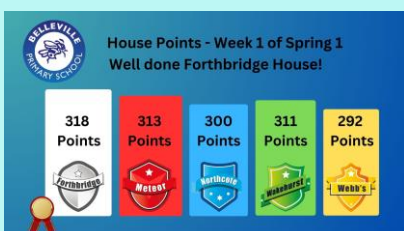
Despite the freezing temperatures, Nursery returned to school after the Christmas break buzzing with excitement as they began learning about their new topic, People Who Help Us. The children have been enthusiastically role-playing as firefighters and doctors, carefully checking heartbeats, bandaging arms and putting out imaginary fires. This topic is always incredibly popular with the youngest members of the Belleville crew and will culminate in an exciting visit to the local fire station in February.



The spring term also marks the start of Stage 2 of the children's phonics journey. They are beginning to learn the sounds that letters make and to identify objects that start with each letter. This week, we introduced the letter 's', sang the Jolly Phonics song and practised writing the letter in sand. These early phonics activities support children as they take their first steps towards reading and writing, and it has been lovely to see how engaged and excited they are as they begin this new stage of learning.

House Points

Well done Forthbridge House!



Important Medical Update

You should have received information via School Spider this week about steps to be taken when your child has a health condition/allergies and/or requires medication, as well as some changes to our First Aid procedures. **Please ensure you read this information carefully.**

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