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Quality First Education Trust

Belleville News

9 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to Gloria, Lilly, and everyone who worked so tirelessly to make our Festival of Friendship such a wonderful success. From delicious Brazilian sweets and vibrant Bollywood dancing to energetic drumming workshops, it was a day filled with learning and joy. It was fantastic to see our community gather at the Meteor Street site to celebrate our rich diversity and shared experiences.

Important Attendance Reminder (Webb's Road, Years 1–6)

If you arrive after 9:00 am, please bring your child directly to the main office to sign them in.
Please do not leave your child to enter with the Reception pupils and parents. If children enter this way, they are not under our direct supervision and will not be marked on the register. This creates a serious safety risk - particularly in the event of an evacuation or fire - and means we cannot guarantee your child has safely entered the building.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all of our children safe.

Toby Martlew
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Important Dates

Individual and Sibling Photos – Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 October. Class details sent via School Spider.
Parent Workshops: How we teach Early Reading & Writing – Thursday 15 October, 2pm & 6pm, Webb's Road. Open to any parents/carers in Nursery to Year 2 who are new to Belleville or those who could not attend last year. Sign up via form sent by School Spider.
Parent/Carer Evenings – Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October. Booking details to follow.
6H (Meteor) Drumming performance – Friday 23 October, 10.15-10.45am, Meteor Hall.
Half Term Holidays - Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October.
Inset Day - Monday 2 November – school closed to children.
First day of Autumn Term 2 - Tuesday 3 November.
Belleville Open Days for Prospective Parents – Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 November, from 9.15am.
Parent Workshops: How we teach maths – Thursday 5 November, 2pm and 6pm, Webb's Road. Open to all year groups. Sign up via form sent by School Spider.
Belleville PTA Festive Wreath Making – 14 November
Year 5 Residential – Monday 23 – Friday 27 November. 3 classes Mon-Weds and 2 classes Weds-Fri.
Belleville PTA Winter Fair and Christmas Tree Sale – Saturday 5 December. Webb's Road.
Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 18 December.
Inset Day - Monday 4 January – school closed to children.
First day of Spring Term 1 - Tuesday 5 January.
Closing Date for Reception Applications for September 2027 - Friday 15 January.
Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2027 – Friday 5 February.

Full term dates for the academic year are available on our website.

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Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named plastic or metal water bottle each day. **For safety reasons, glass bottles are not allowed at school.**

Belleville Open Mornings

Our open mornings for families looking for a place at Belleville will take place on **Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 November**, from 9.15am. If you know of any families looking for a school place, or if you are considering Belleville for your child's sibling and would like a tour, please sign up here. We also have small group tours throughout the year.

ICT Update

In Computing, **Year 1** have been developing their basic digital skills, learning how to take and insert photographs, add text and explore different tools to create and edit content. They have been applying these skills to create their own virtual books, building their confidence in using a range of digital tools.

Year 5 have been exploring the use of iPads as a creative tool, taking inspiration from the digital artwork of the artist David Hockney. They have been experimenting with digital drawing techniques, colour and composition to create their own artwork inspired by his distinctive style.

Year 6 have been using Book Creator to design an interactive quiz about World War II, applying the knowledge they have acquired during their History lessons. They have been thinking carefully about how to present information and create engaging questions to test their classmates' knowledge.

London Youth Games

Would your child be interested in representing Wandsworth at the London Youth Games? There are opportunities across many sports **for children in Years 5 and 6**, including inclusive sports for children with SEND.

Find out more about the sports on offer and how to apply via the Council websites below.

London Youth Games Wandsworth

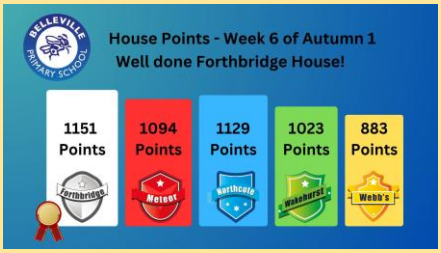
Events - Open Games

Good luck! If you get chosen for a squad, please let us know.

Wellbeing & SEND Support

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health: **Early Years (Nursery and Reception)**, **Primary (Years 1 – 6)**

The Family Information Service has resources available for families with children with SEND. You can also join Belleville's SEND parent-run WhatsApp group.



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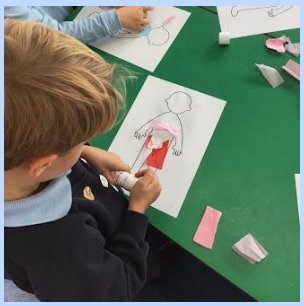
Reception Update

It has been a wonderful first few weeks in Reception, and we are so proud of how well the children have settled into Belleville. They have quickly become familiar with their new routines and surroundings, and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they explore their environment, make new friends and begin to develop their independence.

As part of our 'All About Me' topic, we have enjoyed getting to know the children and learning more about the people who are important to them. The children have loved talking about their families, sharing their experiences and discovering what they have in common with their new friends.

We have been enjoying lots of exciting opportunities in our learning. In phonics, the children have been developing their knowledge of sounds and beginning to apply these when practising their letter formation. In maths, we have been exploring how we can group and sort objects in different ways, while also developing our understanding of size, colour and shape. We have also shared lots of wonderful stories together, encouraging the children to listen carefully, join in with discussions and share their own ideas.

Afternoons have provided lots of opportunities for child-initiated learning, allowing the children to follow their own interests and develop their ideas through exploration and hands-on experiences. rom creating artwork and exploring the construction area to sharing stories with friends or engaging in imaginative activities, the children have enjoyed making choices and exploring the different areas of our learning environment. As they become more familiar with our indoor and outdoor learning spaces, we are seeing them grow in confidence.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to all our Reception families for your support during these first few weeks. Starting Reception is such an important milestone, and your encouragement at home, support with routines and positive conversations about school have made such a difference. We are incredibly proud of how far the children have come already and are excited to see all the wonderful learning and experiences that next half-term will bring!

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Year 2 Update

It has been a busy and exciting term in Year 2! We have been learning all about The Great Fire of London, bringing our learning to life by creating and lighting our own model of Pudding Lane. This really captured the children's interest and sparked lots of curiosity about what happened in 1666.

In Science, we have been exploring microhabitats and habitats, discovering different animals that live in each habitat, and enjoying a fantastic trip to Morden Hall Park, where the children had the opportunity to explore the outdoors and learn more about invertebrates.

It has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the term, and we are so proud of all their learning and hard work!

Belleville PTA

What an amazing **Festival of Friendship**! Such a wonderful afternoon celebrating the incredible diversity of our Belleville community! From delicious food and music to games, activities and lots of happy faces, it was brilliant to see everyone coming together and sharing the cultures and traditions from all around the world that make our school so special.

A huge thank you to our fantastic event leads, Lilly and Gloria and every stall volunteer for all the time, energy and care they put in. Thank you also to Mathnasium Clapham for supporting this PTA event.

Festive Cards

The deadline for IQ card submission is next **Monday 12 October at 4pm.** Please return the drawing to your school office - there will be a box at both Webbs and Meteor. **We will be unable to accept submissions after this time.** IQ cards will scan your child's drawing and then send you instructions on how to place your online order.

Belleville School PTA

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