



# Belleville Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your family are well. We are writing to you as someone who has expressed an interest in Belleville Primary School and may be applying for a Reception place in January for September 2025. This newsletter gives you a brief overview of what our children have been up to during the Autumn term.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent/carer, so if you have any further questions before you apply, or would like a further tour of the school, please contact [enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@belleville.q1e.org.uk) and our team will be very happy to help you.

We hope to welcome you to the Belleville community.

With best wishes,

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher



**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher



## What do our children like about Belleville?

Hear from our children about what they like about Belleville and how friendly and supportive they find it. You can [see their interviews here](#). You can also [view our virtual tour here](#).



## Our Community

We work with the InCommon Intergenerational Project and this year, some of our children's artwork was displayed on the new Summerstown development.



This term, we collected 8 huge sacks of coats for [Wrap Up London](#), as well as raising over £1,000 for Save the Children. Our School Council have been busy collecting donations for Lidl's Toy Bank in the run up to Christmas.

To support children's learning and wellbeing, we offered parent workshops and webinars on how we teach maths and phonics, Parent Readers, Zones of Regulation, Parent Gym, and coffee mornings for parents/carers of children with SEND.

We are also very grateful to have a very active and supportive PTA. This year, we were able to install new sports surfaces at both sites thanks to the very generous support of the [Belleville PTA](#).



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## Our Curriculum

We are proud of our 'highly ambitious curriculum' (Ofsted), and we extend the children's learning with speakers, trips, and resources to bring subjects to life in the classroom. Below are highlights of this term.

**English** - Year 6 visited The Old Vic Theatre to watch Kwame Alexander, Year 4 went to a show by author Sydney Smith at the Southbank Centre as part of the London Literature Festival, and Year 3 visited Northcote Library. Our children have enjoyed reading many wonderful books including *On Sudden Hill*, *the Proudest Blue*, *Cloudbusting*, *Chocolate Cake*, *The Lost Thing*, *You Are Awesome* and *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon*, using these texts as a catalyst to write in many different styles.



**Maths** - Our Singapore-style maths teaching follows the [maths-mastery approach](#) which is at the heart of the National Curriculum, and we use real-life resources to solve real-life problems.

**Science** - From electricity to forces, and light to taste, we develop our children's scientific enquiry skills with hands-on experiences and trips. This term, Year 2 observed micro-habitats on their visit to Morden Hall Park and Year 4 took part in an exciting science show about solids, liquids, and gases.



**Humanities** - In History, Year 2 observed how the Great Fire of London spread as we set fire to a model of Pudding Lane, and Year 3 were invaded by the Roman Army! Year 5 enjoyed a residential trip to Upton Court as part of their topic about Ancient Greece, and Year 6 have been studying World War II. In Geography, Year 3 have been studying the weather and making rain gauges and Year 2 have been learning about the differences between urban and rural environments.



**Early Years** – In Nursery and Reception, the focus has been on settling our youngest learners happily into school, helping them to manage emotions and build positive relationships. In Nursery, our children have been learning about 'Ourselves' and 'Celebrations,' and in Reception, about 'Our World' and 'Light and Dark'. In phonics, we have introduced the single letter sounds and started to write words. In maths, we have looked at different ways of sorting and increasing the depth of understanding of numbers to five.



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## Specialist subjects

We are fortunate to have specialist teachers for art, dance, French, gymnastics, ICT, music, and PE.

**Music** - We are proud to hold the [Music Mark](#) in recognition of our commitment to provide a high-quality music education to all our children. In Year 4, all our children have the opportunity to learn an orchestral instrument and take part in an ensemble with teaching provided by [Wandsworth Music](#). We have a School Orchestra and School Choir. Our School Choir performed at the Northcote Road Christmas lights switch-on, the PTA Winter Fair, and at Battersea Power Station.



**Art** - Every year group began this year by practising their drawing skills and studying the work of different artists; Peter Randall-Page (Year 6), Japanese installation artist, Chiharu Shiota (Year 5), Georgia O'Keeffe (Year 3), Joan Miró (Year 2), and Paul Klee (Year 1). Year 4 have been making beautiful drawings of birds and Year 5 have been making their shoe designs with clay, exploring textures and adding details to their shoes before they go on to add colour.



**Sport and PE** - This term, we were delighted to have new sport surfaces at both sites, fully funded by Belleville PTA, as part of our ambition to improve our sports provision. In sport, teams of children in Years 4 to 6 have taken part in competitions, tournaments, and festivals against other local schools. This term's highlights include the annual 1500m cross country race against other Wandsworth schools, with three children going on to represent Wandsworth in the London Youth Games, as well as girls' and boys' football tournaments.

In PE lessons, Years 5 and 6 have been focusing on invasion games, and our Year 5 classes have also begun their swimming lessons. Years 3 and 4 have continued to build on teamwork and movement skills, and Years 1 and 2 have worked on jumping and throwing. Indoors, all year groups have benefitted from either dance or gymnastics lessons led by our specialist teachers.



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**French** - We teach French in Years 3 to 6 with the focus on spoken French through songs and interactive activities. We celebrated European Day of Languages, and our Year 5 and 6 pupils have had the opportunity to participate in the [Routes Into Languages Primary Bee](#). In last year's Primary Bee, three of our children represented Belleville in the national finals at the University of Cambridge. Our older children also had the opportunity to enter a piece of art inspired by a French poem into the Poésiaert competition. We were delighted that two of our children were chosen as global winners.



**Computing and ICT** - We teach [online safety](#) in all year groups from Years 1 to 6, as well as giving children hands-on experience of programming and coding. In Year 1, our children have been learning how to use 'Book Creator', Year 3 have been learning to code the BBC Micro: bit and create an e-book. Year 5 have been problem solving using Sleuth IT, and Year 6 have been programming spherical robots and understanding networks.

**Pupil Wellbeing and Pupil Voice** - This half-term in PSCHE, all year groups have been exploring 'Understanding our feelings'. We have also celebrated Black History Month, Diwali, and Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks Day. At playtime, children have been enjoying playing with their friends in the playgrounds and in the quiet areas. We have also been offering lunchtime Zumba sessions in the playground at each site.



We have a House System to foster and encourage excellent behaviour in line with our [CARE](#) and [Excellent Learner](#) values, as well as encouraging a healthy sense of competition and developing children's leadership and collaborative skills. The five houses are led by Year 6 House Captains and the winning houses for the autumn terms were Northcote House and Forthbridge House.

Members of our School Council went to visit the Houses of Parliament to understand more about how our democracy works. Our Eco-Council took a trip to the Wandsworth recycling centre to see how our household rubbish is recycled correctly.