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Quality First Education Trust

Belleville News

18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
As another week ends, we have plenty of good news to share! Our youngest children in Reception and Nursery have settled in wonderfully. They are making friends and enjoying their learning every day. Our new full-time Nursery offer is off to a great start, and lunchtimes in Nursery have been a big success, running smoothly with minimal mess!

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey. Your feedback helps us build on our reputation as one of the top-performing schools in the area. Outstanding academic achievements are a given here, and they mean the most when backed by a strong, united community.

We were delighted to read your positive comments about our school provision. We also value your ideas on where we can provide greater clarity and work together even more closely. Between now and Christmas, we will share clear updates addressing these key topics. Our goal is to keep communication open, transparent, and simple, ensuring you remain connected to our ongoing plans and the vital role our school community plays.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Toby Martlew
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Fire Drills

Over the next few weeks, we will be running our fire drills so the children learn how to evacuate the school safely in the event of a fire.

We explain to the children why we do the drills and how they need to behave. However, you may like to talk to about these drills to children in Reception and Nursery who may not have taken part in one before.

Healthy Snacks Only!

For children who bring in their own morning snack, please remember we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and **snacks should be healthy** – e.g. fruit or vegetables, NOT crisps or a chocolate bar.

Important Dates

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning with our SENCOs – Wednesday 23 September, 9.15am, Webb's Road
Belleville PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale – Friday 25 September, morning drop-off, both school sites.
Belleville PTA Festival of Friendship – Saturday 3 October, 2pm-4pm, Meteor Street.
Parent/Carer Evenings – Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October. Booking information will be sent out via School Spider nearer the time.
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.
Year 5 Residential – Monday 23 – Friday 27 November. 3 classes Mon-Weds and 2 classes Weds-Fri.
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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Staff News

Sarah Peach, Deputy Headteacher Infants, started her maternity leave this week. We wish her and her family all the best for the arrival of her baby.

Wellbeing/SEND Information Coffee Morning

Our SENCO team are holding a **coffee morning on Wednesday 25 September, 9.15am at Webb's Road** for parents from both school sites to learn more about the services offered by the Education Wellbeing Service. Carol Hill from the FIS will also be sharing what services are offered as part of the SEND Local Offer. If you'd like to attend, please complete the form sent via School Spider.

Morning Drop Off at Webb's Road for Years 3 to 6

Please remember that **children in Years 3 to 6 at Webb's Road need to enter school through the lower playground,** not the top playground. They also need to remain in the lower playground until the second bell to allow the younger children to get into their classrooms. Thank you.

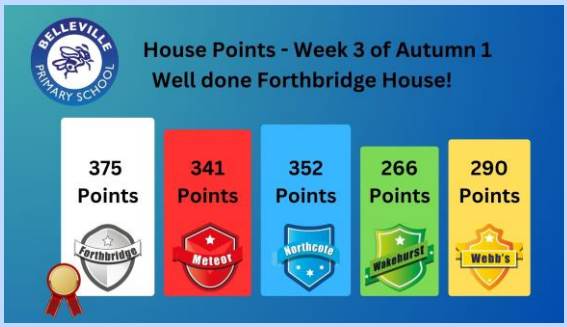
PE Update

This term, our **Year 6** children are getting stuck into **Tag Rugby!** This is an exciting opportunity for many children who have not played the sport before, while also helping prepare them for secondary school. They will develop key skills including carrying and passing the ball, as well as applying these skills in game situations to develop their decision-making.

Our **Year 4 and 5** children will be developing their skills in **Lacrosse** with specialist and former professional player Pete, while **Years 2 and 3** will be getting to grips with **Hockey,** developing their fundamental skills through a range of fun activities and games.

Reception and Year 1 will focus on developing the fundamentals of movement through a variety of games, with a particular focus on **agility, balance and coordination.**

House Points



The aim of our House system is 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 responsibilities, leadership, and collaborative skills.

There are five houses led by Year 6 House Captains: Forthbridge (White), Meteor (Red), Northcote (Blue), Wakehurst (Green) and Webb's (Yellow). All pupils at Belleville work towards achieving House points which are given to reward children's effort in all areas of school life, in and out of the classroom. At the end of each half term, we celebrate the Houses with a whole school assembly, led by the House Captains, and the winning house is awarded the house trophy and a non-uniform day. To find out more about our Houses, please visit our website.

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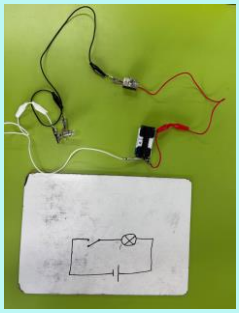
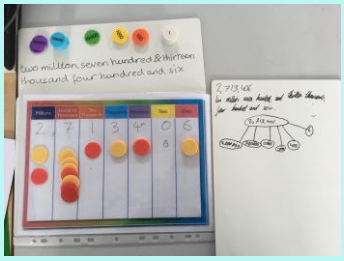
Year 6 Update



Year 6 have certainly hit the ground running! We have launched into our World War II topic and already had the chance to get our hands on an amazing collection of replica and real wartime artefacts. Gas masks, balaclavas and even a ceramic hot water bottle have prompted plenty of questions, but a particular favourite was a replica of Winston Churchill's school report. The future Prime Minister was late 20 times and apparently rather prone to getting into scuffles. Who knew?

Things have been lighting up in Science too, quite literally! Our electricity unit has seen pupils busy building circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, switches and motors, before putting their scientific thinking to the test through their own investigations. This week, we explored what happens to the brightness of a bulb as the voltage changes. Alongside all the practical excitement, pupils are learning to record their findings carefully and write them up as proper scientific reports.



In Maths, we have already completed our first unit and moved swiftly on to multiplication. Two-digit multiplication is providing plenty of challenge, and we have also encountered something new: the order of operations. It turns out that when a calculation contains several different operations, mathematicians have rules about which one gets to go first!

Meanwhile, in English, we have been getting to know Laurie and Max and stepping into Max's shoes to write diary entries about her experiences. Our grammar work on coordinating and subordinating conjunctions is helping pupils experiment with their sentences and bring Max's thoughts, feelings and experiences to life. And there is plenty more to come.

Later in the half term we will host a visit from Transport for London. As part of our preparations for the move to secondary school, pupils will be learning how to travel independently and safely on London's public transport. Year 7 may still feel a long way off, but Year 6 is already giving us plenty to think about, explore and look forward to!

Belleville Open Mornings

Our larger scale open mornings for prospective 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. You can also find out about our small group tours that run throughout the year here.

We are also looking for parents/carers who are happy to help us at these events by taking tours. We will provide you with all the information you need! Please sign up here to help. Thank you.

Follow us: @belleville_school

To join Belleville's SEND parent-run WhatsApp group, please scan the QR code.

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Wellbeing and 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)**

They also have a **Goodbyes and Goodnights Online Parent/Carer group** for families have children that struggle with separation from their parents and carers. This group meets online on the following Fridays - 2, 9, 16 and 23 October from 12.30pm-1.30pm. You can **sign up or find out more here**.

Wandsworth Family Information Service has resources available to help support families with children with SEND.

Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, is holding a national survey for children and young people called The Big Future. At a time of significant change, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. She would like to hear from children in every school across the country. If your child would like to take part, please visit the Big Future website.

Belleville PTA

Our next **pre-loved uniform sale** will take place at both school sites at morning drop off on **Friday 25 September.** All purchases support our partner schools in Ghana. Donations of **clean, good condition uniform with the school logo only** may be left at the school offices. Donations of fleeces/jumpers/ cardigans for older children and branded house t-shirts in all sizes especially welcome. Volunteers run our pre-loved uniform sales, please don't leave them with other old clothes to recycle for you!

Belleville PTA's Festival of Friendship is back on **Saturday 3 October, 2pm-4pm at Meteor Street.**

Come and join this celebration of music, arts, food and culture from around the world by Belleville families and friends.

At our last event we enjoyed watching Lion Dancers and Samba performances, taking part in a Bollywood dance workshop, food and drink from Turkey to South Africa, street games from South East Asia and archery from Hungary! We'd love families to share their culture or country with the Belleville community.

Please email Lilly (5S): ej_mcneill3@hotmail.com or Gloria (3B): gade28@googlemail.com to get involved, including contact details and which country/culture you'd like to represent.

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