



Belleville News

12 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break with your families and friends and wish you a very Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to see the children return with the right learning behaviours and attitude to their work. It is a short and busy half term, full of many exciting learning opportunities, including Year 2 visiting the Florence Nightingale museum this week and Year 6 dissecting a lambs' heart in Science!

We also start our series of Open classroom sessions next week, with Year 5 on Monday 15th January. Please see below for other dates.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

School Choir Perform at the Mayor's Concert

Just before Christmas, our School Choir took part in the Mayor's Charity Christmas Concert at Wandsworth Civic Centre.

It was great to be part of this concert which featured schools from across the borough and the Wandsworth Music Academy in aid of the Mayor of Wandsworth's charities. We were delighted to hear that the performance raised over £1,000 for local charities.



Dates for your diary:

Closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry – Monday 15 January, [apply through Wandsworth Council](#). Please note:

Children who are currently in Belleville's Nursery are not automatically offered a place in Reception. If your child is currently in Nursery and you are interested in a place in Reception, you must follow the same application process through Wandsworth Council.

Open Classrooms at 2.40pm on the following dates: Reception – Tuesday 23 January, Year 1 - Wednesday 17 January, Year 2 - Friday 19 January, Year 3 - Monday 22 January, Year 4 - Friday 26 January, Year 5 - Monday 15 January and Year 6 - Wednesday 24 January. Please see more detailed information on the next page.

School Orchestra performance at the Mayor's Gala, The Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU - Tuesday 6 February, 7 pm

Tickets are £6 for adults and £2.50 for children and [available here](#).

Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2024 entry - Friday 9 February 2024. Please download the Nursery [application form here](#) and return directly to the school office.

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Open Classrooms

Following the success of our first Open Classroom event last year, we will be running two more Open Classroom events this academic year. Please see dates for the Spring term below:

Reception – Tuesday 23 January

Year 1 - Wednesday 17 January

Year 2 - Friday 19 January

Year 3 - Monday 22 January

Year 4 - Friday 26 January

Year 5 - Monday 15 January

Year 6 - Wednesday 24 January

We look forward to opening our doors so that your child can share their learning with you in their classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to look through some of your child's work with them and to celebrate their achievements from Autumn term. Please note, this is not a time for a catch-up with the class teacher as there will be a parents'/carers' evening later in the Spring term.

On the day of the events, our gates will open at 2.40pm and you will be directed to your child's classroom. After 30 minutes, your child's teacher will ask you to leave so that the children can pack away and get ready for going home. You will collect your child at the usual time from their usual place in the playground.

To accommodate more parents' busy schedules, our Open Classroom event in the Summer term will take place at the start of the school day - more details will follow later in the year. We understand that many parents/carers may not be able to attend due to other commitments. To avoid disappointment, please can you let your child know in advance if you are unable to attend.



Admissions Consultation

We are currently consulting on a minor change to our admissions policy for September 2025, and the consultation document is available on our website. Please [click here for more details](#). The consultation closes on 31 January 2024.



Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



Year 3 Update

Year 3 ended last half term with two very exciting days where they designed and made a pizza. On the first day, they considered flavour combinations and decided what would work well together. They tasted different pizzas to help them understand what works well and what does not.

On day two, they designed the packaging for their pizza and learnt how to make dough. Once the dough had risen, they rolled it out and later added their toppings. They cooked their pizzas at home and evaluated them based on taste, aroma, and texture. It was an incredibly fun (and messy!) couple of days that allowed the children to learn new skills!

We can't wait for everything that is coming up in the Spring term, including some exciting trips!



Term Dates

Spring Term 2024

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February
Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February
Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.
First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April
Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.
Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May
Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May
First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June
Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July

Term dates for 2024/25 are [on our website](#).