



Belleville News

13 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

There were not many events that survived Storm Darragh last Saturday, but the Belleville Winter Fair did! It would have been so easy for the PTA and their team to decide that the event couldn't happen and cancel it, and it would have been so easy for families to look out of the window and decide to stay at home and not make their way to school.

But neither of these things happened. The PTA got to school very early and re-arranged the whole layout of the fair, moving sections of it inside, to make sure it could go ahead. While families decided too they would brave the conditions to support the event. So many people will have done (often unseen) things to enable the event to go ahead and be a success and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all of you on behalf of the school community. We really appreciate it and thank you for organising another fantastic event.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Winning House

Today we announced our winning house for Autumn 2. Congratulations Forthbridge House. You have won a non-uniform day on Thursday 19 December. The House points will now be reset for Spring 1.

Well done to all the children who have received House Points for demonstrating our CARE and Excellent Learner values. You should be proud of every point you have earned.



Dates for your diary:

Deadline for Year 6 parents/carers to confirm if their child wishes to go on the Year 6 Residential – Friday 13 December. The [link to the survey is here](#).



Year 3 Winter Performance - Monday 16 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 5 Winter Performances - Tuesday 17 December, **5G & 5K** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road, **5OG & 5S** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

Year 6 Winter Performances - Wednesday 18 December, **6DB & 6H** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road, **6B & 6T** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

Non-Uniform Day for Winning House – Thursday 19 December. Children in Forthbridge House can wear their own clothes to school.

Last day of Autumn 2 Term - Friday 20 December with **earlier finish times**. Years 1–6 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery Red 2.30pm. **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term**. All children can wear their own clothes to school on the last day of term.

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Festive Performances

We have had some wonderful performances this week from our Year 4 classes, our School Orchestra, and our School Choir at Battersea Power Station and at the PTA Winter Fair.



Reception Nativity Performances

We are so proud of the Reception children's performances in the Nativity plays this week. Well done!



Year 3 Update

We have been incredibly busy this half term in Year 3. After launching our history topic on Roman Day, the children have since learnt a lot more about the Romans. One lesson included a two-sided debate as Senators to inform Emperor Claudius of the reasons for and against invading Britain. The Emperor listened to both sides of the argument, deliberated very hard and made the decision to invade!



In science, we have learnt so much about forces and magnets. We received a very exciting letter asking for our help to investigate whether all materials were magnetic and then had to take our learning one step further by investigating if all metals are magnetic. We have learnt about contact and non-contact forces and tried to explain the difference between them. To finish off our topic the children made their own 'magnet mazes'.

In English, we have spent the last few weeks writing the 13th Labour of Hercules, after reading Hercules, The World's Strongest Man. It has been wonderful to see the creativity of all the children's writing and how well they've learnt to use speech in a story.

We are looking forward to our concert, DT, and end of term activities next week!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who showed up and contributed to making the PTA Winter Fair such an amazing event. Despite the stormy weather, our incredible community came together to celebrate and support one another. A massive THANK YOU to Gloria and her team – Maxine, Mimi, and Sarah – for their outstanding work in organising the fair.



Thank you also to everyone on the PTA committee - Emily (sponsorship), Kate (treasurer), Alicia (secretary), Adri (website), Lilly (inclusion), Annelies (communications), and Laura and Abby (co-chairs) – as well as to all the parents and carers who have helped with all the PTA activities this term.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6 January – school closed to children
First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 7 January
Last day of Spring 1: Friday 14 February
Spring half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February
First day of Spring 2: Monday 24 February
Last day of Spring 2: Friday 4 April

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