



Belleville News

13 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break and are looking forward to another fantastic year at Belleville. It's wonderful to see how happy the children are to be back in school and it's a joy to see the school come back to life. A special welcome to the families who are new to Belleville this year and thank you to all of you for entrusting us with the education of your child. We are aware that it is a great privilege and rest assured that we will do everything we can to ensure that your child gets the best possible primary education.

We hope you like the look of the new sports surfaces! We are delighted with them and know that they will significantly improve the children's P.E. lessons and play times. Our job is to ensure the school is constantly improving and we feel that this is a significant improvement. A huge thank you once again to [the PTA](#) for funding the pitches and to the [Q1E Trust](#) for their support of this project. Thank you to all parents and carers for the contributions that you have made and for your support of the PTA's future events to enable this funding; you can see the huge impact of your contributions.

Have a good weekend.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Remaining 'welcome to your Year group' meetings by Zoom:

Reception - Friday 20 September at 4pm
Year 3 - Tuesday 17 September at 4.30pm
Year 5 - Tuesday 17 September at 4pm

Parent Workshops

Infants Phonics parent workshop - Thursday 19 September, 2pm and 6pm at Webb's Road
Juniors Reading parent workshop - Tuesday 8 October, 2pm and 6pm at Webb's Road

Parent Gym

We will be running Parent Gym again and will be offering courses at both Webb's and Meteor due to popular demand! At Parent Gym we share our challenges and frustrations, as well as practical tips, so that we can empower each other to spend more time enjoying our parenting journeys.

The six-week programme has been designed by experts, who've looked at the latest parenting research, and put together these sessions to build confidence and give practical advice. Parent Gym is normally worth £1000 per parent we offer it free of charge at Belleville. You can [find out more about Parent Gym here](#). Join us to discover how to create a happier, calmer home life and meet like-minded parents.

Each weekly session lasts two hours and will take place on Tuesdays from 9.15am – 11.15am at both sites after the October half term, with one taster session on Tuesday 22 October.

All parents and carers are welcome to apply but places are limited. Look out for the sign-up link that will be shared by Parent Mail at 9.30am on Monday 16 September.

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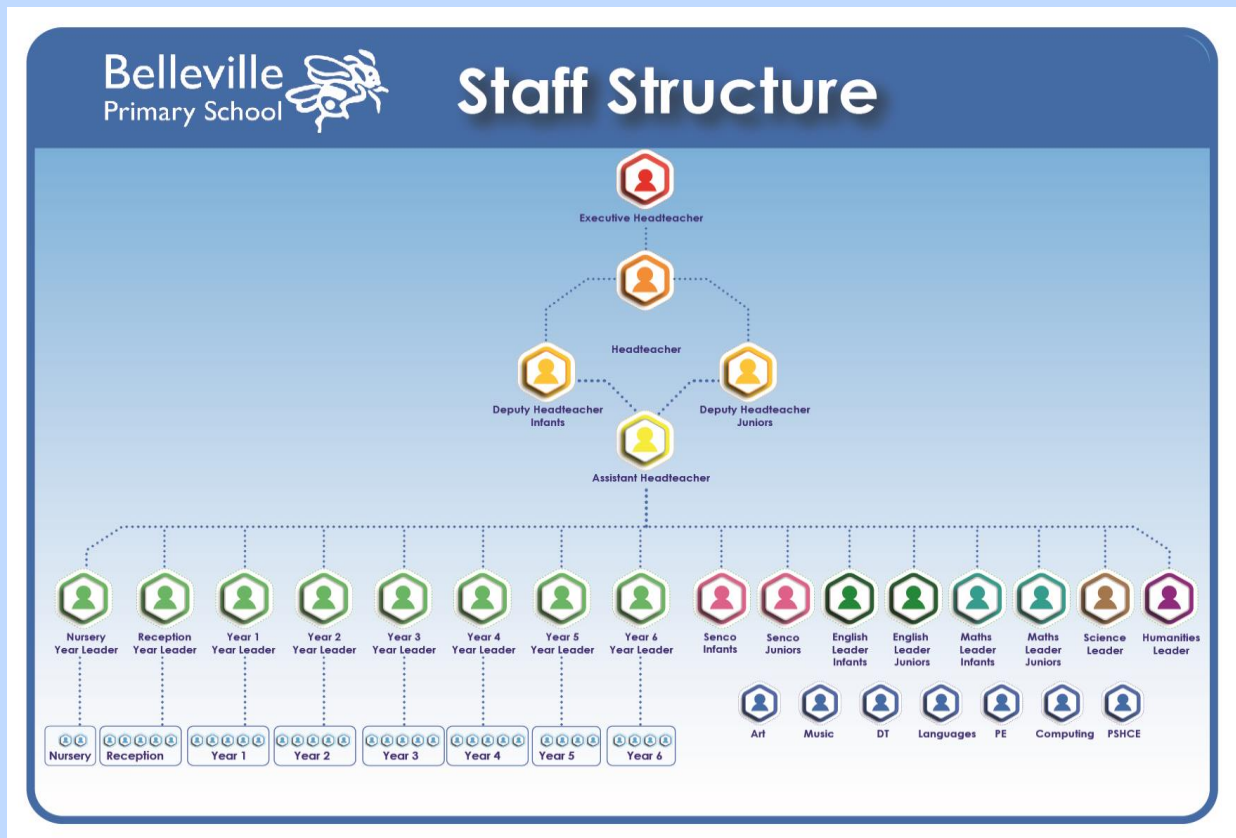
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Belleville Staff Team

The information over the next two pages shows you who is responsible for different areas and who you should speak to if you have any questions or queries.



We have three Deputy Head Teachers, two for Nursery to Year 2 (Infants) and one for Year 3 to Year 6 (Juniors) and a new Assistant Headteacher (Juniors). One of our Deputy Headteachers, Tom Newman, is also our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).



John Budden
Executive Headteacher



Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher



Megan Shaw
Deputy Headteacher
Infants (Mon-Thurs)



Hannah Coles
Deputy Headteacher
Infants (Weds-Fri)



Tom Newman
Deputy Headteacher
Juniors & DSL



Sarah Peach
Assistant Headteacher
Juniors



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We have two SENCo (Special Needs Co-ordinators), one for Infants and one for Juniors.
We also have Year Leaders in each Year Group:



Samantha Burst
SENCo Infants
Nursery to Year 2
(Mon-Thurs)



Rachel Carruthers
SENCo Juniors
Year 3 to Year 6



Lucy Cliff
Nursery



Clare Trotter
Nursery



Lucelle Hendriks
Reception



Jack Millington
Year 1



Emily Grove
Year 2



Stephanie Grosvenor
Year 3



Lydia Common
Year 4



Matt Gale
Year 5



David Browning
Year 6

Please contact our team in the order below for any questions or concerns that you may have:

1. Class teacher
2. Year Leader
3. SENCo for your child's key stage (if appropriate)
4. Deputy Head Teacher or Assistant Headteacher for your child's key stage
5. Head Teacher or Executive Head Teacher

Work with us!

We are recruiting for great people to join our team with opportunities for **Teaching Assistants**. To find out more, please [visit our website](#).

From our SENCOS

The Education Wellbeing Service is holding a series of free parent webinars to support the transition to primary school, supporting your child with any worries about school and supporting children with SEND. You can find out more on the links below.

[Newsletter for Nursery and Reception](#)
[Newsletter for all Year Groups](#)

School Streets update

The initial phase of the trial on Belleville Road is now complete and the Council have installed some large signs at both ends of the street during the hours of operation. **Please do observe these signs and don't drive down Belleville Road during the hours of operation.** The Council is also planning to install some school safety zone signage on Wakehurst Road.

The Council has now proposed a School Street at Meteor Street with a view to a trial happening in early October. Information about this will follow in the coming weeks.

We've had a few glitches with some of our school software since the start of term. We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience caused. The issues with Parent Mail and Schools Buddy should now be resolved.



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Year 2 Update

Year 2 have had an excellent start to the new school year. We started our first history unit about the Great Fire of London in a very dramatic fashion by burning a model of Pudding Lane. The children observed how a small fire in one building quickly spread and grew in strength. They then used their historical enquiry skills by asking thoughtful questions about the Great Fire. In the short time we have been back at school, Year Two have already read some fabulous books in English. Including, Rain Before Rainbows, Something Else and On Sudden Hill. They have used these books as inspiration for their first pieces of Year 2 writing.



As you may have seen already, the school has new sport surfaces at the Webb's Road and Meteor Street sites. This ambitious project, with a total cost of just over £120,000, is fully funded by your PTA. With your hugely generous support and donations, we have already raised £50,000 towards this project this year, this is as well as supporting the other ongoing PTA commitments: the Wandsworth Music Year 4 instrumental programme, watches for Year 3, Year 6 hoodies, and contributing 10% of PTA profits to the Belleville Honey Pot Fund.

Earlier today, we held our PTA Playground launch event and AGM at Webb's Road with a celebration of this exciting venture. The PTA Playground launch event at Meteor Street will take place in the KS2 playground on Friday 20 September at 9am, and we hope you will be able to join us there. These events provide an opportunity to learn more about the project, meet the PTA team and find out how you can get involved in fundraising events and initiatives. We look forward to working together to achieve this fantastic improvement for our school!





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House Points

The House Point scores since the beginning of term are now in and well done to Webb's House this week. The aim of the 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. You can find out about our Houses on the [school website](#).



Bolingbroke Academy

As you may know, Belleville School is one of the feeder schools for Bolingbroke Academy. If you are considering Bolingbroke for your child, their Parents Association is hosting a Treasure Hunt and BBQ on Saturday 28 September which is open to all.

The Treasure Hunt will take place from 3pm – 5pm on Clapham Common in the dog free area, followed by a BBQ and Bar at Bolingbroke from 5pm to 8pm.

You can find out all the [information and buy tickets on their website](#).

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

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



Term Dates 2024 – 2025 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Days: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 4 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 25 October

Autumn half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Inset Day: Monday 4 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 5 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 20 December

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

Summer Term 2025

Inset Day: Tuesday 22 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1: Wednesday 23 April

Bank holiday: Monday 5 May – school closed

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 23 May

Summer half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 2 June

Last day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22 July