



Belleville News

15 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, it has been another very busy week at school with a number of Christmas performances. Thank you very much to the many parents and carers that have attended the concerts. We are very appreciative of your time and continued support.

A special thank you also to Ms Hughes, our specialist Music teacher, for co-ordinating and leading the various events.

Please note our last day of the term will be on **Thursday 21st December** with an earlier finish. Please see timings below.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Year 6 Christmas Concerts – Monday 18 December. 6DB, 6T & 6W - Webb's Lower Hall, 10.30am, 6B & 6H – Meteor Hall, 2.30pm.

Year 3 Christmas Concert – Tuesday 19 December, 10.30am, St Michael's Church, Cobham Close, SW11 6SP.

School Streets Programme Consultation Drop-In Session – Monday 18 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Meteor Street. Information will also be available in the Meteor playground at pick-up on that day.

School Choir - Mayor's Charity Concert, Tuesday 19 December, 6-8pm, Wandsworth Civic Centre. Tickets available [here](#).

Last Day of Term - Thursday 21 December. **Please note earlier finish times.** Years 1 – 6 – 2.20pm, Reception – 2.25pm, Nursery pm – 2.30pm. Children can wear their own clothes to school.

INSET day - Monday 8 January 2024

First day of Spring 1 term - Tuesday 9 January 2024

Closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry – Monday 15 January, [apply through Wandsworth Council](#). If you are in Nursery and are interested in a place in Reception, you need to follow the same application process through Wandsworth Council.

Well Done Wakehurst!

Autumn 2 House Winners

Today we had a House assembly where the winning House was announced. Well done Wakehurst House - you have won a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 20 December**. The House points will now be reset for Spring Term 1.

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points in 2023! This shows you have been demonstrating our CARE and Excellent Learner values, and you should be proud of each and every point you have earned.





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Open Classrooms

Following the success of our first Open Classroom event last year, we are excited to announce that we will be running two more Open Classroom events this academic year. The first will be at the start of Spring Term. Please see dates 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. Dismissal will remain at the same time, and you will collect your child 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, straight after drop-off - 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.

School Council Visit to the Houses of Parliament

Members of the School Council went to visit the Houses of Parliament to understand more about the House of Lords and the House of Commons. They walked around the different buildings and had a workshop to understand what Parliament does. They were able to have debates and ask lots of questions. "I learnt that the colour is green in the House of Commons and that they hold meetings there, but they do not have a gold throne like in the House of Lords. In the House of Lords, the room was red and that's where King Charles has his meeting when he goes to the Houses of Parliament."

Lucia Bennett, Year 5





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Reception Update

It has been a busy few weeks in Reception and the children have really loved this half term's focus on light and dark. This has involved learning about night and day, shadows, nocturnal and diurnal animals, and the solar system. The children have also created some wonderful art pieces focussing on colour mixing and inspired by the work of Kandinsky and Rothko.

We have now covered all the single letter sounds and some digraphs and the children continue to practise using these to write words, captions, and sentences. In maths, we have focused on numbers to 10 including reciting, writing and ordering them, as well as looking at number bonds to 5. 2D shapes have been introduced and we have encouraged children to talk about the different shapes and their properties.

Over the past few weeks, we have been gearing up for our Nativity plays ready for this week's performances, which we hope you all really enjoyed. In the classroom, much of our learning has taken a Christmassy turn with letters to Santa and Christmas artwork, as well as learning about why and how we celebrate Christmas.





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Year 5 concerts

On Thursday, we enjoyed Year 5's Christmas concert with singing, readings and ukulele playing. They all sounded great - well done Year 5.



School Streets Consultation

Thank you to everyone who discussed the potential School Streets programme at Webb's Road this week. The drop-in consultation for Meteor Street will take place on Monday 18 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, and there will be information available in the playground at pick up that day.

If you would like to make any comments about the proposed School Streets programme, please complete the [Council's survey here](#).



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.

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Autumn Term 2023

Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

Spring Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January

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 now [on our website](#).