



Belleville News

17 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see all the children back in school on Tuesday and we hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break.

A new national Writing Framework was published in July last year, and for the past year or so we have been working closely with its author, Dr Tim Mills, as we review the way we teach writing at Belleville. We systematically review all areas of school life to ensure things are as good as they can be, and as part of this writing review, we have renewed our focus on handwriting and spelling across all year groups. We know that gaining automaticity in these transcription skills is key if children are to successfully tackle all the other skills that writing requires, so we have made these areas a priority in our classrooms.

We were reminded in our research that children's handwriting does not reach maturity until they are fifteen or sixteen years old, so it seems important to continuing practising it throughout the primary school years. To support this, we have added extra slots to the timetable dedicated specifically to handwriting and spelling lessons to enable the children to develop these key skills for writing.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Important Dates

Belleville PTA Quiz Night – Friday 24 April, from 7pm, Meteor Street. [Book your tickets here!](#)

Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May, school closed.

Belleville PTA Adult Disco – Friday 15 May, from 7.30pm, Webb's Road. [Book your tickets here!](#)

Summer Half Term Holiday – Monday 25 – Friday 29 May.

First Day of Summer Term 2 – Monday 1 June.

Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day - Monday 8 June, 9.15am-12pm, Tooting Athletics Track.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer Event – Monday 8 June, 6pm to 7.30pm, further details to follow.

Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day – Wednesday 10 June, 1.30-3.30pm, Clapham Common.

Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day – Friday 26 June, 1.30-3pm, Clapham Common.

Reception Sports Day – Monday 6 July, 1.30-3pm, Clapham Common.

Nursery Sports Day – Monday 6 July, 1-1.30pm, Clapham Common.

Last Day of Summer Term 2 – Friday 17 July.

[Term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years are on our website.](#)

Wandsworth Family Hub Workshops

Wandsworth Family Hubs are holding a series of free online workshops from April to July offering helpful tips and support on a range of topics aimed at under 5s. From how to get your child ready for nursery or school to introductions to solids and mealtime routines to toilet training. To find out more or sign up, please scan their QR code.



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Year 4 Update

It has been an exciting start to the summer term for Year 4. We have begun exploring our new English text, the fantastic graphic novel *El Deafo*. The children have been highly engaged, especially enjoying the opportunity to take on different roles during reading activities.

El Deafo also links perfectly with our Science topic this term: sound. We introduced the unit by exploring different areas of the school, where the children identified a variety of sounds and discussed how they were produced.

In Maths, we have been continuing to focus on times tables practice in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check. The children are showing great motivation and are really enjoying the challenge of improving their scores - it's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and progress!



During British Science Week last half term, our Year 4 children had an exciting opportunity to learn from parent visitors who shared their medical expertise. The children developed their understanding of microbes, using engaging scientific resources to demonstrate how germs can be seen and how they can spread from person to person which they all absolutely loved. The children also took part in an introduction to CPR, where they learned some basic lifesaving skills and gained an understanding of how to deal with an emergency if they were on their own. It was a fantastic experience for the children, and we are very grateful to our parent visitors for giving up their time and helping to make science learning so memorable.

Wellbeing Webinars

SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Reception. – Y6\)](#).

Their next webinars are on **Managing big feelings in small people** on [20 April, 8pm](#) and [24 April, 12pm](#), **Encouraging Healthy Habits in Children with Autism**, [29 April, 12pm](#), **Supporting Primary School Children with Toileting Problems** on [11 May, 7pm](#) and [12 May, 1.30pm](#), and **Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary Children** on [10 June, 7pm](#) and [11 June, 1pm](#).

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



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SEND Community Project

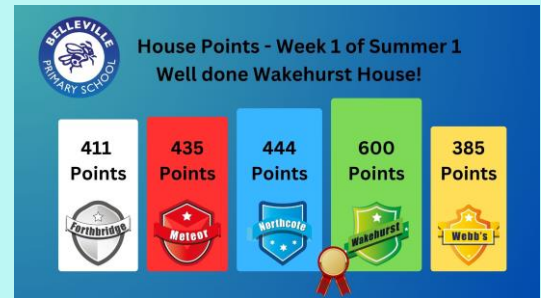
The next SEND community project sessions at the Mushkil Aasaan Centre in Tooting will take place on 1 May (ADHD and Sensory Support Services), 5 June (Disability Coaching with Enable) and 3 July (Holiday Activity and Food – HAF programme) from 10am – 12pm.

To find out more or sign up, please scan their QR code.



House Points

Well done Wakehurst House!



Netball Opportunities

Boys Netball – Spencer Netball is offering boys in Year 4 upwards the chance to learn how to play netball this summer, starting from Monday 20 April at Burntwood School, in conjunction with the London Giants Men's Netball Club. To find out more or sign up, please [visit this website](#).

Sparkle Netball Tournament – On Sunday 10 May at Nonsuch High School, SM3 8AB, Spencer Netball are holding the Sparkle Netball Tournament for teams of Year 4 upwards. To find out more or sign your team up, please [visit this website](#).

Girls' Netball Club – Clapham Netball has a small number of places available at 8.25am for Years 2 – 6 and 9.25am for Years 3 – 10 on Saturday mornings at Harris Academy Clapham. To find out more or sign up, please [visit this website](#).

Belleville PTA

Join us for a fun, sociable evening of trivia, laughs and a little friendly competition! The **Belleville Quiz** night is back next **Friday 24 April** at Meteor site. Tickets are £20 and include a drink. Doors open from 7pm, with the quiz starting at 7.30pm.

Organise a team of up to 8 or join a table on arrival!
[Book your tickets here!](#)

Tickets are also on sale for the **Adult Disco**, taking place on **Friday 15 May** from 7.30pm at Webb's site. Dust off your dancing shoes and take a trip back to the 90s! Join us for a night of throwback tunes, great vibes, and a well-deserved parents' night out. Tickets are £20 and include a drink.
[Book your tickets here!](#)

Dates For Your Diary 2026

24th April	Quiz Night Meteor Street
15th May	Adult Disco Webbs Road
17th May	Fun Run Wandsworth Common
5th June	Honeypot Webbs Road
TBC June	Wine Tasting Webbs Road
4th July	Summer Fair Webbs Road

