



# Belleville News

17 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Trust, we continue to offer our children a broad and balanced curriculum and in our relentless drive for improvement, excellence and equality, teachers work in year groups across the Q1E Trust to ensure our units of work are engaging, memorable and progressive.

Specialists and class teachers, work hard to bring the awe and wonder to the children's learning. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and excitement on so many of the children's (and teacher's) faces as they launch their new topics for this term.

Enjoy your weekend.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2025** - Monday 3 February – application forms [available here](#).

**Belleville PTA Quiz Night** - Friday 7 February, 7.30pm, Meteor Street. Tickets are now on sale [via the PTA website](#).

**School Orchestra performance at Mayor's Gala** – Tuesday 11 February, 5pm-8.30pm - Civic Centre. Further details to follow.

**Parents/Carers' Evenings** – Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 February. Further details to follow.

**Spring Half Term:** Monday 17 to Friday 21 February.

**Year 6 Wandsworth Music Singing Performance** - Friday 21 March, 10.30am, Lower Hall, Webb's Road.

**Year 6 Brighter Sounds Performance** – Monday 31 March, 7.30pm, Royal Albert Hall.

## Parent Gym

We will be running Parent Gym again this term. 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, but we offer it free of charge at Belleville.

Each weekly session lasts two hours and will take place on Tuesdays from 9.15am – 11.15am, with a Taster Session on Tuesday 11 February from 9.15-10.15am. The remaining dates are Chat - 25 February, Love – 4 March, Behave – 11 March, Care – 18 March, Discover – 25 March and Together – 1 April.

All parents and carers are welcome to apply and there are 20 places available. If you would like to join the course, [please sign up here](#).

## Flu Vaccine Clinic

If your child missed the flu vaccine in school and you would like them to have a flu vaccine, there is a free clinic tomorrow – **Saturday 18 January, 10am – 1pm** at [Fayland Children's Centre](#), Fayland Avenue, SW16 1SY. No appointment is necessary, just turn up. For information, call 020 3903 3374.

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## ZooLab Visit

In Science, Year 1 were extremely excited to welcome [ZooLab](#) into school this week. The children were introduced to a range of insects, reptiles, and amphibians. The children were very brave and many touched and held the animals including a friendly corn snake and a giant African land snail!



## Police Visit to Nursery

Blue and Red classes were very lucky to have a visit from Sergeant Griffiths and his colleagues this week as part of our 'People who help us' topic. The children listened attentively as the officers explained exactly what their job involved. They were surprised to learn that it was much more than catching baddies!

The officers showed the children the different parts of their uniform and they all got to hold a pair of handcuffs and use the metal detector. The children were then allowed to try on one of the police hats if they wanted to. The children learnt a great deal and are excited to put it into practise during our police week.





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## Year 5 Update

In the last-half term, the pupils of Year 5 developed their understanding and gained new knowledge and skills across all subjects. The term culminated, of course, with an incredible concert (thank you again, Miss Hughes!) and it was fantastic to see so many of you in attendance.

In their English lessons, the children learned about the life and influence of Malala Yousafzai. The maturity that the pupils showed, when considering the complex events of Malala's life, helped them write biographies of her that were told with impressive detail; employing formal language and sentence structures to help them create a very impressive piece of work. Later in the term, a new unit of lessons, based around picture books, help to stimulate some amazing creativity from the pupils, resulting in some beautiful picture books that discussed a range of themes from dealing with challenging emotions, to finding friends to how to help someone settle into a new school.

History lessons, last term, plunged the children back into Ancient Greece and allowed them to explore aspects of the culture such as the birth of democracy, the importance of sport and competition, and the emergence of performance and theatre. The children made perceptive links between the innovations of that period on history and the way we live our lives today.

After progressing on from their studies of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), the Year 5 pupils engaged in reading tables and graphs, before beginning their work on Fractions. Using real-world scenarios and situations, the pupils have been able to study not only the theory of fractions, but they have also been able to see how their learning can be applied in everyday life.

Last week, we were lucky enough to have a visitor to our classes. Eleni Price, a STEM ambassador (and a parent of two children in our school) shared insights into her career as a structural engineer, as well as providing the children with a problem to solve by making the strongest bridge they could from a sheet of paper. High levels of engagement and excitement were clearly evident. Could this session have lit the sparks of inspiration that will propel some of our young learners into careers as structural engineers?






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## Belleville PTA

Quiz Night – Tickets On Sale Now!

Get ready for a night of trivia, laughter, and fun! Our adults-only quiz night is the perfect excuse to gather your friends for a relaxed and entertaining evening while supporting Belleville.

 When: Friday 7th February. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start.

 Where: Meteor Hall

 Tickets: £15 per person | £120 for a table of 8

 BYO Food: Bring your favourite meal or have it delivered to the venue between 7pm and 7:30pm

 Fully Stocked Bar: Drinks will be flowing all evening to keep the fun going.

Whether you're in it to win or just there for a laugh, it's guaranteed to be a fantastic night. [Book Now!](#)



## House Points



## Music Lessons

Children from Year 4 upwards can have individual paid music lessons with tutors from [Wandsworth Music](#), including significantly reduced prices and bursaries for those receiving pupil premium.

To find out more or to sign up, [please visit our website](#).

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

## 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

### 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

Term dates for 2025-26 academic year are [on our website](#).