



Belleville News

24 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The key news this week is the appointment of Toby Martlew as the Executive Head Teacher at Belleville. Further detail is below, but we know that everyone that was involved in the interview process is absolutely delighted by Toby's appointment.

We are now looking forward to working closely with him in the summer 2 term to ensure the best possible handover as he starts his new role, and we are confident that Toby will take Belleville from strength to strength. It is a very exciting appointment for the school.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the PTA Quiz night tonight - 7pm start at Meteor Street. Many thanks as ever to the PTA team who have organised what is always a fantastic event.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Important Dates

Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May, school closed.

Summer Open Classrooms – Wednesday 13 to Thursday 21 May. Year group details on page 3.

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

Belleville PTA Fun Run – Sunday 17 May, Wandsworth Common. Buy your entry place here.

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

First Day of Summer Term 2 – Monday 1 June.

Belleville Honey Pot Variety Show – Friday 5 June, Save the date, further details to follow.

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.

Belleville PTA Summer Fair – Saturday 4 July, Webb's Road

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.](#)

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Appointment of Executive Head for Belleville Primary School

We are delighted to have appointed **Toby Martlew** to the position of Q1E Executive Head for Belleville Primary School. Toby is a qualified teacher with substantial experience in educational leadership. He was appointed after a very thorough interview process which included Local Parent Governors, Q1E Trustees, Headteachers, members of the Q1E Trust team and Belleville Senior Leadership team.



Toby Martlew was Principal (Headteacher) of Ark Oval Primary Academy, a large primary academy in Croydon where he raised standards significantly and ensured a stable, thriving community of pupils and staff. For the last three years, Toby has been working full time for Ofsted as one of their lead inspectors (HMI).

During his time with the Ark Academy Network, Toby was part of school improvement teams who supported school improvements in other schools and provided mentoring to new Headteachers, supporting their career development. He also has experience of leading Safeguarding and SEND provision, and experience as a school governor and a multi-academy trust Trustee.

Toby's role will be to continue our drive to provide a 'quality first' education for all children. He will work closely with Belleville's Headteacher, senior leadership and staff team, local Governors, Trustees, and the Q1E Trust team to provide greater strategic direction for the school, support and develop our ongoing evaluation and improvement plan, and increase Belleville's engagement within both the wider education community and its local community.

Toby Martlew says: "I am delighted to be joining the Belleville and Quality First Trust family. The school's relentless commitment to providing the best possible education for all pupils, rooted in nurture and a broad, enriching curriculum, drew me to this role. Meeting the wonderful pupils and dedicated staff confirmed that this was where I wanted to be. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to contribute to this community and to help secure a future in which we can flourish together."

Toby will officially start at Belleville at the beginning of Summer Term 2 to ensure a full handover period with John Budden throughout the second half of the summer term. We will be arranging opportunities for parents and carers to meet him and ask any questions that you may have in the summer and autumn terms.

Honey Pot Variety Show – Friday 5 June – Save the Date!

The 'Belleville Honey Pot' variety show is an amazing evening of fun and fundraising for our school-registered charity. We want all children to have a positive and meaningful experience at Belleville, and the Honey Pot provides support to some of our children, helping them access all the opportunities we provide within school to enrich their learning experiences. Previously, the charity has helped to pay for residential trips, day trips, the swim clinic, uniform and so much more! The Honey Pot variety show is performed for parents and carers and brings together the 'finest' talent that the Belleville teaching and support staff have to offer. Think Live at the Apollo/Britain's Got Talent... Further details to follow!





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Summer Open Classrooms

We are delighted to invite you into your child's classroom again this year so they can share their learning with you. It is a fantastic opportunity for you to look through their books and celebrate some of their achievements.

Reception: Wednesday 13 May

Year 2: Friday 15 May

Year 4: Tuesday 19 May

Year 6: Monday 18 May

Year 1: Thursday 14 May

Year 3: Wednesday 20 May

Year 5: Thursday 21 May

On the day, please come to the school office at 2.40pm and you will then be taken to your child's classroom. After 20 minutes, we ask that you leave via the office so that we can organise the children for the end of the day. Children will be brought to the playground at the usual collection time.

Please do let your child know if you are unable to attend to avoid disappointment. We look forward to you joining us.

Year 6 Update

Year 6 have just entered their final term of primary school; it is both an exciting and daunting one. It has been fantastic to see the children come back to school with focus and effort. They are working hard to prepare for the SATs, whilst also growing in all of the other areas of learning.

In English, the children have been writing persuasive speeches based on the award-winning novel *Holes*. Their use of persuasive features such as hyperbole and anaphora has been very impressive and we look forward to them presenting these speeches soon.

In Science, the children have enjoyed the start of our unit on biodiversity. We have used David Attenborough's Netflix documentary as a stimulus to provoke conversation about what biodiversity is and why it is essential. A particular highlight so far has been creating a food web as a class to understand the importance of maintaining balance.



It feels wrong not to mention last term's breath-taking performance in Fairfield Halls. The children sang beautifully and should be so proud of their achievement – it will hopefully be a memory that will last for many years to come.

As the children move into their final term in primary school, they must remember that giving their best is the key to success. This learning trait is the most important thing they can take from primary school.



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Belleville Science Poster Competition Winners

The Belleville Science Poster Competition winners are Early Years - Santino (RC), KS1 - Mohammed (2MA), LKS2 - Cora (4B) and UKS2 - Zoe and Luna (6C).

Well done to everyone who entered. We are so proud of the fantastic effort that went into all the entries and our judges were blown away with the quality, creativity and interesting scientific questions presented. So many posters impressed us that we will be putting many up on display around our school. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child's scientific enquiry at home with these.



Wellbeing Webinars

SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars 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 [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 **Managing Screen Time for Primary Children** on [10 June, 7pm](#) and [11 June, 1pm](#).



Belleville PTA

The **Adult Disco** takes 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! Tickets are £20 and include a drink. [Book your tickets here!](#)

The **Belleville Fun Run** is taking place on **Sunday 17 May**, 9am – 11.30am on Wandsworth Common. There's a race for everyone with medals for ALL participants. Year 5/6 - 1.5k, Year 3/4 - 1km, Year 1/2 - 750m and Nursery/Reception - 400m. Mums' and Dads' races - 2km. Tickets are £6 per person. [Book your place here!](#)

Bolingbroke Parents Association would like to invite any families interested in Bolingbroke Academy to their Spring Fair, this Saturday 25 April, 12-3.30pm. Further details are [available on their website](#).

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