



# Belleville News

24 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we saw a group of Year 3 parents at the Meteor Street site giving up their time to accompany classes on the trip to the British Museum. We want to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers that help the school in this way. We know how important trips are in bringing learning to life, as well as creating positive memories of school life and expanding the children's life experiences.

Whenever children speak about their favourite memories of school, trips always feature highly. The trips cannot take place without parental support and it is such a valuable contribution to the school community. We really appreciate it - thank you.

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

**Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2025** - Monday 3 February – (for children born between 1 Sept 2021 and 31 Aug 22.) Application forms [available here](#).

**Understanding the Year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' Parent/Carer Webinars** – Tuesday 4 February, 2-3pm and again at 5.30pm-6.30pm. Details on the next page.

**Belleville PTA Quiz Night** - Friday 7 February, 7.30pm, Meteor Street. Few tickets remaining [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.

**Last day of Spring Term:** Friday 4 April.

## From our SENCOs

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

Their next webinars will take place on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 January about understanding and supporting your child's sleep. You can sign up to any of their webinars [here](#).

The Wandsworth Autism Advice Service also hosts a monthly webinar for parents/carers and a monthly coffee morning. To see their spring term events or to sign up, [please see their flyer](#).

## Parent Gym

We still have a couple of places remaining on this term's Parent Gym to support your parenting journey. It starts on with a taster session on Tuesday 11 February, and then runs weekly from 25 Feb to 1 April. If you would like to join the course, [please sign up here](#).

## House Points





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## Understanding the Year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' Parent/Carer Webinar

The National Curriculum states that by the end of Year 4, pupils should know their times table facts up to 12 x 12. As you may be aware, in 2020 the government introduced a statutory times table test for Year 4 pupils, to be taken in June each year. Much like KS2 SATs, the 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC) is mandatory for schools in England.

Having quick recall of times tables gives children a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them work out a variety of calculations easily and quickly. Knowing times tables provides the building blocks for understanding higher learning, such as long multiplication, long division, equivalent fractions and fraction of numbers, algebra and solving word problems.

To help parents and carers with strategies to support children learning their times tables and in understanding the Year 4 MTC, the Director of Maths from the Q1E Trust will be offering an online workshop on Tuesday 4 February at 2-3pm and again at 5.30-6.30pm.

**Tuesday 4 February, 2-3pm:** [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 897 9522 4432

Passcode: XtablesPM

**Tuesday 4 February, 5.30pm-6.30pm:** [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 863 2816 4574

Passcode: XtablesEVE



## Year 6 Singing Project

Year 6 have started the singing project with the vocal leaders and pianist from Wandsworth Music, culminating in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall at the end of March.

This week, they started learning the first song 'Wake me up.' All the backing tracks and song lyrics are available on our [school website](#) for children to practice at home.

## Rock and Pop Choir

Some children in the rock and pop choir have been asking to be able to practice the songs at home. The backing tracks and lyrics are now available on our [website](#).

## Doctor Visit to Nursery

To complement our 'People who help us topic,' Blue Class had a visit a Nursery mum who is a doctor at a hospital. She showed the children some of the special equipment doctors use to help patients get better. The children then had an opportunity to explore the equipment with their friends. They had lots of fun pretending to be doctors.





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## Year 2 Update

Year 2's history unit this half term is all about life changes, the significant people that we remember in history for the positive changes they made in people's lives. For instance, Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Joseph Bazalgette. Linked to this, the Year 2 children have visited the Florence Nightingale Museum by St Thomas' Hospital where they met Florence Nightingale herself. The children learnt all about her early life, the journey she took to become a nurse, and the positive changes she made to nursing.



In science, Year 2 have been learning about how to keep themselves healthy. They have learnt about hygiene, nutrition and how germs spread. We created a scientific model to show how soap removes germs from hands by using pepper and washing up liquid.

Year 2 have produced some thought-provoking writing based on the book, *The Invisible* by Tom Percival which explores themes of community poverty and making a positive change. The children have written setting descriptions using a wide range of adjective and emotive first-person recounts.

## Eco Council Update

Last term, the eco-council members were busy collecting up pens to be recycled. In the picture you can see how many pens as a school we used in a term and the importance of recycling these pens and not putting them in landfill. Unfortunately, the pen recycling point at Ryman's has been closed so we are holding onto these pens while we find a suitable recycling solution. If you have any ideas, please contact us!



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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## French Update

In Year 3, all classes have been excited about the 'Sac magique', a bag with French story books, a toy and an exercise book. Each week, a child in the class takes it home to have an adventure with the toy and record (hopefully using some French!) in the exercise book to show the class in the next letter.

In Year 4, we are watching French film *Le Ballon Rouge*, a short film from 1956 set in Paris, which is helping us practise the colours. Later this term, we will be learning about famous Paris monuments and making artwork inspired by Ben Heine, a Belgian artist born in Côte d'Ivoire.

In Years 5 and 6, we started a pen pal project and have sent ID cards to our partner classes in France or Côte d'Ivoire. We will be sending full letters, as well as teaching them about life in London and learning about their culture.



**La Culture de la Semaine:** To build our cultural awareness of French-speaking countries, 10 minutes of each lesson is dedicated to learning about a cultural aspect. So far this term, we have learnt about the French 'Galette des Rois' and the names of French-speaking countries in Africa.

**French Bee:** Practice for Stage 2 will start next week. Four Stage 1 winners from each class will be given 40 new words to practise. We will hold 15-minute practice lunchtime club once a fortnight at Webb's (12.15pm Tuesday) and Meteor (12.15pm Friday).

## Belleville PTA



**PTA Quiz Night** – Friday 7 February, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Meteor Hall. Last few tickets available. [Book Now](#) and get ready for a night of trivia, laughter, and fun!

**New PTA team from September 2025** - our current two-year PTA tenure will end this July. We want to ensure a smooth handover to the next PTA, which will begin in September 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for other parents to get involved and bring fresh ideas. No prior experience is needed - just enthusiasm and a willingness to support our school community. If you would like more information, please email us on [hello@bellevillepta.org](mailto:hello@bellevillepta.org) or message us via Classlist.

## 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](#).