



Belleville News

25 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday and Thursday - your ongoing support and engagement is hugely appreciated. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please contact your child's class teacher so you can discuss your child's progress after half term.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing all the children back at the usual time on Tuesday 5th November.

John Budden

Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour

Headteacher

Trinity Cup Football

Well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 boys that represented Belleville at the Trinity Cup this week. The team narrowly lost 2-1 in the quarter finals but conducted themselves incredibly well throughout the tournament.



School Streets

We are still looking for volunteers to help with School Streets after half term. Thank you.

Meteor Street, please [sign up here](#).

Webb's Road, please [sign up here](#).

If you would like to provide any feedback about the schemes, please do this directly through the [Wandsworth Council website](#).

Dates for your diary:

Sports Survey for Year 2 to Year 6 – The deadline for [completing the survey](#) is Friday 25 October.

Autumn Half Term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November.

Inset Day: Monday 4 November. School closed to children.

First day of Autumn Term 2: Tuesday 5 November.

Open Mornings for Prospective Families: Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 November, 9.15am – 12noon. Families interested in attending can [sign up here](#). To help as a parent volunteer, [please sign up here](#).

Belleville PTA – Wrap Up London Coat Collection – Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 November. Please donate any WARM, good condition, clean coats at morning drop off at both sites.

Christmas Performances: Dates for the Year Group winter term performances are on the next page.

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Christmas Performances

Year 1 'Dinky the Donkey' performance, Friday 13 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 2 'Behind Every Door' performance, Friday 13 December, 10.45am, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 3 Winter Performance, Monday 16 December, 2.15pm, [St Michael's Church](#).

Year 4 Winter Performances - Thursday 12 December, **4T** - 10am, Meteor Hall; **4C & 4H** - 1.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's; **4M & 4SP** - 2.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's.

Year 5 Winter Performances, Tuesday 17 December, **5G & 5K** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's; **5OG & 5S** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

Year 6 Winter Performances, Wednesday 18 December, **6DB & 6H** - 10.15am, Lower Hall, Webb's; **6B & 6T** - 2.15pm, Meteor Hall.

School Choir Northcote Road light switch on, Friday 22 November, 4pm – 5pm, meet at school.

School Orchestra Performance - Thursday 12 December, 4pm, Middle Hall, Webb's.

School Choir Carol Performance - Thursday 12 December, 5.30pm, Battersea Power Station Art'otel

Belleville Open Mornings – Parent/Carer Tour Guides

On **Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November 2024**, we will be hosting our open mornings for families considering Belleville School for their children.

As in previous years, we are looking for parents and carers who are happy to take prospective families on a tour of Belleville School, and **we are short of volunteers on the Wednesday for Webb's Road and both dates for Meteor Street**. Volunteers will receive a briefing document, light refreshments, and our gratitude! You can choose to help us on just one of the days, and at either or both school sites.

If you can help, please [sign up here](#). Thank you!

6B Drumming Performance

The children in 6B put on a great performance earlier this week, performing 3 pieces from Senegal, Ghana and their own composition working in 2, 3 and 4 rhythmic parts. The performance showcased their hard work this half term learning how to play Djembe drums and working together to play in a synchronised way as a class and in smaller groups. Webb's Road classes will be learning Djembe drumming later in the year.



Wandsworth Council – Free Swimming

Wandsworth Council offers free swimming for all children under 8 at Latchmere, Tooting, Balham and Putney Leisure Centres as well as free swimming for older children and adults who meet their [Access for All](#) eligibility during off-peak hours. To find out more, please [visit their website](#).



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Year 5 Residential Trip

Last week, Year 5 set off for Belleville's annual journey to Ufton Court. Our pupils were given the chance to travel back through the mists of time and not only stay in a house that was built almost five hundred years ago, but also to totally immerse themselves in ancient Greek culture. From learning how to trade across the city-states, to learning how to become highly skilled archers and gaining an understanding of how crime and punishment was dealt with by the ancient Greeks, it was a fantastic experience for adults and children alike.

Our pupils represented our school brilliantly; showing great interest and participating with enthusiasm in all the activities they took part in. It was a real privilege to witness the wonderful learning opportunities and life-long memories that were created in what was a truly fantastic trip. We would also like to thank all the staff that give up their time to make such events possible.





Nursery Update

Despite some of them only just turning 3 in August, all 52 children have been excitedly waiting at the Nursery door each day raring to go. We have searched for bears to complement our "We're going on a bear hunt" story as well as explored the theme "Ourselves" through self-portraits, songs and role play. The children have experienced different textures from play dough to clay and have recreated their own version of The Bear Hunt in the Nursery playground. We have baked and decorated gingerbread bears and talked and shared about the important people in our families.

We have been incredibly proud with how quickly the children have settled into their first ever academic term, how they are following the Belleville systems as well as adjusting to being in a new school environment each day. Well done Nursery!



Bolingbroke Academy

As you may know, Belleville is a feeder school for Bolingbroke Academy. Bolingbroke received an Ofsted inspection at the end of September 2024 and the report has just been released. Although since September, Ofsted no longer makes an overall effectiveness judgement in inspections of state-funded schools, Bolingbroke received an **outstanding judgement in all five categories**. Many congratulations to the Bolingbroke team. The report is available on the [Ofsted website](#).



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Belleville PTA events



An evening with Jay Baldwin, Thursday 7 November, 7.30pm, Webb's Road.

Tickets are £10 and are [available on the PTA website](#).

Wrap Up London Coat Collection, Monday 11- Wednesday 13 November, morning drop off both sites.

This is Belleville's 4th year of supporting this brilliant cause. Please look through your cupboards and see if you have any warm, good condition, clean coats to donate for men, women or children.

Festive Shopping Evening, Wednesday 20 November, 7.30-9.30pm, Webb's Road.

Tickets are £7 including a complimentary Tote bag and mulled wine or non-alcoholic welcome drink on arrival. [Tickets available here](#).

Christmas wreath making - Wednesday 27 November.

Christmas tree sale - Saturday 30 November. Webb's Road.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7 December. Webb's Road.

Free Judo Trial at Ernest Bevin School

Our friends at Ernest Bevin have a Judo Academy, open to all children in Wandsworth, and they are offering a free trial judo lesson. If you are interested in signing up, please [complete their form](#).

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or for others in our community.



Term Dates 2024 – 2025 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2024

Inset Days: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 4 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 25 October

Autumn half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Inset Day: Monday 4 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 5 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 20 December

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