



Belleville News

29 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this introduction, the school orchestra is practising Christmas songs and all around the school end of term concerts and assemblies are being prepared. The festive season is well and truly upon us, and we are looking forward to lots of class, year and whole school events over the next three weeks.

These events are highly enjoyable and also give the children valuable opportunities to perform in front of an (adoring) audience, which is an experience that we know is of huge benefit to children.

Please check the dates and timings of all our concerts in this newsletter over the coming weeks so you can enjoy the events and support the children.

Have a good weekend,

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Mary-Lyne Latour
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

Belleville PTA Christmas tree sale - Saturday 30 November. 8.30am – 11am. Webb's Road. You can collect your pre-ordered Christmas tree or buy one on the day.

Maths – No Problem! Workshops – Open to all parents/carers who would like to learn about how we teach maths in the Q1E Trust. Tuesday 3 December, 2-3pm and 6-7pm, Webb's Road. [Sign up here.](#)

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 5 December. Children can wear festive jumpers to school. If you feel able to, we are collecting a suggested donation of £2 for Save the Children. You can [donate online here.](#)

Belleville PTA Winter Fair - Saturday 7 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Road.

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

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

Last day of Autumn 2 Term - Friday 20 December. **Please note earlier finish times.** Years 1–6 2.20pm, Reception 2.25pm, Nursery Red 2.30pm. Please note that **Belleville Beehive Wraparound closes at 5.30pm on the last day of term.**

For all year group festive performances, please see full list of dates on the next page.

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Festive Performances



Nursery - Blue Class - Tuesday 3 December, 11.15am, **Red Class** - Wednesday 4 December, 2.45pm

Reception – RH - Monday 9 December, 10am, **RF** – Monday 9 December, 2pm, **RC** – Tuesday 10 December, 10am, **RMC** – Tuesday 10 December, 2pm – all in the school hall at Webb's Road.
REC – Wednesday 11 December, 10am, Meteor Hall.

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 Road; **4M & 4SP** - 2.30pm, Middle Hall, Webb's Road.

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.

From our SENCOs

Thank you to everyone who came to the Wellbeing Coffee Mornings. If you were not able to attend and are interested in the service, the Education Wellbeing Service are holding an online introduction on Wednesday 4 December at 10-11am and at 12.30-1.30pm. You can [sign up here](#).

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service also offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can find out more or [sign up for their free webinars here](#).

Writing Competition Opportunity

The London Society are running their annual writing competition 'Love Letters to London'. Open to all ages, and all writing styles, this competition is accessible to everyone to celebrate London in prose or poetry with prize money available for the winners.

The theme of this year's competition is 'Dreams for London', as this December marks the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King's sermon at St Paul's Cathedral.

To find out more or to enter, please [visit their website](#). The closing date for entries is Friday 20th December 2024.

School Choir Performance

Well done to members of our School Choir who sang at the Northcote Road Christmas Lights switch-on last Friday night as part of a massed choir from four local schools. It was a lovely way to start off the festive season.





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Year 6 Update

Year 6 have continued their excellent work this half term and have enjoyed several enrichment opportunities.

Just before the half term break, we descended upon The Old Vic Theatre to watch Kwame Alexander perform. His resilience of character and poetic writing inspired the children to write and perform their own poems about 'Peer Pressure' in a poetry slam event.

Since then, Transport for London have come in to speak to the children about using public transport safely and the children were encouraged to get a Zip card, which enables them to travel for free on buses and trams.

Last week, the children enjoyed a presentation by Carol Rahm, a local historian, who spoke to us about what Battersea was like during World War 2. The children were shown how the damage caused in the war has shaped Battersea today.

Aside from these exciting enrichment opportunities, the children have continued their hard work in the classroom. A notable highlight is that we have started reading 'The Longest Night of Charlie Noon', a tense novel set during World War 2. We are constantly in suspense as Christopher Edge, the author, drops in subtle clues as to how the plot will develop, leaving us on a cliff hanger at the end of each chapter.



School Streets

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with School Streets. For Meteor Street, we are moving to the next phase of the trial from Monday 2 December where we just need to put out and take in the barriers for each session. If you can help for just 5 minutes at either site, please sign up below.

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

House Points





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Christmas tree sale - Saturday 30 November, 8.30am – 11am, Webb's Road. Collect your pre-ordered Christmas tree or choose one on the day.

Winter Fair - Saturday 7 December, 12 noon – 3pm, Webb's Road. Everyone welcome!

Raffle tickets are available to [buy in advance](#) or you can buy them on the day. There are fabulous prizes to be won!

If you would like to book a ticket Santa's Grotto at the Fair, there are timed entry slots from 12 noon to 3pm. Places are limited so please [book in advance](#) to avoid disappointment. Children on pupil premium in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered a free ticket and do not need to book via the website.



Wandsworth Music Academy has some spaces for children in Years 3 – 6 who are learning an orchestral instrument and have a keen interest in music making! The Academy runs on Saturdays at Burntwood School, 9.30-1.30pm. The children have a full morning of activities including choir, djembe/steel pans, an instrumental lesson, music theory and an ensemble/orchestra. The children take part in large-scale concerts and progress through the academy to their senior orchestras. To find out more or apply, please [visit their website](#) or email info@wandsworthmusic.co.uk

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.



Autumn Term 2024

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