



# Belleville News

4 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to repeat last week's call for volunteers to help put out and put away the barriers for the School Street scheme on Belleville Road. The pilot scheme was very successful and now we want to continue the good work.

Unfortunately, the signs that have been installed are not always acting as the deterrent to drivers that they should, so we need to continue with the barriers to ensure the street is safe and the scheme is adhered to. If you are able to help, please [complete this short form](#).

The trial period for the School Street scheme at the Meteor Street site will start on Monday 14 October. Meteor Street will be the School Street and we will be needing volunteers for that site as well. Please see the article on the next page for further details of the training session and how to sign up.

Thank you,

**John Budden**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mary-Lyne Latour**  
Headteacher

## From our SENCOs

Our SENCOs Samantha Burst (KS1) and Rachel Carruthers (KS2) will be hosting their first SEND coffee morning of the year on Monday 14 October at 9.20am at Webb's Road (open to parents from both sites).

This will provide a chance for you to meet the SENCOs and other parents, find out about how we support children at our school and understand what outside professionals we work with. If you would like to attend, please [fill in this short form](#).

We also have a WhatsApp group for parents/carers of children with SEND as well as those with an interest in SEND. If you would like to join the group, please scan the QR code:



We look forward to welcoming you to our community.

The Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service is hosting a series of free events this term. [Further details available here.](#)

## Dates for your diary:

**Juniors Reading Parent Workshop** - Tuesday 8 October, 2pm and 6pm at Webb's Road.

**Launch of Meteor Street School Street** – Monday 14 October

**Year 6 Djembe Drumming Performance – 6B Meteor Class**  
Tuesday 22 October, 2.40pm, Meteor Hall. Webb's classes will follow later in the year.

**Parents'/Carers' Evenings** -Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October. Further information and booking to follow.

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

**Inset Day:** Monday 4 November – school closed to children.

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## School Streets

### Meteor Site

Wandsworth Council is launching the trial phase of a School Street on Meteor Street on **Monday 14 October 2024**. The School Street will operate from **Monday to Friday, 8.20am – 9.10am and 3pm to 3.40pm, term time only**. The road will be closed to all traffic during those times except to residents of the street, emergency vehicles and healthcare workers, and Blue Badge holders.

As with the Webb's Road School Street trial, the school needs to provide volunteers to staff the barriers during the hours of operation for the trial period. **We would be very grateful for any support that you can give as we realise it is a much smaller group of parents/carers at this site**. If you can support this project by staffing the barriers for even one session, [please sign up here](#).

Brief training for volunteers will take place at the Meteor Site on **Thursday 10 October at school pick up time**. **We will send a confirmation email next week**. Please just wait by the Reception area. If you cannot make this session and are able to help, please still [sign up here](#) and we will provide you with further information next week.

### Belleville Road School Street

We are very grateful to the couple of volunteers who have helped so far with the Belleville Road School Street since the start of term, but **we are extremely short of people to put out and take in the yellow signs to prevent drivers ignoring the large signs**. The barriers no longer need to be staffed during the hours of operation, but we are required to use the signs. If you can help for five minutes for just one session, [please sign up here](#).

## Cross Country Success

We are very proud of our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the Wandsworth cross country on Wednesday.

Three children are going through to represent Wandsworth in the London Youth Games, as they finished 1st, 2nd and 5th in their races. There were approximately 70 runners per year group, and all our children finished in the top 20 or 30.



## National Poetry Day

This week, children have been celebrating [National Poetry Day](#) through special lessons and assemblies. The theme of National Poetry Day this year is 'counting'.

To continue this enthusiasm for poetry, we would like to invite children to enter our annual National Poetry Day competition. A letter sent via ParentMail will provide more information. We look forward to reading the children's creative poems!





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## PE Lessons

In PE lessons, Year 2 have been trying lots of fundamental movement skills, rotating to different stations. They tried target throw, throw and catch, dribbling with basketballs & shuttle runs. Year 3 have been playing a game of switch with lots of different ways to travel to try and beat an opponent.



Year 4 have been learning Pop lacrosse with our Spencer Lacrosse coach & Mr Pannell, our new PE teacher. This is part of our invasion sports topic for Year 4. Year 6 have taken part in team building activities to start the year and get to know their new classmates with Mr Pannell.



## Local Sport Opportunities

Saturday Morning girls' only football training run by Balham FC is back at Hillbrook Primary School, Hillbrook Road, SW17 8SG from this Saturday 5 October, 9.15-10.15am. It costs £5 per session. They are using the app Spond to sign up. If you are interested, please [join via this link](#) or email [Girlsfootball@balhamfc.com](mailto:Girlsfootball@balhamfc.com).

Herne Hill Harriers are running their Star Track athletics sessions at Tooting Bec Athletics Track for children aged 7 to 15 during half term - Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov, 10.30am – 2.30pm. £16 per day. For more information or to sign up, email [startrack@hernehillharriers.org](mailto:startrack@hernehillharriers.org)

## House Points





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## Reception

It has been wonderful to see how quickly all the children have settled in, the progress they have already made, and the strong friendships they have started to form.

This half term, we have focused on helping the children adjust to school life, learning routines, managing emotions, and building positive relationships. As part of our 'Our World' topic, we have enjoyed hearing the children share stories about their families and show family photos.

In phonics, we have introduced most of the single letter sounds, and the children have started writing words and short captions. In maths, we have explored sorting objects by size, colour, and function, as well as creating repeating patterns. We have read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books as part of our 'All About Me' topic.

Afternoons have been dedicated to child-led learning, with activities based on their interests. Whether it is drawing self-portraits, reading in the book corner, or building a train track, the children have had plenty of creative opportunities to explore and express themselves.



## Year 2 – Science Trip

As part of their Science unit, Year 2 have been to Morden Hall Park on an exciting trip this week, run by The National Trust. They explored a variety of habitats found within the park and found out why certain land invertebrates live there, as well as having a go at pond dipping.





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## Year 1 – Local Area Walk

Year 1 have been out on a local area walk this week as part of their Geography topic. They have also been writing descriptions of their own cuddly toys based on 'Dogger,' the book they have been focusing on in English.



## Save the date for these PTA events!

Mon 7 and Tues 8 Oct: PTA class calendars

Monday 7 October - final date to return festive card designs to the school office.

Friday 25 October: Autumn Bake Sale

Thursday 7 November: An evening with Jay Baldwin

Wednesday 20 November: Festive shopping evening

Wednesday 27 November: Christmas wreath making

Saturday 30 November: Christmas tree sale

Saturday 7 December: Christmas Fair

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