



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the first full week of this autumn term, I wanted to share how wonderful it has been to see how quickly our pupils have settled into their new classes and routines. Classrooms are already buzzing with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real sense of determination to do their best.

Our Reception and Nursery pupils are making a brilliant start to their school journey, growing in confidence each day as they explore their new environment. Across the school, teachers have been busy getting to know their classes and laying the foundations for what promises to be an exciting year of learning.

Thank you for the support you've given your children in helping them return to school so smoothly, from ensuring good attendance and punctuality to encouraging positive attitudes at home. These early habits make a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Thank you for coming to the Curriculum Evenings we held this week for KS1 & 2 English stream. Over the coming weeks, we look forward to welcoming our EYFS and Bilingual families into school for their curriculum meeting.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Sam
RB	Thomas
Y1	Marcel
1B	French Week
Y2	Elijah
2B	French Week
Y3	James
3B	French Week
Y4	Thomas
4B	Olivia
Y5	Linh
5B	Mila
Y6	Timi
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Ralph
RB	Alexandre
Y1	Phoebe
1B	French Week
Y2	Manda
2B	French Week
Y3	Emma
3B	French Week
Y4	Octavia
4B	Dorra
Y5	Ryan
5B	Lucien
Y6	Azael
6B	French Week

Important dates:

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October Inset Day:

INSET Day (English Stream): Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn Term 2 (Bilingual Stream): Monday 3 November

First day of Autumn Term 2 (English Stream): Tuesday 4 November

Important information:

- Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school**. We have PE and play outside in all weathers.
- Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.
- Our [communication table](#) should signpost you to the right person to deal with any queries you have.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

After a few days of settling in, our Nursery pupils had their first full day on Wednesday. They have been getting to know their new classmates and enjoyed exploring the amazing outdoor learning area. The pupils particularly loved getting to use the bikes and the sandpit. It's been great to see the pupils becoming comfortable in their new school and we are excited to see how our learners grow.



This week in **Reception** and **RB**, our pupils have been settling into their new classrooms, learning the routines and making new friends. In **Reception**, they have met our specialist PE and Music teachers and loved their lessons. We can't wait to start teaching them about sounds in phonics and numbers in maths. In **RB**, pupils have been drawing and writing about their families while also learning to use their new outdoor learning environment. It has been a great start to the year.



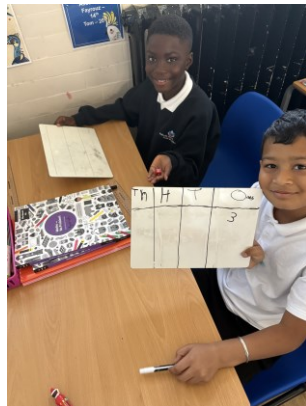
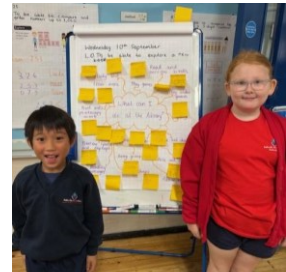
What a brilliant first full week **Year 1** have had. The children settled in beautifully and have been working so hard in all their lessons - we are very proud of them. This week, they had their first computing lesson and explored pictograms. The children looked at different examples and then created their own pictograms inspired by animals. They really enjoyed it. We're excited to continue learning more about pictograms and start exploring tally charts next. Well done, Year 1.

Year 2 have shown fantastic enthusiasm for their learning, especially in Maths, where they have been exploring place value. Using dienes, the pupils have been building and breaking apart numbers to understand tens and ones, and they have loved the challenge of making different numbers and explaining their thinking. It has been wonderful to see the pupils' confidence growing already, and we are excited for all the amazing learning to come this term.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

In **Year 3** pupils have loved delving into their new lessons. They have particularly loved reading the new English book 'Luna loves Library Day'. The children spoke about the importance of libraries and the benefits they have for society.



Pupils in **Year 4** have come back full of energy, eager to learn, and excited about the year ahead. They are already working well together as a team and looking forward to achieving their very best. In Maths this week, they explored place value and discovered how numbers can be rearranged and transformed. Pupils particularly enjoyed a fun game where they mixed up four-digit numbers and, using clever reasoning and the process of elimination, had to guess their partner's cards. The room was full of laughter and brilliant thinking.

In English, pupils in **4B** enjoyed the experience of a vibrant circus atmosphere to inspire their descriptive writing. With carousel music playing, the smell of popcorn in the air, and even a taste or two of the popcorn, pupils brought their senses to life to help craft vivid, imaginative sentences. What a fun way to learn.

This week, pupils in **Year 5** enjoyed their first Music and French lessons of the year. They began their new unit on folk music with great enthusiasm and learnt two new French phrases, focusing carefully on pronunciation. A fantastic second week back.

5B have had a fantastic start to the year. They have independently researched space exploration throughout the twentieth century in Science and developed their understanding of how the legacy of the Ancient Greeks is still felt today, from branding to ballot boxes!

Pupils in **Year 6** have had an electrifying start to the year. This week, they used batteries, lamps, switches, motors and wires to create their own electrical circuits. Later, the pupils discovered how scientists use a universal system of symbols to represent circuits and practised drawing their own representations.



BWA Newsletter

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Wellbeing Webinars and Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to any of their free webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery and Reception\)](#), [Primary \(Years 1 – 6\)](#)

Their next webinars are:

Goodbyes and Goodnights – Building your child's confidence and independence for Nursery and Reception parents/carers on [Monday 15 September 7-8pm](#) and [Wednesday 17 September 1-2pm](#)

Through the School Gates – Overcoming daily challenges getting into school for all primary parents/carers on [Monday 29 September 7-8pm](#) and [Tuesday 30 September, 12-1pm](#).

They are also holding a free **parent/carers coffee morning** to provide more information about their services at **Belleville Wix Academy on Thursday 25 September from 9-10am**. For more information, please speak to Katie Walsh, SENCo, or ask at Reception.

PE Update

During games this week, Upper Key stage 2 pupils had their first taste of the team bleep test. Pupils needed to work as a team to pass the baton to their team mate, keeping up with the ever-increasing speed of the bleeps.

The event ran until pupils could no longer keep the pace of the bleeps over the relay track. The winning teams were the teams with the best focus, coaching of their team mates, tactics and overall fitness. The pupils did a superb job putting in their maximum effort and despite a big cool down stretch, there were a few sore muscles the next day due to the effort put in. Well done to all.

Quality First Education Trust

Belleville Wix Academy is part of the Quality First Education Trust (Q1E), an outward looking Trust of five London primary schools. We believe in primary schools improving primary schools and in learning from the best, whether locally, nationally or internationally. We are delighted that Thomas's Academy in Fulham has joined our Trust this September, alongside our other existing Trust schools of Belleville Primary School, Churchfields and The Alton.

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Our aim is to provide an excellent 'quality first' education for all children and to ensure that all children and adults are safe, excellent learners, have excellent social and emotional skills and fulfil their potential. We believe "The quality of a school cannot exceed the quality of its teachers" (McKinsey). Across the Q1E Trust we have built a strong, enriched curriculum and shared language of pedagogy, and we deliver high-quality training to school staff in all aspects of the curriculum. To find out more about the Quality First Education Trust, please [visit our website](#).



Q1E Trust, Lunchtime Co and ProVeg UK launch Climate-Conscious Silver Award Menu

From the start of term, the Q1E Trust's new partnership with [Lunchtime Co](#) and [ProVeg UK](#) brings BWA pupils a healthier, more sustainable menu - recognised with a [School Plates Silver Award](#).

ProVeg UK is a non-profit organisation supporting caterers and thousands of schools across the UK through its School Plates programme, providing School Food Standards-compliant plant-based recipes and engaging classroom resources through the [Canteen to Classroom](#) education programme.

Across the Q1E Trust, we are committed to [embedding sustainability](#) into all that we do. Our school catering plays a key role in achieving our sustainability goals. ProVeg UK's School Plates Awards celebrate caterers who prioritise health and sustainability. Their evidence-based approach focuses on small but powerful changes - such as the wording, presentation and labelling of vegetarian and plant-based dishes - to make climate-friendly choices easier and more appealing for children.

The Silver Award-winning menu includes:

- More appealing plant-based dishes
- Tasty and nutritious vegetarian options
- Thoughtful tweaks to reduce environmental impact while maintaining variety and flavour while keeping meat options



All meals continue to meet the School Food Standards and have been designed with pupil health and satisfaction in mind. There will be opportunities for parents and carers to taste some of the dishes later this term. The menu for this term and information about school meals is [available on our website](#).

Term Dates – English Stream

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Inset Day: Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December

Holidays: 20 December – 4 January

Inset Day: Monday 5 January – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6 January

Term Dates – Bilingual Stream

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1, Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September - school closed to children

First day of Autumn 1: Thursday 4 September

Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

First day of Autumn 2: Monday 3 November

Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December

Holidays: 20 December – 4 January

First day of Spring 1: Monday 5 January

Full term dates for both streams are [available on our website](#).