



BWA Newsletter

Wix's Lane, Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0AJ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a fantastic week of learning for all our pupils. For the last couple of years we have been so fortunate to be able to invite Safari Pete in to visit our pupils in EYFS and Year 1, to bring their learning to life. It is always a highlight for me, and I am sure there were lots of excited children informing their parents about their new learning after the visit on Wednesday.

I would like to thank everyone in our school community who has responded so positively to our work on our bilingual provision. It means so much and we are very grateful for your encouragement. It was also great to welcome so many families to the meeting on Thursday evening. Thank you so much for your time.

Teachers in our bilingual stream are busy writing reports that will go out before half term. We will be hosting another Parent Teacher meeting for all parents in our English stream before half term, the week beginning 9th February. More details will follow soon.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September – Friday 6 February.

Last Day of Spring Term 1 - Friday 13 February.

Spring Half Term - Monday 16 to Friday 20 February.

First Day of Spring Term 2 – Monday 23 February.

Last Day of Spring Term 2 - Friday 27 March

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

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 help with any queries you have.

Wandsworth Family Information Service has many resources available to help **support families with children and young people with SEND**. To find out more, please [visit their website](#).

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Inaaya
RB	French Week
Y1	Florence
1B	Louis
Y2	Sienna
2B	Sarah
Y3	Leith
3B	Louise
Y4	Alex. A
4B	French Week
Y5	Ryan
5B	French Week
Y6	Martha
6B	Victor

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Keya
RB	French Week
Y1	Phoebe
1B	Adryan
Y2	Karlo
2B	Lucia
Y3	Skylar
3B	Eliott
Y4	Seba
4B	French Week
Y5	Sophie
5B	French Week
Y6	Hudson
6B	Ruben

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery had a very special visit this week from Safari Pete and his animals. They held barn owls, stroked ferrets, watched lizards catch their prey and learnt a lot about these very interesting animals.

The pupils have really enjoyed learning about fossils in **Reception** this week. They learnt about Mary Anning and discussed the important work she did. They loved taking turns to look at the different fossils.



Our **Year 1** pupils were also lucky enough to have a special visit from Safari Pete, and it was an experience the children will remember for a long time. The pupils enjoyed the opportunity to see and learn about a range of amazing animals up close. During the visit, they met a tarantula, an Australian white tree frog, and even watched a barn owl flying across the school hall. They were amazed by a friendly meerkat who sat on the teacher's shoulders, a ferret who showed off a little dance, and some impressive green iguanas. During the visit, pupils saw mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. The only animal group they didn't get to see was fish. It was a fantastic experience of hands-on learning and tied in perfectly with their science unit on Amazing Animals.

1B also had a very exciting afternoon being visited by Safari Pete and his collection of exotic animals. The children loved exploring their understanding of different reptiles, mammals and amphibians by looking at the animals up close, even getting a chance to touch them. Everyone had a wonderful time.

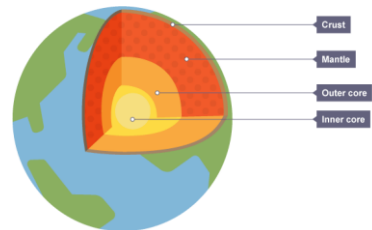
In **Year 2**, the pupils have been learning about staying healthy in both body and mind. In Science, the children have been exploring healthy eating, learning about different food groups and how a balanced diet helps them grow and stay strong. In PSHCE, they have been focusing on having a healthy mind by talking about their emotions and understanding how they feel in different situations. The pupils have also been practising simple strategies to help them stay calm, such as taking deep breaths and thinking positively, so they can manage their feelings confidently throughout the day.

2B have been reading 'The Invisible' this week, a book all about finding the beauty in the things around us. The pupils have been generating exciting language to write their own setting description. They have also been measuring the temperature, mass and length in maths, and they have enjoyed looking at the weather around the world. They also learnt about Joseph Bazalgette, and the Great Stink of 1858.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a fabulous week. They have particularly enjoyed using Lego Spike to create their own Lego carnival games, by coding the movement by using iPads.



In Science, **3B** have been learning about the four layers of the Earth: the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core. The pupils explored what each layer is made of and discovered some amazing facts about what's happening deep beneath their feet.

This week, **Year 4** had lots of fun learning about electricity. The pupils discovered how electricity flows and what is needed to make a circuit work. They used batteries, wires and bulbs to build their own circuits and were excited to see the bulbs light up. The children learnt that electricity can only flow when a circuit is complete. Everyone worked brilliantly together and enjoyed being young scientists.

In **Year 5**, the pupils began learning about the difference between weather and climate in their geography lessons. They explored the five main climate zones of the world and located countries within each one. The children discussed the long-term weather conditions that shape different climates and enjoyed discovering how weather patterns vary across the globe.

The **Year 6** pupils made a model of human blood. They have dived into their learning about the components of blood - platelets, red blood cells, white blood cells and plasma - and how they help the body to function. Then, they used a range of edible goods to create a model of blood with (fairly) accurate ratios of each component. Great work, Year 6.

6B are also learning about the circulatory system in science this term. They enjoyed using sweets to demonstrate the four different components of blood.



Sports Update

This term, pupils at BWA will be learning rugby, with each session tailored to their stage of development. In Key Stage 1, the children focus on developing fundamental movement and ball skills such as running, catching, passing, and teamwork through fun and engaging activities.



In Key Stage 2, pupils progress to learning the new T1 Rugby rules, building on these foundations to develop game awareness, decision-making, and collaboration in a safe, non-contact format. It has been wonderful to see pupils gaining confidence, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, and showing enthusiasm for rugby.

Nursery Applications for September 2026

Applications for Nursery places for September 2026 close on **Friday 6 February 2026**.

We offer a combination of full-time and part-time places at our nurturing and self-contained Nursery, where children feel settled, happy and safe, whilst beginning to develop their learning and independence.

To find out more about the Nursery application process, including using the Government's free childcare funding and top-up costs, or to download an application form, please [visit our website](#).

Art Opportunity

Now in its eighth year, The Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4-18 studying in the UK.

Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and art professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.



Further information about the show and how to apply is available on their website at youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk. The closing date for entries is 5pm on Wednesday 4th March 2026

French Primary Bee Update

At the end of the Autumn term, we held the first stage of the competition in school. The following pupils have progressed to the next round which will take place at the end of the Spring term. Well done to all the pupils in Years 5 and 6 for taking part and congratulations to:

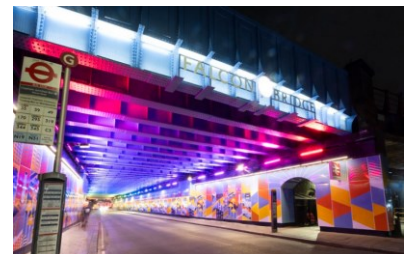
Year 5 - Layla, Leandro, Maeva, Milo and Tommaso

Year 6 - Izzy, Vivienne and Zaira



Art News

The Year 5 pupils (now Year 6) participated in an artists' workshop as part of the Wandsworth Borough of Culture. Pupils worked with an artist from the Royal College of Art and a composer from the Royal College of Music to create sounds which are used in this community art installation.



We are proud to be part of this event that has a positive impact on our local community. Well done to all pupils who were involved. We hope you enjoy the new improved tunnel at Falcon Road, Clapham Junction. You can find out more about the [Falcon Road transformation here](#).