



BWA Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been a pleasure to see the children return after the spring break, ready and eager to learn.

We hope that families with children starting Reception in September are pleased with their National Offer Day outcomes, and we look forward to welcoming those joining our school community.

The weeks ahead promise to be another exciting chapter in the school year, with a rich range of learning opportunities, experiences and events planned across all year groups. From the classroom to the wider life of the school, there is much to look forward to.

As always, if there is anything you need from us, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to support you and your children every step of the way.

With my very best wishes,

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Luca
RB	French Week
Y1	Emma
1B	Hedi
Y2	Khai
2B	Maya
Y3	Leila
3B	Anna
Y4	Leo Reeve
4B	French Week
Y5	Leandro
5B	French Week
Y6	Georgia
6B	Leandro

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Colm
RB	French Week
Y1	Isabella
1B	Arla
Y2	Delphine
2B	Timothee
Y3	Samuel
3B	Maxime
Y4	Alex. A
4B	French Week
Y5	Ryan
5B	French Week
Y6	Charlotte
6B	Daphne

Important dates:

Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May. School closed.

Summer half term - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May.

First day of Summer Term 2 - Monday 1 June.

Last day of Summer Term 2 for Bilingual Stream - Wednesday 15 July.

Last day of Summer Term 2 for English Stream - Friday 17 July.

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 with SEND**.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have had a wonderful start to the summer term, enjoying plenty of learning outdoors. The children have been developing core skills through a range of activities: practising throwing and numeral recognition with a target game, building their communication, imagination and mark making as a team of 'rocket ship' designers, and observing the flowers growing in the garden before drawing what they could see.



In our first week back, **Reception** enjoyed reading *The Snail and the Whale* and creating their own snails. They also loved using shapes in maths to make different objects.

Year 1 have been enjoying counting in 10s and ones up to 100, using both place value charts to represent tens and ones, as well as part-whole models to support their understanding. They are excited to continue exploring numbers up to 100 for the rest of the week.

A new term means a new topic for **1B**. This term, they will be using their history lessons to learn all about Dinosaurs and what the earth was like when they roamed our planet. They started by creating a human timeline to understand how long-ago dinosaurs existed. The class were shocked to learn that humans and dinosaurs were never on the earth at the same time!



Year 2 and **2B** have both had a fantastic first week back at school, settling in well and showing lots of enthusiasm. They have started reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and the pupils are thoroughly enjoying the new text! In **2B** the children have been writing character descriptions of Augustus Gloop using expanded noun phrases and different sentence types. They are looking forward to their next piece of writing and finding out what happens next in the story.

SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars across the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health. Their next Early Years webinars are on **Managing big feelings in small people** on [20th April, 8pm](#) and [24th April, 12pm](#). For Primary, they are on **Encouraging Healthy Habits in Children with Autism**, [29th April, 12pm](#), **Supporting Primary Children with Toileting Problems** on [11th May, 7pm](#) and [12th May, 1.30pm](#), and **Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary Children** on [10th June, 7pm](#) and [11th June, 1pm](#).



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Our Week – Key Stage 2

This week in **3B**, the pupils have been diving into their new English unit with a focus on sound and creativity! The children explored different sounds around the school, listening carefully to the world around them and capturing what they heard. We then learned about onomatopoeia - words that imitate sounds - and experimented with using them in our writing. 'Our class sings songs of tick-tocking clocks and pencils scratching' They also began exploring juxtaposition, discovering how contrasting ideas can make descriptions more vivid and engaging. It's been wonderful to see the pupils' imaginations come to life through their descriptive language!

It is wonderful to see the **Year 4** children back in the classroom with such great energy. They are buzzing with excitement because they are diving into some amazing new topics. In Science, get ready to make some noise as they learn all about sound, and in Geography, they are going to explore beautiful coastlines to find out what makes the seaside so special. They are also going on a very exciting Computing trip next week! This fun day out is going to set up our new computer lessons perfectly.

In the first week back after Easter, **Year 5** have begun a range of exciting new topics across the curriculum. In English, they have started reading *Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum - a thought-provoking story about an android named Ivy and the development of her emotions. The text explores fascinating themes around what it means to be human and the role of artificial intelligence. Pupils are now building towards their first piece of writing: a news report based on an incident involving a child and their android, where the child suffers a broken arm after being left unsupervised. The pupils are working on their skills of writing an unbiased report of the events.

Year 6 have impressed us this week with their explosively hyperbolic language when writing a persuasive speech. It has been wonderful to hear the pupils read out their draft paragraphs with confidence. A stand out moment was when a speech was read with such gusto that the entire class began clapping. We are looking forward to hearing their final pieces very soon. In **6B**, our new REW topic is Journey Through Life and the pupils enjoyed using the iPads to research Believer's Baptism, Infant Baptism and Confirmation.

Friday Lunchtime Sport

Friday lunchtimes have become a highlight of the week, buzzing with energy, teamwork, and friendly competition! Our exciting programme of sporting events is now in full swing, bringing pupils together in a fantastic celebration of activity and school spirit. So far, we've enjoyed thrilling football leagues for KS2 boys and girls, high-pressure penalty shootouts, and even some unforgettable staff vs pupil showdowns!

The football leagues have been a huge success, with every pupil who wants to take part proudly representing their team. Each squad now has its own captain, co-captain, and team name—and we're eagerly awaiting the creation of unique team badges, designed by our very own budding young graphic designers.

With handball rapidly growing in popularity—especially thanks to the dedication of 6B, who have been practising at every opportunity—we're all set for an unmissable showdown next Friday: 6B vs Year 6! With both sides so evenly matched, it promises to be a thrilling contest.