



BWA Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I hope all the new families who have joined BWA are feeling welcomed and very much part of our school community.

It was lovely to see so many families at the English Stream Parent Teacher meetings this week. These conversations are such a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you for making the time to attend.

One of my personal highlights this week was planting orchids with Year 6, following a very generous donation of plants from Rob Van Helden. Our pupils will care for them throughout the year, learning about the patience and attention needed to help them thrive. We hope their efforts will be rewarded with some beautiful flowers.

Thank you also to the parents who attended our Bilingual Provision meeting on Thursday evening. We are excited about the opportunities this new provision will offer from September 2027. [Further details can be found on our website](#), and we would be grateful if you could help spread the word about our two open mornings next half term: 11th November for our English stream and 26th November for our new bilingual provision. We would also really value parents' help at these events. If you can lend a hand, please [email the school office](#).

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such enjoyable events this half term, and to everyone who has supported them. The time and energy our volunteers give make a real difference to our school community. We look forward to seeing parents and carers at the PTA AGM on 5th November.

I wish you all a happy, restful half term, with time to relax and enjoy being together.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important Notice: Road Closures

There will be a **road closure** on Freke Road from **Monday 26 October for 4 weeks** due to utility works. This will make the roads surrounding the school even busier than usual. Please walk, cycle or take public transport to school if you can. **If you do need to drive, please drive slowly and patiently on the roads around our school for the safety of the children and our community.**

Important dates

Autumn Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

Inset Day for English Stream: Monday 2 November

First day of Autumn Term 2: Monday 2 November (Bilingual) & Tuesday 3 November (English)

PTA AGM – 5th November at 7m

PTA EYFS Disco – Friday 13 November

Parent Gym Starts – Tuesday 3 November

Reception Nativity Play – Tuesday 15 December, 2:30pm. Further details to follow.

Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Friday 18 December

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

Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have explored early mark-making by using their fingers and tools on tactile sensory paint bags. In maths, they built 1:1 counting and subitising skills by sorting buttons into groups with 2, 4, or 6 holes. Outdoors, they embraced the rainy weather, using pipettes to collect rainwater from puddles to mix into their magical 'potions'.



This week, **Reception** loved reading the story *Pumpkin Soup*. Pupils had lots of fun making their own paper pumpkin soup in a cauldron, carefully cutting their ingredients. They also enjoyed making pumpkin potions outside, mixing different ingredients and experimenting with their creations. It was lovely to see our pupils using their imaginations and working together throughout the week.



Pupils enjoyed a variety of Halloween activities in **RB**. They used their cutting and gluing skills to design their own spooky pumpkin faces. To link with their Maths learning on number composition from 1–5, they rolled a dice and placed the corresponding number of spiders onto the correct pumpkin. They had lots of fun developing their creativity, fine motor skills and early maths skills along the way.

Year 1 completed their unit on senses this week by exploring the sense of touch. Pupils enjoyed putting their hands into a mystery bag and describing how different objects felt, using words such as hard, soft, smooth and rough. They explored a variety of objects, including pom-poms, Lego, paper clips, wet wipes and marbles. After the activity, pupils drew the objects in their books, sorting them into categories based on how they felt. They also discussed how some objects could fit into more than one category, developing their observation and reasoning skills.

Year 2 enjoyed an amazing art day, exploring the exciting world of colour and creativity. Our pupils learnt about primary and secondary colours and experimented with mixing different colours to discover how new shades are made. They then put their learning into practice by creating beautiful artwork featuring overlapping pots, carefully thinking about shape, position and composition. Pupils showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm throughout the day, producing some wonderful pieces of art to be proud of. It was lovely to see them experimenting with colour, developing their artistic skills and expressing their own ideas through their artwork!





Our Week – Key Stage 2

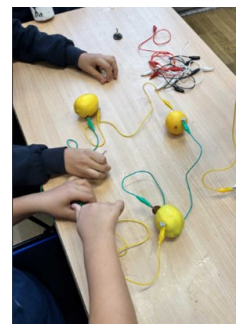
Year 3 had a fantastic Art Day with our resident artist this week. Our pupils had so much fun exploring colour mixing and creating their very own Pop Art masterpieces. They used peppers to make colourful prints, experimenting with different colours and patterns. Everyone showed great creativity and enthusiasm, and we were so proud of their wonderful artwork.

3B had a fabulous final week of Autumn Term 1. A particular highlight has been studying 'Extreme Weather' in the Geography unit. Pupils used all their research and knowledge to create descriptive posters about the extreme weather we face here in the UK and across the world.

Year 4 have been busy planning and writing their explanation texts about how the digestive system works. They explored how to use effective topic sentences and concluding sentences to make their writing more cohesive and help their ideas flow clearly. Our pupils also investigated the key features of non-fiction writing, including the use of subheadings to organise information and guide the reader. They have been developing their skills in structuring their writing clearly and explaining scientific processes in an informative and engaging way. Well done, Year 4.

4B have had a fantastic final week of half term. In Science, they used their knowledge of the digestive system to create detailed double page spreads, and in English, they wrote their own non-fiction texts. Pupils have also been super mathematicians, mastering the column method for addition, including calculations that cross 10. Alongside this, they have been practising their times tables regularly and are keen to continue practising at home on Times Tables Rock Stars. We are looking forward to seeing lots more certificates after half term.

Year 6 have been busy exploring the exciting world of science by investigating whether they could light a bulb using potatoes and lemons. Our pupils worked together to create simple circuits, using different fruits and vegetables to generate electricity. They made predictions, tested their ideas and observed what happened when they connected the components. The experiment encouraged everyone to think like real scientists, developing their problem-solving skills, curiosity and teamwork.



Open Mornings

Our open mornings for families looking for a place at Belleville Wix Academy will take place on **Wednesday 11 November (English Stream Focus) and Thursday 26 November (Bilingual Stream Focus)**, from 9.15am.

If you know of any families looking for a school place, or if you are considering BWA for your child's sibling and would like a tour, [please sign up here](#).





Sport Update

In PE, pupils have now moved on to football, where they are developing and refining their fundamental skills of dribbling, passing and shooting, alongside important team skills such as communication, positioning and maintaining a positive team attitude.

Pupils are enjoying a variety of fun challenges and games tailored to suit different ability levels, helping everyone to develop their confidence and improve their performance.

Our newly appointed Sports House Captains are also taking on a leadership role by helping to coach and support their teams, encouraging their teammates to develop their skills and work together. Everyone is working hard to give their house the best possible chance of success in the House Football Competition at the end of this block of learning.



Please ensure your child has **suitable clothing in school** for all weathers.

Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.

Our [communication table](#) should help with any queries you have.

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's [CARE Value Stars](#).

Class	Pupil
RM	Luka
RB	Eve
Y1	Sebastian
1B	French Week
Y2	Matias
2B	French Week
Y3	Azan
3B	Sarah
Y4	Leila
4B	Sofia
Y5	Octavia
5B	French Week
Y6	Ava
6B	French Week

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's [Excellent Learners](#).

Class	Pupil
RM	Jack
RB	Cesar
Y1	Eleanor
1B	French Week
Y2	Phoebe
2B	French Week
Y3	Delphine
3B	Sacha
Y4	Skylar
4B	Chloe. V
Y5	Leo. G
5B	French Week
Y6	Nicolo
6B	French Week

Photography

If you follow our Instagram page, you may have noticed some differences to our photos from the beginning of this academic year. Due to changes to safeguarding recommendations around the photography of children from September, we will no longer be showing face-on images of children. Images will either be taken from the side, or behind, or with the child's face partially covered. Any children shown are children who also have photography permission from their parents/carers. If you wish to change your child's current photography permissions – to either allow or not allow photos – please email the school office.

If you are volunteering for a school trip or helping at a school event, **please do not take photographs of the children and circulate them on your class WhatsApp groups or by other means**. There are children throughout the school who do not have photography permission and images should not be shared in this way. Thank you for your support and understanding in helping to keep the children safe.