



BWA Newsletter

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

5 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we gather speed towards the end of this autumn term, many of our classes are busy preparing for our end-of-term performances and very much look forward to welcoming you to these special events.

- Yr 5 & 6 English Stream Concert on Monday 8th December
- Yr 3 & 4 English Stream Concert on Tuesday 9th December
- Yr 3 & 4 English Stream Concert on Monday 15th December
- Reception English Stream Nativity on 16th December

On Thursday, we had the great pleasure of showing teachers and leaders from Singapore around our school. They were incredibly impressed by our pupils and staff, and it was a wonderful opportunity to share the excellent work happening here as well as the impact of our visit to Singapore a few years ago.

Next Friday, we will be holding our BWA PTA Winter Fair. I encourage all parents who are able to volunteer to support the planned activities. Volunteers are essential to the success of this valued community event, and any help is greatly appreciated.

Please note that the term ends on Friday 19th December for all pupils. Pupils in the *English Stream* will finish at 1:45pm, while the *Bilingual Stream* finish at the normal time. I would also like to remind everyone that holidays must not be taken early; all pupils are expected to be in school until the final day of term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

Last day of Autumn Term 2 - Both Streams - Friday 19 December
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	Tristan
RB	French Week
Y1	Ariah-Rose
1B	Alicia
Y2	Eugenia
2B	Arthur
Y3	Alex
3B	Chloe L
Y4	Nayane
4B	French Week
Y5	Felix
5B	French Week
Y6	Gaspard
6B	Milla

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Imogen
RB	French Week
Y1	Chloe S
1B	Arthur
Y2	Tosia
2B	Sacha
Y3	Margot
3B	Nyari
Y4	Alex A
4B	French Week
Y5	Tommaso
5B	French Week
Y6	Natu
6B	Sebastian V

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

In **Nursery**, the pupils have been getting ready for Fred's party on Friday. They have been doing lots of great mark-making by creating decorations and have practised their scissor skills by making confetti. Another lovely moment this week was seeing the pupils continue a game from a maths lesson in their play, where they had to count and match quantities of 'presents' to the correct bag, with the help of their friends who could see the numerals on the other side.



Reception have had a special (and very cheeky) visitor this week. An elf has been sneaking around each night while everyone is fast asleep, getting into all sorts of mischief. He even found Miss Meredith's sticker collection. The pupils have loved coming in each morning to find out what he's been up to next.

This week in Science, **Year 1** have been learning about absorbency as part of their unit on materials. The pupils had lots of fun testing different types of paper - tissue paper, normal paper, baking paper, cardboard, and paper towels - to see which were the most and least absorbent. They discovered that paper towels were the most absorbent, while cardboard absorbed the least. The pupils really enjoyed the investigation and loved making their predictions and observations.

It has been a busy week in **1B**. The pupils started their Wednesday with a visit from a magician who stunned them with an array of tricks and illusions... and maybe even some real magic. After that the pupils began writing their very first diary entry from the perspective of the Timid Mouse in the book *The Lion Inside*. The pupils did a fantastic job challenging themselves to employ their recount writing skills and included descriptive words ending in the -est suffix.

In **Year 2**, the pupils had great fun in Science exploring different materials to make their own tea bags. The pupils made predictions, tested a variety of materials, and observed how well each one held the tea leaves and let the water through. They worked like real scientists asking questions, sharing ideas, and enjoying every step of the investigation as they discovered which materials made the best tea bags.

2B have had a fantastic week. The pupils visited the local library to get inspiration for their 'diamante' poems that they have been writing in English. The pupils loved thinking of themes for their poems and writing them using different word types. They also enjoyed a magic show this week and have not only been looking forward to the end of term, but to completing their double page spreads in Science and History.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a wonderful week. They have conducted an experiment in their Science lessons to discover what happens when you bring two magnets together. They learnt about the North Pole and South Pole that magnets have and how like poles repel and opposite poles attract!



This week, **3B** has been diving into the connection between the 4 and 8 times tables. The pupils have been exploring how doubling the facts they already know can help them quickly and confidently solve new multiplication and division problems. They're building fluency with these facts through hands-on activities, partner games, and targeted practice.

In **Year 4**, the pupils have begun putting the final touches together for their music concert. In just under two weeks, the Year 3 & 4 children will celebrate the end of term with a performance for parents and carers and it already sounds amazing! Year 4 have also delved deeper into the myths and legends of the Anglo-Saxons and acted out the story of Beowulf! It was an exciting time as they learnt about the mythical creature and how the warriors had to show bravery and courage to defend themselves! It created excellent dialogue for the pupils to really understand what life was like and how the stories of the Anglo-Saxons very much shaped Britain at the time.



This week, **Year 5** enjoyed a creative day with our resident artist, inspired by the works of Cézanne. Pupils studied his distinctive style and then had a go at recreating it using their own arrangements of fruits. Using soft pastels, they experimented with blending, shading and colour to mimic Cézanne's techniques. Their finished pieces were fantastic, a wonderful showcase of skill and observation.

Year 6 went to the National Army Museum to explore the role of robots in the armed forces, and to learn more about World War Two. The pupils were lucky enough to be supported by some wonderful parent helpers, including an expert on the tank which sits outside the museum. Pupils also took part in workshop where they had to use coding to control their own rob

6B took part in a fun and exciting magic show organised by Ecole de Wix. They were amazed by the tricks and some of the pupils even got to be volunteers.



French News

At the end of last week, Year 5 travelled to the Institut Français in South Kensington. In the morning, the pupils completed a language activity in the Quentin Blake library and enjoyed browsing a selection of French books. The highlight of the day was the afternoon screening of the classic French film *Belle et Sébastien*, a moving story of friendship between a young boy and a dog, in the grand Ciné Lumière.





Q1E Trust News

John Grove, CEO of the [Quality First Education \(Q1E\) Trust](#), has announced that he will be retiring from the role of CEO at the end of the Summer Term. He has served Belleville Primary School and the Q1E Trust for 25 years as Headteacher, Executive Headteacher and CEO.



John is an outstanding leader with over 20 years of successful headship experience and a track record of improving schools. As Headteacher of Belleville from 2000 to 2016, he led the school from "in danger of failing" to outstanding. Belleville gained national recognition for excellence in many areas and grew to be highly regarded for its support to other schools in the local area. Under John's leadership Belleville was designated as a National Support School, a National Teaching School, an Academy Sponsor and a Maths Hub. John is a National Leader of Education and a Fellow of the National College for Teaching and Leadership.

In 2017, John became CEO of the Q1E Trust and Belleville was joined by Belleville Wix Academy, The Alton and Churchfields Primary School later that year, and by Thomas's Academy in September 2025.

As Ofsted wrote about John, following one of their visits to Belleville: *"You provide inspirational leadership to your staff and are very highly regarded by your colleagues. A strong vision is evident and a positive ethos permeates the school. There is an uncompromising drive for continuous improvement. Your work with partner schools in the network of local headteachers is very well received."*

We echo these words, and we could not put it better ourselves. John will be leaving with our deep gratitude, respect and very best wishes for the future.

Equal Access for Girls' Football Award

We are delighted to share that our school has received an award recognising our commitment to providing equal access for girls in football. This achievement reflects the many ways we promote fairness and inclusion across our football provision. Our popular Girls' Football Club runs every Friday morning, offering a dedicated space for girls to build confidence and develop their skills. All other football clubs are open equally to both boys and girls, ensuring everyone has the same opportunities to take part.



In PE lessons, we plan activities carefully to motivate girls and provide levelled challenges that support all abilities. The pupils also enjoy equal access to playtime football in the PEN, and we actively promote a barrier-free attitude, so boys and girls feel confident playing together during breaks and lunchtimes.

We take part in all available Wandsworth tournaments and a new Friday lunchtime football league organised by the sports council will soon be in place after Christmas. We are incredibly proud of this award and of our inclusive football community.