



# BWA Newsletter

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

8 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at BWA, with lots of wonderful learning taking place across in every classroom. I particularly enjoyed spending time with our Year 4 pupils during their Sound Workshop on Wednesday morning. The excitement and curiosity in the room as the children explored how sound changes and travels was lovely to see. I was fascinated by the fruit that could be played to create a band.

I always enjoy watching pupils in their Gymnastics lessons on a Thursday and Friday morning. Their confidence, determination and teamwork shines through as they challenge themselves and support one another but best of all are seeing the smiles on their faces when they know they have improved.

Next week, we wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they complete their SATs assessments. We are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience they have shown throughout the year and know they will approach next week with confidence and positivity.

The BWA International Families Day is next Friday. This is always such a special occasion and a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the many cultures within our school community. It is a chance for us all to learn from one another and to appreciate both the differences and similarities that make our community so special.

The Summer 2 term is always a busy one, so please do take time to read through the key dates included in this newsletter to ensure you do not miss any upcoming events.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Séana Henry**  
Headteacher

## Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Imogen
RB	Elliott
Y1	Penelope
1B	French Week
Y2	Sienna
2B	French Week
Y3	Agathe
3B	French Week
Y4	Alan
4B	Archie
Y5	Vivien
5B	Lucien
Y6	Shalaina
6B	French Week

## Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Francesco
RB	Alice
Y1	Alaia
1B	French Week
Y2	Lanah
2B	French Week
Y3	Leith
3B	French Week
Y4	Aman
4B	Victoria
Y5	Milo
5B	Aziz
Y6	Leo
6B	French Week

## Important dates:

**International Families Day** - Friday 15 May

**PTA Wine Tasting** - Thursday 21 May

**Summer half term** - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May

**First day of Summer Term 2** - Monday 1 June

**6B Bilingual Stream Residential** - Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June

**Y6 English Stream Residential** – Saturday 6 June – Monday 8 June

**Year 5 Secondary Transfer Event (both streams)** – Monday 8 June

**Father's Day Event for N, R, Yrs 1-4, 1B, 2B, 3B & 6B** - Wednesday 17 June

**Sports Day for Rec & Year 1 (am) and Years 2 & 3 (pm)** - Friday 19 June

**Sports Day for Years 4, 5 and 6** – Thursday 25 June

**Father's Day Event for Year 5, 6, RB, 4B and 5B** - Friday 26 June

**PTA Art Exhibition** - Thursday 9 July

**Summer reports for English stream** - due Friday 10 July

**English Stream Parent Teacher meetings** – Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 July

**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](#).

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## Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

This week in **Nursery**, our pupils enjoyed taking part in a fun 'Hidden Sounds' phonics activity, where they searched for hidden sounds and carefully ticked off each one they found. They also loved using the outdoor whiteboards to practise their mark making, writing and playing schools together. We were also very lucky to have the Year 2 children come and read stories with us, helping to encourage a love of reading and sharing books together.



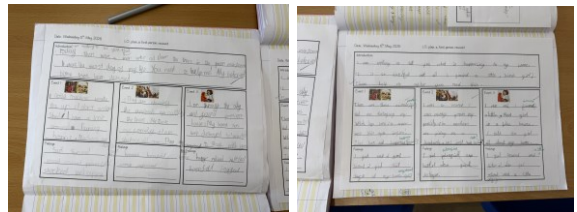
This week in **Reception**, pupils enjoyed reading *Tom, Ted and the Pirates* and had lots of fun exploring the story together. They made their own pirate hooks and used the submarine role play area to go on exciting underwater adventures. The children showed great imagination and teamwork during their play and storytelling activities.

In **RB**, the topic for this week has been Pirates. Pupils have been describing what they can see on Pirate maps, making telescopes and pirate hooks. *"The books we have been reading have been very fun to listen to. We have had lots of questions about Pirates and got to dress up as them in our Roleplay area."*



**Year 1** have continued to enjoy their learning about plants this week. They have been exploring the difference between taproots and fibrous roots, learning that a taproot has one main root that grows downwards, while fibrous roots are made up of groups of similarly sized roots. They also discussed the important role roots play in helping plants to grow and stay healthy.

This week, **Year 2** enjoyed reading *There's a Rang-Tan In My Bedroom*. The pupils explored the main points of the story and discussed the important message about protecting rainforests and animals. They then used the story to help them write their own recounts, using sequencing and descriptive language in their writing.



## Our Week – Key Stage 2

**Year 3** have really enjoyed completing a tour of the school to discover all of the sounds in different areas of the playground and school building. Pupils used these sounds to create onomatopoeia-based words to include in their poetry. We are looking forward to reading the final poems.

This week, pupils in **Year 4** have been combining their learning from both Science and English to create explanation texts all about sound, with a particular focus on how the ear works. They thoroughly enjoyed applying knowledge gained from the class text *El Deafo* alongside scientific investigations and experiments to support and deepen their understanding. On Wednesday, pupils were also fortunate to take part in an exciting workshop delivered by the School of Noise. During the session, they explored a range of different materials and discovered why each one produced unique and fascinating sounds. The workshop sparked great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the class.



**4B** have had an incredible week exploring the science of sound. As part of their learning, they took part in a series of exciting, hands-on workshops. Pupils had great fun creating music using fruit, experimenting with how sound waves are made and discovering how vibrations travel to the ear. They also tested their hearing and explored how we detect and interpret different sounds. It has been a fun, engaging, and memorable week that truly brought their learning to life.

This week, **Year 5** have continued observing their class caterpillars, watching in amazement as they grew by an impressive 3cm over the long weekend. Pupils are eagerly waiting for them to form cocoons and eventually transform into butterflies, helping them to better understand life cycles as part of their Science topic on classifying living things.



**5B** are currently learning all about the English Civil War and have been getting to grips with big ideas such as the impact of propaganda, monarchies vs republics and the divine right of kings. This week, the children staged a debate between parliamentarians, the king and the people to decide if Charles I should be allowed to tax people without parliament's permission or not.

**Year 6** have shown remarkable resilience this week in the run up to their SATs. As well as revising their maths and literacy, the children have been practising mindfulness strategies, developing origami good luck charms for themselves and writing positive affirmations for themselves to decorate their lockers. We are so proud of how well they are all rising to the challenge ahead of them.



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## Mini Marathon

Last week, our school was buzzing with excitement as we hosted our very first Mini Marathon, part of the nationwide TCS Mini London Marathon! Pupils from Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 laced up their trainers and rose to the challenge, choosing between a thrilling 7-lap competitive race (around 2km) or a fun-filled 4-lap run.



The atmosphere was electric as runners gave it their all, cheered on by their classmates and parents. During assembly, certificates were proudly awarded to the top three finishers in each competitive category. What a fantastic achievement!

A huge thank you to Leandro and Layla, who led an energetic warm-up for our younger pupils and went on to secure medal positions themselves. Well done to every single participant for their determination, teamwork and enthusiasm, helping our school earn the trophy.

## International Families Day – Friday 15th May

We are very excited to be celebrating International Families Day on Friday 15th May at BWA. To celebrate our diverse and international family community, we will be hosting a range of events during the school day and after school...



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES  
15 MAY [2026]

We hope that you can support us in our efforts to make this a memorable and enjoyable experience for all. Please [sign up with this link](#) to join us for a small workshop in school or to volunteer to help out at the buffet.

## Wellbeing Webinars

SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free webinars throughout the year to support your child's wellbeing and mental health: [Early Years \(Nursery & Reception\)](#) or [Primary \(Reception, – Y6\)](#).

Their next webinars are on **Supporting Primary School Children with Toileting Problems** on [11 May, 7pm](#) and [12 May, 1.30pm](#), and **Managing Screen Time for Primary Children** on [10 June, 7pm](#) and [11 June, 1pm](#). To sign up, click the links or scan the QR code.

The graphic is a circular schedule for 'Parent/Carer Webinars' under the 'Primary Summer Term Schedule'. It lists several webinars with dates and times: 'Encouraging Healthy Habits in Children with Autism' on 29th Apr (12:00pm-1:30pm), 'Supporting Primary School Children with Toileting Problems' on 11th May (7:00pm-8:30pm) and 12th May (1:30pm-3:00pm), and 'Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary School Children' on 10th Jun (7:00pm-8:00pm) and 11th Jun (1:00pm-2:00pm). A QR code is provided for signing up. At the bottom, there are icons for 'Respectful', 'Open', 'Collaborative', 'Compassionate', and 'Consistent'.

## 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.