



Belleville News

1 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is now the month of December, and the Christmas season is here upon us! It's been lovely to hear the children in school rehearse for their various upcoming performances. Our Nursery afternoon class will set the tone, being our first class to perform on Monday. Please check the dates and timings of all our concerts on the next page.

Our Christmas Fair is tomorrow, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. It is always a fantastic event for the school community and thank you to everyone that attends tomorrow and supports the school.

John Budden
Executive Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 6 December is the children's Christmas Lunch day. Children and staff can come to school wearing their brightest, cheeriest jumper, a Christmas jumper they already own or decorate an existing jumper, there is no need to buy anything new.

If you can, we would like to ask for a donation of £2 for the Save The Children charity. You can donate via [the link here](#). All the money raised goes towards helping children around the world.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Concerts - 4 – 19 December. Details on the next page. Collections, by card or cash, will be taken for St Michael's Church and St George's Hospital charities at all the Christmas concerts.

Zones of Regulation Parent/Carer Workshop – Tuesday 5 December, 6pm, Webb's Road. Please [sign up here](#).

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 6 December. [£2 donation to Save the Children](#) if you are able to.

School Streets Programme Consultation – Wednesday 13 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Webb's, and Monday 18 December, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Meteor. Further details on the next page.

Year 6 School Journey – Meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers - Thursday 14 December, 6pm, Webb's Road. Please also [complete the form](#) about the Year 6 trip before Monday 11 December.

Last Day of Term - Thursday 21 December. Please note earlier finish times. Years 1 – 6 – 2.20pm, Reception – 2.25pm, Nursery pm – 2.30pm. Children can wear their own clothes to school on this day.

School Choir

Last Friday, the School Choir performed at the switching on of the Christmas lights on Northcote Road.



Don't Forget!

To pay your Club fees through [SchoolsBuddy](#). Thank you!



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Christmas Concerts

Nursery - am	Friday 8 December	11.15am	Nursery
Nursery - pm	Monday 4 December	2.45pm	Nursery
Reception			
RH	Monday 11 December	10am	Webb's - Lower Hall
RC	Monday 11 December	2pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
RM	Tuesday 12 December	10am	Webb's - Lower Hall
RR	Tuesday 12 December	2pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
REC	Wednesday 13 December	2pm	Meteor - Hall
Year 1	Friday 15 December	2pm	St. Michael's Church
Year 2	Friday 15 December	10.30am	St. Michael's Church
Year 3	Tuesday 19 December	10.30am	St. Michael's Church
Year 4			
4JS and 4M	Thursday 7 December	10.30am	Webb's Road – Middle Hall
4C and 4JM	Thursday 7 December	2.15pm	Meteor - Hall
Year 5	Thursday 14 December	2.15pm	Webb's - Lower Hall
Year 6			
6DB, 6T & 6W	Monday 18 December	10.30am	Webb's - Lower Hall
6B & 6H	Monday 18 December	2.30pm	Meteor - Hall

The address for St Michael's Church is Cobham Close, Wandsworth Common, SW11 6SP.

There will be collections at all our Christmas concerts. Money raised will go to St. Michael's Church as well as St. George's Hospital. Card readers as well as cash will be accepted! Thank you.

School Choir - Mayor's Charity Concert, Wandsworth Civic Centre, Tues 19 Dec, 6-8pm. Tickets [here](#).

School Streets Programme – Consultation

We have been working with Wandsworth Council on a potential scheme as part of the Council's School Streets programme.

The Council will be holding two drop-in sessions to discuss the programme. Please come along to give your views on traffic issues around the school and get involved in helping the Council shape a plan for the local area. The sessions will take place on:

Wednesday 13 December, 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Webb's Road
Monday 18 December, 4.30pm – 6.30pm, Meteor Street

There will also be information available in the playgrounds at pick-up, 3.15pm, on the same dates (13 Dec – Webb's, 18 Dec – Meteor).

The drop-in sessions will form part of the initial discussion around a potential School Streets scheme and other concerns residents might have. All feedback will be analysed and fed into a proposal drafted by engineers and presented in a formal consultation in early 2024. If supported, the Council will launch a trial scheme in April 2024.

Please see the [Council website](#) for information about School Streets. If you are unable to make the sessions and wish to share your views, please email schoolstreets@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 020 8871 5476.

PE Team Update

Mel George, one of our specialist PE teachers, has left Belleville to spend more time with her family who are based in the USA. She leaves us with our best wishes and thanks for all she has done for the school.

Emily Grainger will be joining the PE team to cover Ms George's role. We hope that you will join us in welcoming her to Belleville.



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Nursery Update

The Nursery are well underway with their topic of "Celebrations" this term.

The children have explored pumpkins and made magical potions in our first week back. They sat around a pretend bonfire (toasting real marshmallows and chocolate milk) to celebrate Bonfire night. They learned about the Rama and Sita story during Diwali week and found out why it is important to remember soldiers who have fought in wars during the week of Remembrance.



This week, Birthday Week, culminates in a birthday party for Fred the Phonics Bear. Children have been practising party games (pass the parcel and musical statues) in preparation for the phonic bear's 4th birthday. Whilst these games seem like fun to the children, they are also helping them to follow instructions and take turns - important foundations within the Early Years Curriculum.



Both classes have been eagerly learning the songs for our Christmas concerts, which will be happening next week. After the Christmas holidays, Nursery children will be learning about People who help us. If we have any vets or dentists within our school community, the Nursery teachers would love to make contact. Please let us know if you can help.



Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



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We are looking forward to the **Belleville Christmas Fair** tomorrow, **Saturday 2 December, 12-3pm** at Webb's Road. Everyone is welcome. You can also buy or pick up your pre-ordered Christmas Tree in the morning, 8.30am-11am, via the Wakehurst Road entrance.

Coat collection - thank you Belleville!

Wow! 9 huge sacks of coats were collected last week for [Wrap Up London](#). There was every style, shape, and colour you can imagine. They have gone to be sorted and distributed to a variety of charities, who support individuals and families in need.

The provision of a coat often acts as the gateway to offering other services that an individual may need. Thank you for your generosity. We would also like to thank Anna Besty for organising the collection.



Thanksgiving Visit

Last week, a class rep for RH came into school to talk to them about Thanksgiving, a national celebration in the USA and Canada. The children had great time and tried pumpkin pie. Thank you to Mrs Fanton for sharing your experiences with the children.

If you would like to share cultural or professional experience with the children, please get in touch with us.



Football Festival

Earlier this week, a group of our Year 4 children had a great time at a football festival at Southfields. Run by coaches from Wimbledon FC, they took part in a variety of activities and increased their skills and confidence in the game.



Autumn Term 2023

Last day of Autumn 2: Thursday 21 December

Spring Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 8 Jan – school closed to children.

First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 9 January

Last day of Spring 1: Friday 9 February

Spring half term: Monday 12 – Friday 16 February

First day of Spring 2: Monday 19 February

Last day of Spring 2: Thursday 28 March

Summer Term 2024

INSET day: Mon 15 April – school closed to children.

First day of Summer 1: Tuesday 16 April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May – school closed.

Last day of Summer 1: Friday 24 May

Summer half term: Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

First day of Summer 2: Monday 3 June

Last day of Summer 2: Wednesday 24 July

Term dates for 2024/25 are now [on our website](#).