



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our second full week of the autumn term. Our pupils have settled exceptionally well and it has been wonderful to see them so happy, confident and engaged in their lessons and at break times. Our curriculum events are now in full swing and we are very grateful for your attendance.

Work continues across the school to improve the distribution of heat throughout the building, ensuring that we are well prepared when the colder weather arrives. I have certainly enjoyed the beautiful blue skies and sunshine this week and it will be warmer next week. Please do ensure pupils are suitably dressed and don't get too hot during the school day.

Our before and after school clubs also began this week. We are incredibly proud of the phenomenal enrichment opportunities available to pupils of all ages, with a wide range of activities for them to enjoy. Our Monday morning Singing Club for pupils in Years 1 and 2 has always been very popular. It is not too late to sign up as there are spaces at the minute. There are also spaces remaining in our Year 5 Test Club, which provides invaluable preparation for pupils who will sit verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests as part of the secondary school 11+ and Wandsworth Test process. [Find out more on our website.](#) Individual music lessons are also available with tutors from Wandsworth Music; you can [find out more here.](#)

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and discovering the many wonderful highlights from the children's learning across our classes.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Paloma
RB	French Week
Y1	Nina
1B	Elise
Y2	Helena
2B	Sara
Y3	Abigail
3B	French Week
Y4	Alex
4B	French Week
Y5	Alex A
5B	Charlie
Y6	Freya
6B	Aurelie

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Alana
RB	French Week
Y1	Keya
1B	Elliot
Y2	Anna
2B	Imaan
Y3	Alfie
3B	French Week
Y4	Emma
4B	French Week
Y5	Alan
5B	Alisa
Y6	Sophie
6B	Mason

Important dates

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 23 October

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 for Bilingual Stream and Tuesday 3 November for English Stream

Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 18 December

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

Important Information

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.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Nursery have had a great start to the year, settling into the environment and becoming familiar with our learning routines. Children have enjoyed reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and took great care in making their own playdough bear faces. They have also been busy with early mark making, experimenting with lines, shapes and patterns using a range of tools both indoors and outdoors. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging term ahead.

This week, the children enjoyed their first week of formal learning in **Reception**. In Phonics, they have been busy learning the sounds s, a, t and p and practising recognising and writing them. In Maths, they enjoyed matching objects and talking about how they knew they belonged together. The children have settled brilliantly into their new learning routines and have shown lots of enthusiasm.



In **Year 1**, we have been focusing on the wonderful story *Something Else*. The children have been developing their storytelling skills by using the personal pronoun 'I' and practising using time words such as first, next, then and finally to help them retell the story in the correct sequence. They have particularly enjoyed orally rehearsing the story and bringing it to life through acting and role-play. This has helped the children to develop their confidence in retelling the events and prepare their ideas ready to write their own version of the story over the next couple of lessons. We have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and creativity.



1B has had a fantastic start to Year 1. The children have been settling beautifully into full-time lessons and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring all that the wider curriculum has to offer. In English, they have been learning how to use subjects and verbs to build sentences. In Maths, they have been consolidating our number knowledge and developing our counting skills to 10. In Science, they have become Sense Explorers, using their senses to explore and investigate the world around them. In REW, the pupils have been talking about where they belong and what makes them feel part of a community. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence, building new friendships and embracing their learning. We are so proud of the fantastic start they have made to Year 1.

Year 2 have shown some fantastic scientific skills through their curiosity and interest in science this week. They have enjoyed learning about the different habitats and micro habitats animals live in and why they are best suited to their environments. The pupils have looked at how they know if something is alive and the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. They are very excited to find out lots more over the next few weeks, we definitely have some budding scientists in Year 2!

2B have had a fantastic, fun-filled time in their first full English focus week this year. In their English lessons the pupils have been identifying and using past tense verbs to write a recount of their journey to school. In Geography, the children have been learning about different settlements and their features. They also have been exploring why some countries are densely populated and others are sparsely populated - they used their map skills to label different countries. What a wonderful start to the year.





Our Week – Key Stage 2

In **Year 3**, the children have had a great time being weather reporters as part of our 'UK Weather topic'. They wrote their own scripts before presenting the report to their classmates with confidence and professionalism. The children have also been practising 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver Twist in our Music lessons and the school has been filled with beautiful singing.

In Science, **Year 4** have started learning about the digestive system. The children explored the different organs involved in the digestive process and discussed the important jobs they each do. They also investigated the different types of teeth and discovered how each type is specially designed to help them eat and digest their food.

In **Year 5**, the pupils continued exploring their Science topic of Forces, with a focus on gravity. They explored the ideas of Galileo and Aristotle and their different explanations of what affects the speed at which objects fall. The pupils then made predictions about what would happen if two identical water bottles – one full and one empty – were dropped from the same height. They were amazed to discover that both bottles reached the ground at almost the same time, helping us understand that gravity pulls objects towards the Earth regardless of their mass. It was an exciting investigation that sparked lots of fantastic scientific discussion.

5B have had a fabulous week settling in to their first full English learning week. A particular highlight has been delving into their new Science topic on Forces. The class enjoyed conducting an experiment using their shoes to measure the force it takes to move each one with a force meter.



Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying getting hands-on with their new science topic. They have been learning all about electricity and have had great fun using electrical equipment to build and test their own circuits. The children have been developing their understanding of how circuits work, investigating which components are needed to make a complete circuit, and working together to solve problems when things didn't quite go to plan. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm as they explore the world of electricity.

6B have had a fantastic start to the year. In Science, they have begun their unit on light by looking at the mechanics of the human eye, whilst in Geography they have been honing their map reading skills to interpret grid references, legends and contour lines. It is a pleasure to have them all back in class.

Sport Update

We are delighted to announce that BWA have achieved the **School Games Mark Gold Level Award** for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young leaders who helped run events. Well done to all pupils and let's keep up the commitment to developing our sport, fitness and health.