



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start to the school year it has been. I am so proud of how well everyone has worked together. Our new pupils in Nursery and Reception have settled in so quickly and I hope our new families feel very much part of our school community.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our English Stream Parent Teacher Meetings this week. Thank you for attending. These meetings are such an important opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss next steps, and your engagement makes a real difference to your child.

Our attendance for the term is pleasing, and I would like to thank everyone for their continued efforts to ensure children are in school every day and on time. A polite reminder that holidays should not be taken during term time. Every day of learning really does count.

As October draws to a close, we reflect on the inspiring work our pupils have done during Black History Month. I look forward to seeing the projects they complete over the half-term break and showcasing them when we return.

Looking ahead, we have two Open Mornings next term, on the 13th and 26th of November. Please do spread the word to family and friends who may be interested in joining our wonderful school community. We would also welcome parent helpers for these events. Please let us know if you are able to assist, as mentioned in my recent email.

Finally, a huge thank you to our dedicated staff and PTA for their phenomenal support and hard work this half term. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful break.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Important dates:

Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 24 October

Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October Inset Day:

INSET Day (English Stream): Monday 3 November – school closed to children

First day of Autumn Term 2 (Bilingual Stream): Monday 3 November

First day of Autumn Term 2 (English Stream): Tuesday 4 November

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.

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Otto
RB	Alice
Y1	Eva
1B	French Week
Y2	Delphine
2B	French Week
Y3	Skylar
3B	French Week
Y4	Aman
4B	Leopold
Y5	Ava
5B	Oliver
Y6	Raffy
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Luca
RB	Nolan
Y1	Dua
1B	French Week
Y2	Lucia
2B	French Week
Y3	Matis
3B	French Week
Y4	Jay
4B	Victoria
Y5	Layla
5B	Sophia
Y6	Georgia
6B	French Week

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

This week in **Nursery**, our pupils have been celebrating Diwali. They have been learning all about the Festival of Lights by making their very own paper lanterns to help Lord Rama find his way back home. The class have also enjoyed decorating their hands with beautiful Mehndi designs. Pupils have been getting taking part in Halloween-themed activities such as threading mummies and balancing spiders on webs, both of which also help develop their fine motor control.

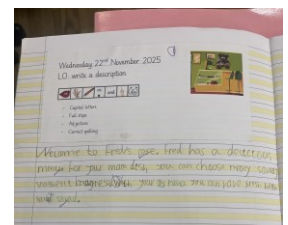


This week in **Reception**, our pupils went on their very first trip. They went on a local area walk and ticked off what they could see. They also had lots of fun scooping out our class pumpkin.

To celebrate Diwali this week, **RB** read the story of Rama and Sita and discussed the Festival of Lights. Linking with the festival, the pupils made Diya lamps from clay. Although they found it difficult at first, by pinching and pushing the clay they were able to create their own Diya lamps. Once they are dry, the pupils will paint them.



This week, **Year 1** have really enjoyed their unit on Fred's Cafe. The pupils loved designing their own menus for Fred's Cafe and have done a fantastic job writing about the food on their menus. They have thought about including interesting adjectives to describe the food to make the menus as appetising as possible!



Year 2 have started an exciting new topic all about multiplication. Pupils are focusing on learning the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, using lots of fun games and practical activities to help them spot patterns and make connections. They have been enthusiastic and are already showing great progress. They're really enjoying the challenge and can't wait to continue exploring multiplication in the coming weeks.



Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a fabulous week, also celebrating Diwali. They attended an assembly to learn more about Diwali and how it is celebrated across the world. The pupils also created their own Rangoli patterns, inspired by Diwali celebrations.

It's been a fantastic final week of the half term in

Year 4 and 4B. Pupils have been reflecting on everything they have learnt so far and celebrating how much they have achieved. In Science, they have been diving deep into the digestive system, discovering how their bodies break down food and use it for energy. To finish off their topic, they created double-page spreads to show everything they've learned. The pupils worked incredibly hard to include diagrams, key vocabulary, and fascinating facts about the journey food takes through their bodies – from the mouth all the way to the intestines.

Year 5 have been consolidating their understanding of squared and cubed numbers. To support their learning, the children used manipulatives to explore these concepts practically - building the largest squares they could using square tiles and constructing impressive cubes with unifix cubes. It was a fun and hands-on way to bring their maths learning to life!

This week, **5B** have been learning about Ancient Greek Theatre, staging their own performances of The Minotaur and King Midas.

Year 6 have been writing poetry inspired by the poet Karl Nova. Pupils have explored the theme of change by generating vocabulary to describe the four seasons, as well as writing about changes in their own lives. Here is one of the great poems written this week by Charlotte.

*...Festive lights shimmer on the
Christmas trees,
Snowflakes dance joyfully in the breeze,
A beam of excitement grows around the city,
As Christmas takes a step nearer,
A burst of energy builds inside me...*



Belleville Wix Academy PTA

Upcoming events

Fri Nov 7, 5pm - Nursery & Reception School Disco
Mon Nov 17, 7pm - PTA Annual general meeting
Thu Nov 27, 7pm - Parent Drinks Social Evening
Fri Dec 12, 3pm - Winter Fair
Thu Dec 18 - Christmas or Festive Jumper Day

To see more events or synchronize them automatically with your calendar (Google/Apple/Outlook...), visit bwapta.co.uk/events



Sports News – Football Tournament

Our Year 5 and 6 boys took part in the Trinity Cup football tournament this week, organised by AFC Wimbledon. They had a strong showing in the group stage, finishing with two draws, one loss, and an impressive 3–1 victory. Henry, our captain, and Leandro each scored twice over the course of the tournament. Leandro was also awarded Man of the Match for his outstanding skill and perseverance. Throughout the competition, the team delivered solid performances, dominating stretches of play with exciting, all-out attacking football. A big well done to all the boys for their effort and teamwork.



Half Term Free Art Project

The [RCA Big Draw: Spooky Skies, Drawn Together](#) is taking place on 31 October. This workshop **is FREE to join and no booking is required**. Art materials, inspirations and an awesome Halloween playlist will be provided. Led by Sarah Staton, RCA Sculpture Senior Tutor, the Big Draw gives you the opportunity to celebrate drawing in its widest and wildest sense, as a way of thinking, planning, observing, moving through space, experimenting with materials and technologies, and connecting with others. This event will run from 11am – 4pm on Friday 31 October at the Royal College of Art, Dyson Building, 1 Hester Road, London SW11 4AN. Just turn up and draw!



Wandsworth Family Information Service has many resources available to help **support families with children and young people with SEND**. To find out more about the Local Offer for 0 – 25 year olds with special educational needs or disabilities, please [visit their website](#).

Term Dates – English Stream

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September - school closed to children
 First day of Autumn 1: Wednesday 3 September
 Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October
 Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October
 Inset Day: Monday 3 November – school closed to children
 First day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 4 November
 Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December
 Holidays: 20 December – 4 January

Inset Day: Monday 5 January – school closed to children.
 First day of Spring 1: Tuesday 6 January

Term Dates – Bilingual Stream

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days: Monday 1, Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September - school closed to children
 First day of Autumn 1: Thursday 4 September
 Last day of Autumn 1: Friday 24 October
 Autumn half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October
 First day of Autumn 2: Monday 3 November
 Last day of Autumn 2: Friday 19 December
 Holidays: 20 December – 4 January

First day of Spring 1: Monday 5 January

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