



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week of learning at BWA this week, as you will see in our highlights below. Pupils are thinking carefully about putting themselves forward to be the class representatives on our School and Eco Councils. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the best of luck.

At BWA, we are committed to supporting the health, wellbeing, and learning of every pupil. A balanced diet plays a vital role in helping children concentrate, learn effectively, and feel their best throughout the school day. To ensure consistency and fairness for all pupils, we updated our expectations for snacks and packed lunches. Everyone should have received our 'Whole School Healthy Eating Expectations' document we sent out this week. Thank you for taking the time to look through them and support us with this important part of school life.

Next week, we welcome the start of October, and with it Black History Month. This is a really important time in school where we come together to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people, both in Britain and around the world. It gives our pupils the chance to learn more about history, hear inspiring stories, and see how diversity continues to shape and strengthen our community.

A special thank you to all the families in our bilingual stream who came along to the curriculum talks this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share how we are working together to support the children's learning.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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

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	Keya
RB	Norah
Y1	Naomi
1B	French Week
Y2	Kadijah
2B	French Week
Y3	Tommi
3B	French Week
Y4	Mohamed
4B	Ines
Y5	Maeva
5B	Sasha
Y6	Hudson
6B	French Week

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Arielle
RB	Monty
Y1	Jamie
1B	French Week
Y2	Hamish
2B	French Week
Y3	Filippo
3B	French Week
Y4	Betty
4B	Victoria
Y5	Felix
5B	Kian
Y6	Kali
6B	French Week

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

It has been a wonderful week in **Nursery** as the pupils continued to become more comfortable in their new learning environment. They made the most of the sunshine this week by spending lots of time in their outdoor learning space. Pupils enjoyed investigating capacity in the water tray, filling jugs, cups and other equipment to explore the concept of full and empty. They also saw some amazing creations in the construction area, most notably, the two children who built the Tower of London.



This week in **Reception**, our pupils have been learning i, n, m, d in Phonics and about numbers and patterns in Maths. They have enjoyed reading the book *Something Else* and discussing it in Literacy. During their 'choosing time,' the pupils especially liked taking selfies of each other and talking about how they are similar and how they are different.

In Maths, **RB** have been matching different items in their own ways and explaining why. The pupils matched bears by colours, different items by function e.g. knife and fork, toothbrush and toothpaste, and by numbers - "This ladybird has 4 dots and here is number 4."

Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about the sense of smell in their science unit about the five senses. They discussed the importance of having a sense of smell, both to enjoy the smell of nice things, and to understand that bad smells can help us stay safe by identifying danger. Pupils really enjoyed testing their sense of smell by having to smell different items in mystery pots, such as lavender, coffee, lime, a rotten apple and chocolate. They thought about whether they liked the smell and then used scientific language to describe what the items smelled like. We know our pupils are really enjoying their unit on the five senses and excited to learn about hearing next week.

This week in **Year 2**, our pupils have been busy developing their maths skills by exploring simple addition and learning more about tens and ones. They have been using lots of hands-on materials to help understand how numbers are made up and to practise combining them in fun and practical ways. Pupils have loved working together, building numbers and sharing their strategies, which has really helped to build their confidence with place value and addition.

Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a fabulous week. In Geography, they have particularly enjoyed researching and creating their own weather forecasts for the capital cities in the UK. They then presented their forecasts to the class.



Year 4 have been learning how digestion begins as soon as food enters the mouth. They carried out an experiment with bread, placing it on their tongues for 30 seconds to see how saliva started breaking it down. Our pupils noticed changes in taste and texture as saliva began a chemical reaction. After that, chewing showed the mechanical role their teeth play in breaking food into smaller pieces. It was a simple but exciting way to see how bodies work.

This week, **4B** became young scientists as they explored how different foods and drinks can affect our teeth. Using eggs to represent tooth enamel, pupils tested the impact of various liquids such as juice, coffee, vinegar, and water and they will observe the changes over time. It was a hands-on, eye-opening experiment that showed just how important it is to make healthy choices for a strong smile.



This week, **Year 5** rose to the exciting challenge of memorising *The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll and performing it from memory in front of the class. We were impressed by how many pupils mastered the poem in record time. The challenge tied in perfectly with this week's English topic, where the pupils created their own versions of the poem *Isn't Life Wonderful?* from *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman. Their writing displayed a fantastic range of poetic techniques, including vivid metaphors, striking similes, clever alliteration, and engaging rhyme.

In **5B**, our pupils used torches and balls to demonstrate their understanding of why the moon's appearance seems to change throughout its orbit around the Earth, developing their scientific vocabulary to be able to describe the waxing and waning phases of the lunar cycle.

This week, **Year 6** have been preparing to write their own detective blog inspired by their class text *Lori and Max*. Lori has just discovered that a large sum of money is missing, and it is Year 6's job to solve this crime. They have created evidence boards full of clues about the missing money - let's see which of their theories have the most compelling evidence.



BWA Newsletter

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Gymnastics at BWA

We are very fortunate to have specialist gymnastic coaches who teach our pupils gymnastics. This term pupils have had the opportunity to use the new mats and gym equipment the PTA purchased for us last term.

The coaches have seen fast progress on the vault with the addition of the super bouncy springboard. Pupils have had lots of fun learning to fly, working on over and through vaults like Squat Through, Straddle Overs and even a few Handsprings.

Thank you to all families who support PTA events as the raise valuable funds which can be used to help us enrich our curriculum offer and pupil experience.



Wellbeing Webinars

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. You can sign up to any of their free webinars here: [Early Years \(Nursery and Reception\)](#), [Primary \(Years 1 – 6\)](#)

Parent Gym – A Fabulous Free Course on Parenting at BWA

Parent Gym is coming back to Belleville Wix, in November. This six-week programme shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. If you would like to learn more we are offering a **45-minute taster session on 22nd October**. In November the sessions will be held on a Wednesday morning after drop off. Spaces are limited so please sign up [Click Here](#) as soon as possible.

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

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