



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week at BWA, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful learning that has taken place this week. Our pupils have been so enthusiastic in their lessons. I am so proud of everyone when I see first-hand the excellent behaviours for learning in every classroom, every day.

We are now well into the first half of this autumn term, and it is lovely to see the children settled into their routines, working hard, and supporting one another in and out of the classroom. A huge thank you to our staff for their dedication, and to you as parents and carers for your continued support. We are sending invites out for English Stream Parent teacher meetings which will take place after school on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. Please do remember to book your slot and note the time you have secured.

During October we will be celebrating Black History Month. You have received a letter setting out the wide range of activities planned across the school. Black History Month, at BWA, provides a valuable opportunity for our children to learn about the achievements, stories, and contributions of Black people in Britain and around the world. By highlighting inspiring role models and exploring a rich variety of cultures and histories, we aim to broaden children's understanding, promote respect and inclusion, and ensure that every child feels valued and represented.

Wishing you all a peaceful and fun-filled weekend.

Séana Henry
Headteacher

Excellent Learners

Congratulations to this week's Excellent Learners.

Class	Pupil
RM	Mia
RB	French Week
Y1	Ulises
1B	Alice
Y2	Joseph
2B	Charlotte
Y3	Xaraeyah
3B	Sophia
Y4	Willow
4B	French Week
Y5	Harvey-Ray
5B	French Week
Y6	Martha
6B	Elanora

Care Values

Congratulations to this week's CARE Value Stars.

Class	Pupil
RM	Fleur
RB	French Week
Y1	Ariah-Rose
1B	Nicolas
Y2	Ilyan
2B	Raphael
Y3	Alex
3B	Stanley
Y4	Betty
4B	French Week
Y5	Caterina
5B	French Week
Y6	Vivienne
6B	Daphne

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.

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Our Week – Early Years and Key Stage 1

Our **Nursery** pupils apply and grow their learning through play in mark-making and maths. Pupils have really enjoyed drawing members of their family and marking their names this week. During maths, they loved making numerals on a malleable table, showing association between the number and the quantity by making the same amount of playdough worms or cupcakes as the numerals on their mats.



This week in **Reception**, pupils have been learning all about shape, space, and measuring in Maths by comparing and measuring objects. In Literacy, they have been exploring words that rhyme, and in Phonics they learnt the letters g, o, c, and k. Pupils have also enjoyed continuing to talk about themselves, their families, and their friends.

Pupils in our **Year 1** class went on a local area walk to discover the different kinds of features near to Belleville Wix Academy. They found a range of different features and were able to identify which were human and which were physical features. We could tell that pupils really enjoyed spotting the different features in their local area.



In **1B**, pupils have been learning about the 'igh' trigraph, exploring different words with that sound such as bright, light and flight, and creating sentences using these words. Their maths focus for the week has been comparing numbers and investigating the mathematical language of 1 more and 1 less. The pupils enjoyed putting their knowledge to the test during a game of "guess more or less".

In **Year 2**, our pupils have been working hard in maths as they began exploring simple subtraction. They practised solving problems using practical methods before moving on to written strategies, and the pupils have enjoyed building their confidence with the column method. It has been wonderful to see their growing accuracy and resilience as they tackled new challenges.

2B have had another fantastic week. Pupils have been reading *The Proudest Blue* and thinking about what makes them proud. They have written Miss Wilkes a letter telling her all about what has made them proud. They are proud of so many amazing things and have produced some beautiful writing. The pupils also enjoyed a workshop for Black History Month where they learnt all about historical figures from the past.

Our Week – Key Stage 2

Year 3 have had a wonderful week. Our pupils have particularly enjoyed learning more about how their muscles are used during exercise. They took part in a range of exercises to see the effect on their bodies and their muscles.



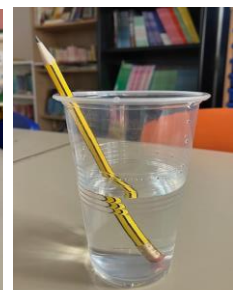
On Tuesday, **Year 4** had a wonderful trip to Queen Mary University in Whitechapel. The pupils visited the Centre of the Cell laboratory where they learnt all about how the cells in the body work and their role in digestion. They explored a range of interactive tools to see these fascinating processes in action, and the highlight of the day was getting a sneak peek of real scientists at work. It was an inspiring visit that sparked lots of curiosity and brilliant questions from the pupils. Many of them said it has made them even more excited about science.



This week, **Year 5** have been working on broadening vocabulary in their writing and spent some time thinking of synonyms for the word 'said' to use in a piece of descriptive dialogue. Pupils collected all their knowledge and ideas and created a class thesaurus to which they will continue adding to help them in their writing as we continue the term. Year 5 is certainly a class of full of excellent learners using their creativity to learn with others.

Year 6 have been working on some challenging content in maths this week. As well as tackling a brand-new strategy for long division, the pupils have been solving complex multi-step word problems with bar models. Well done for your resilience, Year 6.

Our science topic in **6B** is light and this week, the pupils have been learning about refraction. They used cups of water and classroom objects to show how an object appears to bend when in water.





PE at BWA

This term, our Key Stage 1 pupils will be developing their ball skills through a fun and engaging unit focused on sending and receiving. Pupils began by learning how to roll a ball accurately at a target across an "imaginary river," helping to improve their coordination and aim. As their confidence grew, we introduced more challenging activities, including rolling to moving targets and dodging rolling balls themselves. These games not only support physical development but also encourage teamwork, concentration, and quick reactions. The pupils have shown fantastic enthusiasm and progress — well done, everyone.



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 \(Years 1 – 6\)](#)



Quality First Education Trust

Last week, the Q1E Trust hosted Deputy Headteachers from 21 schools across six London Boroughs to help develop our Guided Peer Visits programme for which the [Q1E Trust](#) provides the structure, guidance and encouragement. This free professional development programme enables our senior leaders to visit and learn from different schools, providing a network of support and refreshing their ideas. As one participant put it, it helps Deputy Heads "to build trusting relationships for constructive, non-judgemental dialogue on school improvement." As a Trust, it is a privilege to work with this committed group of professionals whose leadership is driving improvement for the children.

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](#).