



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To the Belmont Family,

What an incredible week this penultimate week of Autumn has been! It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to have been able to welcome so many parents in through the Belmont doors to celebrate our youngest and brightest Belmont stars in Nursery and Reception as they put on a magical performance of the Nativity. The anticipation has been building for weeks, and in two sold-out shows which would put the Eras tour in the shade, the children delivered their message of hope and love at Christmas time with a joy that was infectious throughout the room. An enormous well done to the children, and a special thank you to the staff too, who have put in such work and preparation (including a team effort to shove the stage a couple of yards over earlier this week!) to make it all possible. Finally, a huge thank you to all of the family who came to support the children - it was clear how much it meant to have you there from the waves and wonderful smiles flowing between you all.

In further performance news, there were more pantos and shows this week around the school, including some very misbehaved elves of whom the least said the better, but be assured, there has also been a tremendous amount of wonderful learning going on too. Year 2 have been creating amazing models of different transport modes, linking their learning between London, New York and the wider DT curriculum to skilfully create wonderful taxis, tubes and buses throughout the class. Year 5 have been working hard on their storytelling skills, while it was a pleasure to see how our Year 6 cohort continues to excel in their different learning areas too as we come towards the end of term. Our choir has been out and about in the local community spreading more cheer, and their rehearsals continue as they prepare for the Christmas Carols on Wednesday next week, we hope to see you there!

Outside of the regular school day, I'd like to say a big thank you to all of those who supported our second Wilderfest evening last night - staff, parents, governors and children were all in attendance to enjoy and celebrate this wonderful space, so if you've not already booked your spot, please do see if you're able to come down for the last event next week. Your generosity in supporting this remarkable area of our school is tremendously appreciated and will help us make it even more special in the weeks and months to come.

I will leave you there, wishing you and your families a restful weekend as we get ready for the last school week of 2025!

Best Wishes,

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# Wilderfest Belmont 2025

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY IN DECEMBER  
LIMITED TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA MCAS £6

A SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT TO REDEVELOP THE  
WILDERNESS GARDEN

4.30PM - 6PM

MARSHMALLOW TOASTING      FIRE PIT  
PINE CONE DECORATING      HOT CHOCOLATE  
MULLED WINE





## *Wilderfest.....WilderBEST*

We're thrilled to share that our second night was just as much of a massive success as the first! The Forest School area once again came alive with festive spirit—twinkling lights, crackling campfires, and the joyful buzz of families making memories together. Guests enjoyed Christmas melodies drifting through the trees, warm mulled wine and hot cocoa in hand, and plenty of marshmallow-roasting moments under the winter sky.

Our woodland crafts area continued to be a huge favourite, with visitors of all ages creating beautiful handmade keepsakes to take home. Feedback has been extraordinary, and one guest even crowned the evening “WilderBEST” — a compliment we'll cherish!

Thanks to the overwhelming enthusiasm and generosity from our community, we've added extra availability for the final session — but HURRY, tickets are disappearing fast! If you haven't booked yet, now is the perfect moment to join us in supporting the redevelopment of the Wilderness Garden and creating magical seasonal memories with our Belmont family.





# CHRISTMAS TAKEOVER

- Special menu day -

Twinkle-Twinkle Chicken Thigh, Pig in Blanket and Rudolph  
Roasties

*with Gravy and Jingle Berry Sauce*

Or

Festive Squash Wellington  
*with Jingle Berry Sauce*

(G,E,Mk)

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Festive Carrots  
Elf Honey's Parsnips  
The Grinches Sprouts  
Snowfall Stuffing Ball

(G,So,E)

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Ho Ho Ho Chocolate  
Brownie

(G,E)

Or

Fruit Salad



**LOOK OUT!**  
**ALLERGENS**

**Ce = Celery**  
**Cr = Crustacean**  
**E = Eggs**

**F = Fish**  
**G = Cereals containing**  
**Gluten**

**L = Lupin**  
**Mk = Milk**  
**Mo = Molluscs**

**Mu = Mustard**  
**N = Nuts**  
**P = Peanuts**

**Se = Sesame Seeds**  
**So = Soya**  
**Su = Sulphur Dioxide**



## Attendance

You can view your child/children's school attendance via the MCAS (My Child at School) App.

Regular school attendance is essential in order that children can maximise all learning opportunities. Poor attendance is directly linked to lower academic attainment. It also means that children can miss out on the social side of school life, which can affect their ability to make and keep friendships. Here at Belmont, we want our children to develop good patterns of attendance and punctuality and grow up learning that every moment in school counts.

100%-99% (0-2 days off)

96% - 98% (4-7.5 days off)

95%-92% (9.5-17 days off)

Under 90% (19+ days off)

### Attendance celebrations!

We will soon find out which class have had the highest attendance for the Autumn term. The winning class will celebrate their achievement with a special treat on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Term time leave:

A polite reminder to families that in line with Government guidance, there is no entitlement to holiday during term time.

We understand that travel and family holidays can often be more affordable during term time, however regular school attendance is essential for your child/children's learning. Even a few days away from school can disrupt their routine and affect their understanding of current topics.

The lead up to Christmas is always an exciting time in school. Children take part in nativities, concerts, pantomime experiences and of course Father Christmas visits! We do hope your child/ren will be here to enjoy this special time. Please note that sickness absence immediately before and/or after the school holiday will not be automatically authorised and school may request medical evidence to support and authorise periods of sickness absence.

### Reporting sickness absence:

If your child is sick and unable to attend school/nursery, please complete the online absence form by 9am. This is especially important for children in Y6 who travel to school on their own. A form should be completed for each day of absence.

### We're here to help:


Should you have any queries, questions, or concerns regarding your child/children's attendance, health or general well-being, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We want to work in partnership with families to identify any barriers to attendance and plan suitable support.



# GCHQ Puzzle - Christmas Fun

Calling all problem solvers, can you crack the GCHQ Christmas Puzzle.

<https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/gchq-christmas-challenge-2025>

 Each of the seven puzzles leads to a word, or in one case a phrase.

Write the answers into the appropriate boxes below, and then use just the letters on the front of the card to deduce a description of GCHQ's work.

6	6	6	6	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	7	7
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

1 Somewhere on this card is a special seven letter word which has no repeated letters, and no letters which are next to each other in the alphabet. Can you find it?

2 There is some driftwood in these streams... but where should it be?

3 The robber has to find a route through the house. He can't go through the same coloured door twice in a row, and cannot move against any arrows.


4 My gifts from Santa are wrapped in pairs this year - but which one is missing?

5 The letters in TWO UV PAIRS have the values 0.12...9 in some order, with each letter representing a different digit.

6 Solve this code. It has lots of **four-letter** words!

7 Find an appropriate 7-letter word...


Follow us or scan the QR code to find the answers soon!


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## Community Update

### Hounslow's Family Hubs - Here for you and your family

Family Hubs are welcoming spaces where babies, children, young people, parents and carers can get support, advice and access to services, all in one place.

They're here for families with children aged 0–19 (or up to 25 if your child has SEND), offering help with things like:

- Parenting support
- Infant feeding - up to 5 years old
- Early language development
- Perinatal mental health

By connecting you with the right support, Family Hubs help build strong relationships and thriving families.

[https://fsd.hounslow.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Family\\_Hubs/FamilyHubEast.aspx](https://fsd.hounslow.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Family_Hubs/FamilyHubEast.aspx)

## Key Dates for the Diary



**Tuesday 16th December - Children vs Parents Chess Tournament 3.30pm (details to follow)**



**Wednesday 17th December - Carol Concert (more details to follow)**



**Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch**



**Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day**



**Thursday 18th December - WILDERFEST Final event - Tickets selling fast on MCAS**



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Autumn term ends at 1.30pm - Hive is open for bookings £15 on MCAS**