



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

To the Belmont Family,

I will start this week with a huge thank you to all who braved the weather on Saturday to join us for the Belmont Christmas Fair! It was wonderful to see so many of the children and families of Belmont come together to enjoy such a wonderful event so full of music, activities, fun and friendliness. Particular thanks must of course go to the tireless efforts of the PTA in their organisation of the day - from the early work months and weeks in advance, to the rapid transformation of the school Friday night and the wonderful efforts throughout the day itself. We regularly talk about how special Belmont is, and it days like that which truly highlight what can be achieved when we come together - so thank you all!

From such an energetic weekend, to a school full of song throughout the week. This week just under 300 children made their way along the road to the Hammersmith Lyric to have an incredible experience at the Jack and the Beanstalk Panto (Oh yes they did!) and my goodness did they get a show! On behalf of the children and staff of Belmont, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our appreciation for all of the volunteer parents who came along and suffered probable permanent hearing loss thanks to the sheer volume of the children's enjoyment - without your support, we couldn't do it - so thank you all! Meanwhile, deep in the halls of Belmont, the songs of the nativity have been filtering through windows and staircases as EYFS put the finishing touches to a show that will put even Jack and the Beanstalk in the shade. We cannot wait to share their retelling of the story of Christmas here in the Belmont - be ready to join in with all the actions!

We were also blessed with the first night of Wilderfest coinciding (but not by coincidence, I am assured by our resident astronomers) with the final Supermoon of the year. Under the (admittedly slightly damp) trees we were delighted to host families in a magically-lit Wilderness area - with marshmallow hot chocolate (in some cases witnessed, more marshmallow than hot chocolate), mulled wine and a roaring fire keeping us all warm under the twinkling stars. Thank you so much for the generosity of all who joined us, and a reminder here that there are still a handful of tickets available for the coming two Thursdays, so do book up quickly if you want to come along and support the ongoing development of such a special aspect of Belmont Primary.

As we head into the penultimate week, I will wish you all a warm and restful weekend,

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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 Belmont 2025 - What is it?

Join Us for Wilderfest — Our Magical Wilderness Garden Fundraiser!

We're dreaming big — and with your help, we can transform our wilderness garden into an extraordinary outdoor haven for our children to explore, learn, and thrive during forest school.

Get ready for a truly enchanting experience... because Wilderfest is here!

Event Dates: 11th December & 18th December

Each child (with an accompanying adult) can dive into a bundle of cosy, creative, festive fun, including:

- 🔥 Toasting marshmallows around the crackling fire
- 🍷 Sipping rich, warming hot chocolate
- 🎨 Crafting a special, nature-inspired keepsake

Yes, it may be dark — but with fairy lights sparkling, the fire glowing, and a magical woodland vibe all around, it'll feel like stepping into a winter storybook.

Tickets are limited and selling fast. Available now on MCAS! (Every child attending needs a ticket)

Help us bring this incredible space to life while enjoying an unforgettable, heart-warming evening with friends, family, and staff.

Wilderfest was an incredible success!

From the moment guests arrived, the atmosphere was buzzing with festive cheer. Christmas music floated through the woodland while warm cups of mulled wine and hot cocoa kept everyone cozy around the campfire. Families roasted marshmallows, shared stories, and enjoyed the simple joys of being together under the winter sky. The woodland crafts area was a huge hit too, with visitors of all ages creating handmade treasures to take home.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive—so many guests asked to book again for the coming weeks, one family even saying Wilderfest is better than Christmas at Kew! We're incredibly grateful for the donations, love and enthusiasm everyone has shown.

Thanks to this amazing demand, we've increased availability for the remaining two sessions.

If you haven't booked yet, now is the perfect time. Join us to support the redevelopment of the Wilderness Garden and make core memories with our Belmont family.

We can't wait to welcome you back for more festive magic!



Jack & the Beanstalk - Lyric Theatre

This week, KS2 pupils enjoyed a wonderful festive trip to the Lyric Hammersmith to watch their lively production of Jack and the Beanstalk. From the moment the show began, the children were swept up in the colourful costumes, catchy songs, hilarious jokes, and all the classic panto moments that had everyone shouting, laughing, and cheering along.

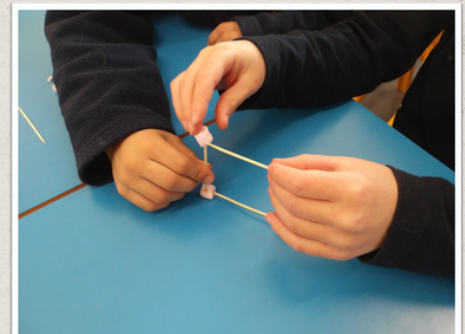
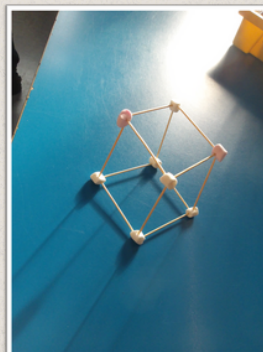
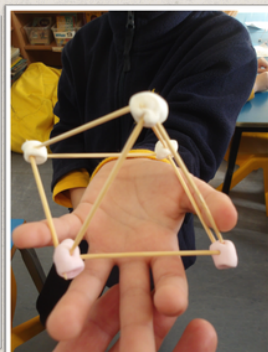
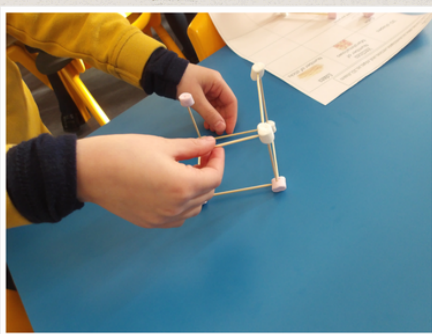
The cast brought the story to life in an interpretation we certainly never imagined—but one thing we can all agree on is that we are very thankful to have Mr Venn-Coffey as our Head Teacher instead of Mr Fleshcreep... yikes!

It was a joyful, festive outing that filled us all with Christmas spirit. A huge thank-you to the PTA who generously covered the cost of the tickets, the staff and volunteers who helped make the visit possible.



Year 2 - Damsons & Apricots

This week Year 2 have been learning about faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes in our maths lessons. To consolidate this they used marshmallows and sticks to make 3D shapes. Together we made cubes, cuboids, pyramids and even prisms. None of the marshmallows were consumed. (Or so we think anyway!)



Attendance

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.



Sickness:

We all get sick from time to time and as we approach the colder months, we are all susceptible to seasonal colds, coughs and viruses. Most mild illness, such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, do not require time off school, unless a child has a temperature.

It can be difficult to know whether or not to keep your child/ren off school/nursery. Helpful guidance from the NHS can be found as follows: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It:

Simple everyday habits can help stop infection from spreading:

Catch it: Use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze or cough/sneeze into your elbow – not your hands.

Bin it: Throw used tissues straight into a bin.

Kill it: Wash hands and try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.

We're here to help:

Should you have any queries, questions, or concerns regarding your child/ren'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.

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

Key Dates for the Diary



Thursday 11th December - WILDERFEST - Tickets selling fast on MCAS



Thursday 11th December - Y4 Tabard Theatre - Railway Children



Thursday 11th December - Nursery & Early Years Nativity @ 2pm



Friday 12th December - Nursery & Early Years Nativity @ 9.30am



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 19th December - Autumn term ends at 1.30pm