



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Belmont Family,

What a wonderful week it has been! There are certain times of year where being in a primary school is even more magical than usual, and Book Week is certainly one of them! It has been great to see the children engaging with stories and activities, and a particular thank you to those parents who came in to share their favourites! The children were so excited and engaged, and we really appreciate it! Also, thank you to you all for your approach to World Book Day, the costumes and excitement were an absolute joy to be a part of (with even one or two family pets getting in on the act!) and the children were fully committed to their characters throughout! Weeks such as these, and the upcoming Neuro-Diversity and STEM weeks, are a vital way that we all work together to raise the profile and continually broaden awareness and engagement for the children with these important aspects of their day-to-day experiences - so again, thank you for your ongoing support!

It was a busy week for Belmont children as another two year groups hit the road to take their learning across London (and beyond!) as Year 3 went to their Celtic Harmony workshop and experienced some wonderful learning around their history topic, while Year 2 went to central London and St. Thomas' Hospital to visit the Florence Nightingale Museum to further deepen their learning and understanding of the topic (including the fact that Florence Nightingale had 66 pet cats, which was certainly news to this Headteacher!). My thanks as always to the teaching group for their preparation and professionalism to help these days go smoothly, and particularly to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to accompany the children, and without whom we wouldn't be able to go! Thank you so much, it is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you all as we come towards the end of the spring term to our upcoming Parents' evenings - please keep an eye out for any updates, and do contact the school should there be any particular bits of admin you need support with to ensure all runs smoothly. These evenings are vital in ensuring we keep up-to-date with the children's ongoing achievements, and I thank you for your ongoing engagement. Myself and the rest of the leadership group will be available as well, and we always appreciate the opportunity to hear your thoughts and feedback on evenings like these, so do say hello if you wish to chat.

Until then, I wish you all a great weekend, and will see you next week!

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Year 5 - May 2027 PGL Residential (Isle of Wight)

We are thrilled to announce that we are planning an unforgettable residential adventure for our current Y5 students to **Little Canada** in **May 2027**. This trip is designed to build resilience, foster independence, and provide meaningful outdoor learning experiences away from the classroom.

Trip Highlights & Benefits:

- **Activities:** Students may participate in challenges such as the Giant Swing, Zip Wire, Trapeze, Canoeing, and Raft Building.
- **Personal Growth:** The programme focuses on **R.E.A.C.H.** outcomes: building **Relationships**, gaining new **Experiences**, improving **Ability**, strengthening **Character**, and promoting **Health**.
- **Supervision:** All activities are led by trained PGL instructors, with 24/7 support from a dedicated "Groupie" and oversight by school staff.

Please click on the video link below to get a better understanding of the trip and activities.

Deposit payments are on MCAS under store/products for all Year 5 Parents



Y3 - Elm & Willow

Year 3 had an exciting trip to Celtic Harmony's Stone Age village, where they stepped back in time to experience prehistoric life. They learned how to make tools and weapons using flint and even created embers to start a fire using special Stone Age fire-making tools. The children enjoyed hunting and gathering activities and worked together to make soup using leaves, herbs and nettles. The day finished with a traditional Stone Age tale, helping to consolidate the children's learning from their immersive experience.



Y2 - St Thomas's hospital and Florence Nightingale Museum

Our Year 2 trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum was an unforgettable adventure! We enjoyed a short tour of St Thomas' Hospital, where we explored the hospital grounds and spotted the famous Florence Nightingale statue. We also admired the inspiring statue of Mary Seacole, learning about her important contributions to nursing. To top it all off, we sketched the beautiful London skyline, capturing the moment in our own creative way.

We were excited to “meet” the legendary Florence Nightingale herself and learn all about her incredible life. We became history detectives, taking part in a fun treasure hunt around the museum, searching for clues and discovering fascinating facts along the way. We even had a chance to dress up. There were lots of brilliant questions asked and even better answers.

Thank you to the generous PTA for covering the cost of this educational visit and to the parents for helping take care of their groups.



Chess Tournament - Saturday 28th February

Well done for taking part in the chess event on Saturday. A big congratulations to all the children that took part, for many it was their first time in a proper chess competition and they all did themselves proud.

I do hope they had an enjoyable time and are hopefully keen to do another event.

Final results are below:

Under 11	Place	Score
Jacques Prevert	1st	21
Ark Byron B	2nd	15
Manor Lodge	3rd	14.5
Belmont	4th	10
Ark Byron A	5th	7.5
Prospect House	6th	7
Under 9		
St Joseph's	1st	19.5
Belmont	2nd	15.5
Jacques Prevert	3rd on tie break	12
Prospect House	4th on tie break	12
Manor Lodge	5th	11
Fulham	6th	5



BELMONT STEM Week

23rd - 27th March

STEM Careers Shout Out

STEM careers will be an important part of the week as usual. So we would like to invite any Belmont parents or carers who work in maths, science, technology or engineering to come into school/join us and talk to classes or year groups about their work.

Please see the MCAS communication from the 5th March for more details or use the following link to sign up.

[STEM Careers Sign Up Form](#)

Science Team

As it was book week, the Belmont Science Team took the opportunity to share their latest Belmont Science Newsletter with Year 1. Both Year 1 classes have been very interested in the book of newsletters and had lots of questions for the team.



Attendance

Our School Attendance Policy has been updated and ratified by the Governors.

This 2026 updated version is available to view on the website and was sent to all families via MCAS on Wednesday of this week.

Please take a moment to review this updated version of the policy, to ensure you fully understand our expectations and procedures.

Attendance celebrations

A very big “well done” to Cherries class who had 99.52% class attendance in February, closely followed by Chestnuts with 98%

Term time leave:

Whilst we are only just back from half term, Easter is fast approaching. A reminder to all that there is no entitlement to holiday during term time.

Requests for term time leave can be made in exceptional circumstances, by completing a term time leave request form at least four weeks prior to the planned absence.

Parents/carers cannot demand that their children be granted authorised leave of absence during term time.

We would strongly advise against booking flights/travel/accommodation without having received an official confirmation from school regarding whether or not your request will be authorised.

Periods of unauthorised term time leave are reported to the School Attendance Support Service and parents/carers are at risk of receiving a Penalty Notice Warning Letter or Penalty Notice.

Admin Update

As we approach the end of the Spring term, we kindly request for all outstanding balances on MCAS to be cleared by Friday 13th March 8am.

- PGL Final payments
- Additional Nursery Hours
- Music lessons
- Hive invoices
- Trips

Any outstanding balances remaining will affect your ability to book clubs for the Summer Term.

Please see any questions to SBM@belmont.hounslow.sch.uk

- 🎉 Looking for the Perfect Party Space? 🎉
- Host your next celebration in The Hive – the ideal venue for parties and events!
- ✨ Spacious & Versatile – Plenty of room for birthdays, family gatherings, staff parties, and special occasions.
- 🍴 Catering-Ready Space – Designed for food, drinks, and easy serving.
- 🪑 Tables & Seating Available – Stress-free setup for you and your guests.
- 🎵 Great Atmosphere – A relaxed, welcoming space that's easy to decorate and make your own.
- 📍 Convenient Location – Easy access and familiar surroundings.
- Whether you're planning a casual get-together or a big celebration, The Hive offers a comfortable, affordable, and practical party space.
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- Email messages@belmont.hounslow.sch.uk to secure your date!

Key Dates for the Diary - March 2026

- Wednesday 11th March - Parents Evening (NO Morning or After School CLUBS)
- Friday 13th March - Y5 PGL DEPOSITS DEADLINE
- Friday 13th March - Y2 Bake Sale
- Monday 16th March- deadline for music lesson uptake/ changes for Summer term.
- Thursday 19th March - Parents Evening (NO Morning or After School CLUBS)
- Thursday 26th March - Summer Term Club Booking Go Live @ 6.30pm
- Friday 27th March - Last day of Spring term