



### Celebrating Belmont in Term 2

As we come to the end of what has been a very long term, the weather has certainly added to the challenges faced by our families and school. During difficult times like these, it's both pleasing and humbling to see staff and families going the extra mile for our children. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their incredible support this term.

Despite the obstacles posed by the weather and some staff absences due to illness, we've had many wonderful experiences for the children since the October half-term.

Highlights include yet another fantastic Christmas Fayre, brilliantly organised by the wonderful team at F@B. The day was filled with festive joy, from Santa's Grotto to delicious food, drinks, and plenty of raffle prizes. The event was a huge success, full of fun, and raised significant funds to support Belmont and our children in 2025.

The last few weeks have been especially memorable, packed with exciting activities for the children. We've enjoyed Children in Need celebrations, Christmas performances for both primary and secondary pupils, church services, Christmas lunch, and of course, a visit from Father Christmas himself, thanks to F@B!

It's been an amazing time for the children, and I want to express my gratitude to all the staff and volunteers who made these moments possible.

I also want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the entire staff team at Belmont for their dedication to inclusion and learning. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a talented and passionate group. Our teachers are skilled and creative, our learning partners are caring and hardworking, and our inclusion and communications teams are both dedicated and highly skilled. The admin and site teams are simply wonderful, and I'm continually supported by exceptional leaders who work tirelessly to improve the school for both the children and staff. Every day, I see staff going above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of our children.

On behalf of everyone at Belmont, I wish all our families a happy and safe Christmas. Thank you for your unwavering support throughout 2024, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2025.



Warm regards,  
Kevin & Team Belmont

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## Be Part of Something Amazing at Belmont!

At Belmont, behind the scenes is a dynamic team dedicated to making our school the best it can be. This team, known as our Local Advisory Board (LAB), works closely with the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

Our small but dedicated group of volunteers supports Belmont's leadership on a strategic level. They monitor the curriculum, review safeguarding policies, and evaluate educational performance, helping the school identify areas for improvement. As Belmont's "critical friend," the LAB ensures we adhere to our policies while upholding the school's vision and values.

The LAB serves as the local governance tier within our Academy Trust, acting as the voice of our school community and contributing to Trust-level decisions. This work is vital, making a real and positive impact on the life of our school.

In January, we will have a vacancy on the LAB for a parent representative. This role doesn't mean speaking for all parents, but rather bringing a parental perspective to discussions. Training will be provided, and you will be fully supported throughout the process.

If you have an interest in school governance or simply want to contribute meaningfully to our school's success, we encourage you to consider applying. Look out for more information at the start of next term!

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This term has been action-packed at Belmont! Our school has been buzzing with activity. Here's the scoop on all the fun:



### **SkillZone Superstars**

Our pupils ventured to SkillZone this month and came back full of life-saving knowledge and confidence. They tackled challenges like pros and learned safety tips to be everyday heroes.

### **Movie Magic**

Who doesn't love a cinema trip? Our pupils enjoyed a day out watching the musical movie *Wicked*, complete with plenty of popcorn. Smiles, laughter, and a well earned treat—perfect.

### Children in Need Heroes

This year's Children in Need fundraiser was a huge success. Everyone got involved in raising money for an incredible cause and we raised a brilliant £120. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



### Diwali Delights

We lit up the school with our Diwali celebrations, learning about the Festival of Lights and enjoying colourful crafts and activities.

### Early Years Garden Unveiled!

Thanks to an incredibly generous donation our youngest pupils have a brand new, fully accessible outdoor learning space. It's already becoming a favourite spot for curious minds and little adventurers.

### PTA Success

A massive thank you to our amazing F@B volunteers for organizing the recent winter fayre which raised £1,589.85 for the school and was a brilliant day for the school community.



### NOTICES

#### Key Dates

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Term 3 starts

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Parents Tea and Chat

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February Mental Health Week

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Chinese New Year

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Term 3 finishes

