

Belmont Newsletter

Term 4



Dear Parents, Carers, and Staff team,

As we reach the end of Term 4, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to making Belmont School such a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow. We have again packed so much into this term that it's hard to mention it all!

This term has been especially significant, as we received an outstanding judgement in our recent inspection. This achievement is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and unwavering support of all members of our school community. I extend my deepest gratitude to the parents and carers, whose encouragement and commitment have been instrumental in fostering a nurturing environment for both the children and my staff team. Your continued support truly makes a difference, thank you.

A special thank you also goes to our incredible staff, who have gone above and beyond in providing exceptional learning experiences. Their efforts in the classroom are also matched outside by organising extra opportunities, such as sports, trips & visits, and performing arts opportunities. All these have enriched our children's education and added to the joy of school. Events like the London residential trip offer invaluable experiences that help shape their future, providing lifelong memories and lessons that extend far beyond the classroom, thank you all.

Leadership was mentioned in the recent report and we have many wonderful school leaders, but I also want to thank the Belmont school governors for the ongoing support and challenge of our team. During this term Louisa Fenton-Musty has decided to step back from the board as staff governor so I want to thank her for many years of excellent voluntary work in this role. Once again, thank you all for your contributions, dedication, and support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Many thanks, Kevin & Team Belmont



DIARY DATES

Term Dates

28th April 2025 - 23rd May 2025

1st May - Careers Fair

5th May - Bank Holiday

6th & 7th May - Year 8 Residential

9th May - Ofsted Celebrations

13th & 14th May - Year 6 Residential

19th - 23rd May - Road Safety Awareness Week

EVENTS

8th May | 9.30am-10.30am - Tea and Chat - Emotion Coaching

12th June | 9.30am-10.30am - Tea and Chat - Online Safety

Saturday 14th June 2025 - **FAB Summer Fayre**

Sunday 13th July 2025 - The Pied Piper Inclusive Summer Fair

Has your child outgrown their school uniform?..

We can Help!

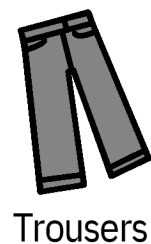
At Belmont, we believe in helping each other. So, we have set up the uniform exchange as a way to pass on pre-loved school uniform. Together we can save money and help the environment! Its free and available to any of our families, but supply is limited to what has been donated so may change from week to week. We will always do our best to help you find what you need!

Uniform Exchange

@ Belmont



Scan to send a request!





BIG THANK YOU TO....



World Book Day 2025



Belmont celebrated World Book Day this year by gathering as many staff and students as possible to dress up as their favourite book character. We had a variety of staff and students dressed up from Mario and his friends, Superheroes, Harry Potter characters and many more! Belmont started the day with a daily mile, students were encouraged to walk around the school being able to look at each other's outfits all while stopping at different WBD stations, we had "Guess how many books are in the box", "Name the new Belmont reading Bee" and a music station. All students and staff were able to get involved and have lots of fun. Throughout the day there was a word scavenger hunt in the playground, as well as designing a book cover and sharing a book with a friend. One of our classes also set up their own shop, and students were able to take home a book that they had chosen! Overall, a fantastic day was had by all here at Belmont.



We are thrilled to announce that our Red Nose Day dress-down event raised an amazing £127.30! A huge thank you to all the students and staff who took part in making this day so special.



Our Red Nose scavenger hunt added an extra element of fun, with children hunting for hidden noses around the school.

To top it off, we hosted a special Daily Mile, with activities dotted along the route for the children to engage with and enjoy.



Trips and Visits this term

Busy Bees enjoyed their visit to Hatherley Park, where they had a blast spotting signs of spring. Cheetah class also ventured out to the Toy Museum in Bourton-on-the-Water, where they explored toys from different eras, tying into their world learning from the previous term.

Foxes and Giraffes classes walked to the local shops in Warden Hill, learning about job opportunities in the area. They also had fun visiting the sweet shop, using their math skills to calculate prices and manage their budgets.

The Hive had an exciting trip to Cadbury World, where all students did an excellent job transitioning and had a great time.

Year 10 pupils had an amazing residential trip to London, with many students staying away from home for the first time. They enjoyed watching the Changing of the Guard, riding the London Eye, and exploring the Royal Parks. Year 10 students also enjoyed engaging with local residents, helping to build their confidence in communication during outings.

Meanwhile, Year 11 students have been preparing for their next steps with college link days. A big thank you to the staff who supported them throughout these experiences.

There have been many other trips, with even more exciting adventures planned for the upcoming terms!



Busy Bees



This term the Busy Bee classroom was turned into an African Savanna, as we brought our class story - 'The Magic Bojabi Tree' to life!

We have enjoyed making sock snakes, trying tropical fruits (mango was a particular favourite!), painting African animals, alongside recalling key parts of the tale allowing us to practise and develop our handwriting.

In maths we've been exploring time and money and we've really enjoyed spending our pennies in the Busy Bee class shop. A couple of memorable highlights from our term have to be; Shrove Tuesday, where we took part in a very fun obstacle pancake race, which was followed by delicious pancake topping tasting!

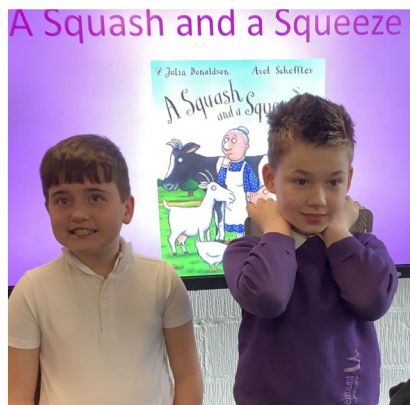
Then on World Book Day, as well as dressing up, we really enjoyed collaborating our ideas creating our own class story - 'The Adventures of Ned the Explorer' it was fantastic to get creative and let our imaginations run wild.



Cheetahs



This term we have covered this in maths we have covered Time and Money. The children have learnt the days of the week, months of the year, o'clock and half past. Some children have also looked at quarter past and to. For money we have looked at a range of coins and some notes looking at the value of the coin and seeing if the children can identify what the coin is and whether they can add groups of coins up. In English we have read a squash and a squeeze and a fish who can wish. The children have acted out the stories and then written their own wish stories. We have been learning about being healthy, learning dance routine.



Dolphins



This term dolphins have enjoyed learning about money. We discussed what we use money for and how we get money, we then looked at the different coins and how to identify them. We visited Mrs Grace's book shop where we each got to choose a book, and then had to select the correct amount of money to purchase it. We even visited Mrs Grace's snack shop where we had a selection of treats to choose from and had to figure out how to pay for them. We have had great fun looking at 'Oliver's Vegetables' and thinking about when he found each vegetable, trying to work out which vegetable he had found. We also had the opportunity to taste each of the vegetables - some we liked and others we really didn't!



Elephants



Elephants class have really enjoyed making their friendship garden this term. We can't wait to watch it grow just like friendships do.



We have also been increasing our independence during Our futures by making different meals which we can do independently. The pupils have been working incredibly hard all term. Well done Elephants.



Hippos



In Hippos Class, we've been working hard on building independence during our Our Futures lessons. One of our big focuses has been learning how to follow morning routines all by ourselves. The children have loved practicing how to make their own breakfast – a tasty piece of toast with their choice of butter or jam or both.

We've also been learning how to make our own drinks, with children making squash or even a cup of tea. For some, this was their very first time trying these drinks! It's been wonderful to see everyone pushing their boundaries, developing new skills, and discovering new favourites along the way. We're so proud of the fun, confidence, and independence growing in Hippos Class!



Ibexes



This term the ibexes have been making the most of the sunny weather. We have been going outside to play tennis for 'Our bodies' lessons. This has been so enjoyable and practicing our ball and hand eye coordination skills.

We've had some very positive peer reading sessions with the lovely busy bees class forming great relationships and developing good reading and listening skills.

The ibexes have learnt team building skills this term where the children were foraging for fine twigs and items to create mini beast dens/ birds nests and Dens for animals and humans.

Ibexes have really enjoyed the transition of winter into spring and are now looking forward to our summer term.



Monkeys

Hey, hey, we're the Monkeys..!

The Monkeys class have had a busy term! We have been working on preparation for adulthood in Our Futures, including looking at community and volunteering in Citizenship, where we planned what a truly inclusive community centre would look like and all the different physical, mental health and SEND needs could be met and how different sectors of the local community (including different faiths) could meet and feel included.

As part of Our Futures, we have also attended a training morning at 'Pizza Express'; learning to make their famous Margherita pizzas and finding out about food hygiene and safety in the kitchen, training and employment opportunities in Pizza Express. We also tried some different toppings – there were plenty of tears after those brave enough tried the jalapenos and extra hot chillies! All students left with a delicious pizza to eat, as well as a 'junior pizzaiola' certificate! After this, we took a leisurely stroll around the Abbey Park, and enjoyed the scenery.



In English, our topic was 'The Next Step'; this included looking at our own skills and qualities, and how these compare to those required for different careers. We have analysed job advertisements, looking at presentational features as well as writing our own advertisements for staff at Belmont School! We have completed our own CVs, written personal statements, completed an application form and taken part in mock interviews! Some of us have also completed two further days at Gloscol, to prepare for our post16 transition – so we really have been preparing for Our Futures!

Llamas



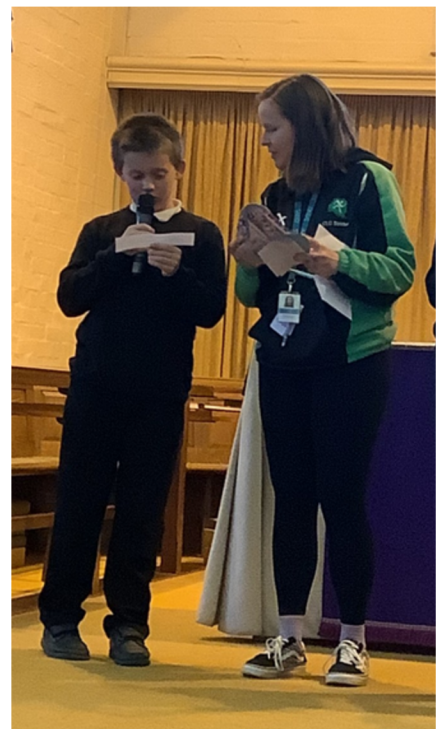
Llamas had a lovely time in Hatherley Park. The students drew something that was natural and something that wasn't. They spoke to members of the public and were very polite and well behaved representing Belmont School. Llamas loved playing on the play equipment together and it was lovely to see them being so social and interacting with each other.

On the way back Llamas stopped to do a traffic survey looking for different types of vehicles and pedestrians. The best bit was when someone on a motorbike did a wheelie up the hill!



Easter Service

St Christophers Church 07.04.25





Friends @ Belmont

CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca Baker our new Parent Governor

Congratulations to our F@B member, Rebecca Baker, on her new position as Parent Governor for the Belmont Local Advisory Board! With her background in early years education, passion for inclusion and commitment to Belmont Students we know she will be an invaluable asset and we couldn't be prouder. She's already launched the New Garden Project, and we're excited to see it come to life!



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Save the Date

14th June 2025
F@B Summer Fayre
More information to
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UPDATE F@B VEGETABLE GARDEN

The first Wheelchair friendly raised bed is now built & ready for transition to their forever home with the original ground bed set to be repaired by Easter. If you would like to assist us with this project then you can do so by donating the following:

- Strawberry plants
- Watering cans good quality (varying sizes to enable all children & young people to fill & carry)
- Wheelbarrow (fabric or metal as much soil needs to be distributed around beds)



This project is being supported by 'Men in Sheds' a volunteer group that helps make ideas come to life - big thank you from us



VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make our Summer Fayre on June 14th a huge success! Whether you and anyone you know can lend a hand with setting up, running stalls, or assisting with activities, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Belmont Community Sport



Belmont Community Sport a group who is organising the planning and fundraising for our outside area to be refurbished to include running Track, Cycle Track, MUGA and BMX Pump track.



We would like to update you on the progress of the Belmont Community Sports project. The project is moving forward, with planning permissions now secured and fundraising efforts underway, with a potential start of construction as early as Summer 2026.



We would also like to introduce Kay, our new Fundraising and Communications Administrator. Kay will be your go-to contact for updates, questions about the project, or how to contribute to the fund raising efforts. You can reach Kay directly at kay.fern@belmont.sandmat.uk. We hope this update keeps you informed on the project's progress.