

Belmont Newsletter

Term 6

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I'm incredibly pleased and proud to say that with the help of you all this has been the most successful year for Belmont in over a decade!

We've celebrated an outstanding inspection result (once again!) with references to excellent learning outcomes, particularly in reading, wonderful creative teachers, aspirational leaders and a highly skilled and committed team of support staff. This year the Belmont staff team have offered more trips and visits than ever before, broadening horizons and creating lasting memories for our pupils.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of so many:

- To our class teams and school leaders—thank you for your unwavering commitment.
- To our children and young people—you have shown such resilience and effort since September, making good learning choices and growing in maturity and confidence
- And to our parents and carers—thank you for the support and encouragement you give every day, helping our pupils to be the best they can be.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 11 leavers. You've been an absolute credit to Belmont, and we wish you all the very best for college and beyond. You leave with all our pride and warmest wishes.

Looking ahead to September, I'm pleased to share that school leaders and governors are delighted that class teachers and teams are already in place and ready to hit the ground running. They are looking forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 3rd September.

Until then, I'd like to wish you all a restful, safe and sunny summer break.

See you on the other side

Mr Day and all at Team Belmont 😊



2025/2026 DATES

Term Dates

3rd September - 24th October

23rd - 26th September 2025 -
Year 11 Residential

8th & 9th October 2025 - Teaching
& Learning Conversations

10th October 2025 - World
Mental Health Day - Hello
Yellow

20th November 2025 - Universal Children's Day

TBC March - Ramadan

5th & 6th May 2026 - Year 8 residential

12th & 13th May 2026 - Year 6 residential

5th June 2026 - World Environmental Day

17th June 2026 - Secondary Sports Day

18th June 2026 - Primary Sports Day

Spring Term - Year 10 Residential

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! It's 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!



Pool



We've been incredibly lucky this term – thanks to some brilliant support, we've been able to fund the pool for this term and the start of next! We're thrilled to have partnered with the amazing Aqua Skills, who have provided the pool, expert-led lessons, and lifeguards to keep everyone safe and confident in the water.



Intensive Swim Course at Belmont

Aqua Skills will be running an exciting intensive swimming course right here at Belmont: WC 18th August 2025

Monday to Friday | 4pm – 6pm

Got questions, prices or want to book your spot?

☎ 07870 509443

✉ info@aqua-skills.com

EY Playground Official Opening

We're pleased to share that our new Early Years Playground is officially open now, complete and ready for use. The space has been thoughtfully designed by the early years team.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Neil Parkin and Craig Sales for their support in helping to bring this project to life.

It's already proving to be a popular addition to the school.



Primary Sports Day

The Primary Sports Day was great to see, pupils were engaged throughout their 6 activity sessions, which were run very well by the helpful Bournside students. The sun was out and warm, but that didn't stop our super Primary students from performing a range of fun activities with their classes and most even managed to run in the class race at the end. A big thank you to parents for cheering them on and for the pupils for giving everything a go and smiling throughout.



Secondary Sports Day

Secondary Sports Day was a huge success, we had more engagement than ever before, and the pupils were all so supportive of each other. Some students were a little apprehensive about taking part, but so many overcame their initial barriers and gave it their all. Every point for the schoolhouses was incredibly valuable as 1st, 2nd and 3rd were separated by only 9 points. Thank you again to the Bournside students for helping with equipment set up and scoring, and to the parents for your cheering and support throughout.



International Day - Gambia Day

On Friday 20th June we celebrated the country of Gambia. The children wore the colours of the Gambia Flag and learnt about some of their traditions.

All the children had a great time with Helena doing African drumming. They sounded amazing. Classes read stories from Gambia and did some Art and Mask making.



We're proud to support Norton Mixed Ability Rugby, a non-contact tag and touch rugby club that offers a fun, inclusive way to enjoy the game.

A number of Belmont students now play on the team, alongside pupils from other special needs schools. This year, they've taken part in exciting friendly matches across the country!

Summer Camp – Wednesday 27th August – Join the one-day camp for just £10!
Book now: marnortonafterschoolclub@gmail.com

Year 11 Leavers

This time of year is always full of mixed emotions as we say farewell to our fantastic Year 11 students. For some, Belmont has been a part of their life for over a decade and the thought of a new education setting is both exciting and daunting. However, each individual can feel proud of their journey so far and should be confident about meeting any new challenges that lie ahead.



The next steps in Post 16 will be another test of character but we know these students are leaving Belmont with resilience, aspiration and a growing sense of independence that will allow them to flourish in their next setting. Good luck in all that you do Year 11 and remember to always strive to 'be the best you can be.' We will miss you all.



KS3 and Y10 trip to Cattle Country

What an incredible day our KS3 and KS4 students had at Cattle Country! With the whole farm park practically to ourselves and glorious sunshine lighting the way, the atmosphere was buzzing from the moment we arrived.



Laughter echoed across the adventure playground, soft play areas, bouncy pillows, and of course the ever popular animal enclosures.

The undeniable stars of the show? A herd of hilariously friendly goats who charmed everyone with their antics (and their impressive attempts at nibbling anything in sight!).



It was heart warming to see students and staff alike chatting, laughing, and making the most of such a joyful day together. Truly one for the memory books!



Duke of Edinburgh



In June, Year 11 students embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition and demonstrated fantastic perseverance and resilience in dealing with one of the wettest walks in our D of E history! The Thursday walk was certainly a soggy one but the staff were so impressed with the determination levels of each team.

Luckily, the sun came out in the evening and the tents could be put up in the dry. A BBQ, team building games as well as marshmallows around the fire rounded off a great first day before we attempted to get some sleep having set up camp on the school field!

Weary eyed students emerged from their tents on a sunny Friday morning and we steadily got ready for the second walk. With differing levels of mobility, some students completed a Crickley Hill walk whilst others navigated an orienteering course around Pittville Park. All students should be incredibly proud of their efforts!



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Thank you for your support Belmont Families and Staff!



There was something for everyone, from soft play, bouncy castle, and reptile encounters to classic games like hook-a-duck, splat the rat, coconut shy, and soak-a-teacher. Children also enjoyed the teddy tombola, win-a-bottle, and a fantastic magic show by our Head Teacher, Kevin Day.

We were thrilled to welcome Goals Beyond Grass, who brought along inclusive bikes for pupils to try, and a big thank you goes to the Rotary Club for running the delicious BBQ. The raffle was a great success too, with lots of brilliant prizes won. Thank you to our amazing members of F@B for organising the event, and to all the volunteers and families who made it such a success. The funds raised will go directly towards supporting our pupils.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's PTA Summer Fundraiser – we're delighted to share that the event raised an amazing £3,000 for the school!





Gloucestershire Animal Welfare Association &
Cheltenham Animal Shelter



SAND
ACADEMIES TRUST



....and Belmont Staff, Families and all of you!!

Cracking Update from Hippo Class!

Our new chicks have settled in beautifully and are already stealing hearts! Miss Storm (Hippos Teacher) and Rebecca Baker (Co-chair of F@B and Parent Governor) have taken on the role of proud co-parents, working hard to ensure the chicks are well-handled, happy, and thoroughly entertained. The chicks have been loving life—strutting across bridges like little superstars and even getting stuck into a bit of football. No joke—they really do enjoy a good kickabout!



Support Friends @ Belmont

Joining the PTA is a great way to support the school—give as much or as little time as you like! This year, F@B have already funded the Christmas events, Easter Eggs, the vegetable patch, a visit from Scrubditch Farm and are in the process of organising the summer fayre—just think what we can do with your help!



Email: thefabpta@gmail.com



Thank you for Helping Gary

Gary raised a whopping £820





The home of inclusive sport in Gloucestershire

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

We're starting the fundraising stage of our project, and things are moving quickly behind the scenes. Our Facebook page is now live—your go-to places for updates, ways to get involved, and sharing our story. The official website is on its way and having some final tweaks



The “Bells and Whistles” campaign will launch soon to boost awareness and community engagement. In the meantime, we're busy submitting funding bids and working hard to secure essential financial support.



We're especially proud that, under the guidance of our President, Christian, the children are playing a key role—creating content for funding bids, supporting our social media, and contributing to the campaign. This work will start at the beginning of the next academic year

Thank you to everyone who has shown support so far. If you'd like to get involved—whether as a community ambassador, through a donation, sharing funding opportunities, or helping with event planning—please contact Kay at kay.fern@belmont.sandmat.uk or BCS at bcs@belmont.sandmat.uk

YOU ARE INVITED TO DAVE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Tickets
on sale
now!

Date: Sunday 28th September Time: 11am-2pm

Venue: Cotswold Riding for the Disabled, Cheltenham Racecourse,
Prestbury Park, Cheltenham GL50 4SH (parking on site)



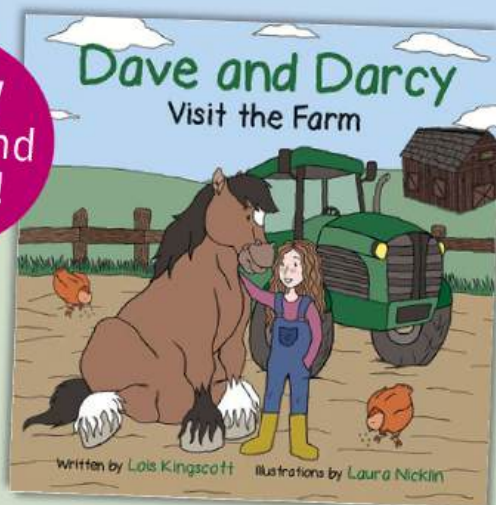
Children
(age 2+) £5*
Adults £2
Under 2s go
free

Come and celebrate Dave's 18th birthday
whilst raising money for Cotswold RDA!

Games • Music • Tombola • Cake stall
Refreshments • Children's entertainment
Ice cream • Bouncy castle • Raffle
Face painting • Meet Dave the horse!

NEW
Dave and
Darcy!

PLUS pre-order the
brand new Dave and
Darcy book and receive
a signed copy on the
day of the party!



To purchase your tickets and pre-order the new
Dave and Darcy book, scan the QR code or visit
www.loiskingscottauthor.com

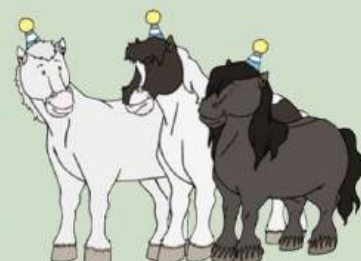


* Full details of what is included for the children's tickets (ages 2+) can be found online.
If you cannot attend the event, the new book is available to pre-order online and will be posted out after the party.



Event kindly sponsored by

DREAM DOORS®
NEW LIFE FOR OLD KITCHENS
Cheltenham and Gloucester





Battledown Welcomeback Autumn Fair

Saturday 20th September
12 to 3 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for some family fun.....

A variety of Craft and Food Stalls

- Toys, books & bric-a-brac
- Live Music
- BBQ Games for the children
- Cream Teas
- Raffle and Tombola
- Fire Engine
- Arts & Crafts

and so much more.....

Entry
Adults: 50p
Children: Free

Battledown Centre for Children & Families, Harp Hill, Cheltenham, GL52 6PZ



Summer



Sports Camps

Archery:

31st July & 7th, 14th, 21st August

(10am-12pm or 1-3pm)

Deer Park Archers (Cheltenham)

£15 per session



Football Club:

29th July & 1st, 8th, 15th August

(10am-3pm)

Archway School (Stroud)

£30 per session, ages 11+

Football Recreational:

1st, 8th, 15th August (10am-12pm)

Archway School (Stroud)

£15 per session, ages 5-11



THE CALM CLUB'S

Summer Yoga & Craft Camps!

Cheltenham 2025



What, where, when?

Tired of chaotic holiday clubs? Give your child calm, confidence and connection this summer.

"MY DAUGHTER WAS NERVOUS WHEN WE ARRIVED, BUT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE AT THE END. SO CALM AND WELCOMING."



A day at camp...

LOCATIONS:

- CHELTENHAM PRIORS PARK JULY 28 - 31
- CHELTENHAM PRIORS PARK AUGUST 11 - 14

- **Yoga** adventures taught by certified children's yoga teachers
- **Mindful crafts** with a calming, creative twist
- Outdoor **play** in beautiful, peaceful settings
- Homemade **lunch** + make-your-own food!
- **Small groups** for deeper connection and safety
- **Trauma**-informed, First Aid-certified team trained in **SEN**



Who is it for?

Two age groups:

- Children aged 4 - 8 years
- Tweens and teens aged 9 - 15 years



Only 5 paid spots per location. **FREE** spaces go fast!



SCAN ME

Book now! www.thecalm-club.co.uk/summer-camps

Use SUMMER10 for 10% off paid spots

info@thecalm-club.co.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Fun, Safe & Inclusive Play



The **Chamwell Centre** Charity

Overcoming disability
in Gloucestershire



General SOFT PLAY

Open to all
10, 12, 1, 3 & 4
£7 per child

60 mins

SEND SOFT PLAY

for children with
disabilities & additional
needs only

Daily at 11 & 2

£5 per child
- 60 mins

SOFT PLAY SUMMER SPECIAL

FREE Freeze Pop, Squash or Biscuit

AND 10% off a child's meal

(to be redeemed on the day of the soft play booking)

3 Tier * Overhead hoist * Up to age 14

COMMUNITY CAFE

Children's Play Area * Eat In or Takeaway

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Monday: 10:00 – 5:00
Tuesday: 10:00 – 5:00
Wednesday: 10:00 – 5:00
Thursday: 10:00 – 5:00
Friday: 10:00 – 4:00
Saturday: 9:00 – 4:00
Sunday: 9:30 – 4:00



We offer a full and extensive menu all year round
plus we have some Summer Special Deals too!

Toastie Tuesday

10% OFF all toasties — every Tuesday, all day

Midweek Breakfast Boost

10% off Cooked & Small Breakfasts
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Pancake Friday

Pancakes available all day every Friday

Tea-Time Treat

Coffee & Cake for just £5
Mondays & Thursdays | 2:30pm – 4:30pm

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Open Daily

HYDRO POOL

FORTHOSE WITH
DISABILITIES

& ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Registration required

15 metres | 34–36°C

Lifeguarded

Hoist into pool

Changing beds



ACCESSIBLE BUILDING

FREE PARKING

DISABLED TOILETS

CHANGING PLACES BATHROOM

BABY CHANGING FACILITIES

COME AND JOIN THE RUGBY FUN

WARPIGS MIXED ABILITY
RUGBY ARE HOSTING A
RUGBY ACTIVITY DAY IN
THE SUMMER!

FOR SEND CHILDREN
AGED 11+

ADAPTED RUGBY FOR
MIXED ABILITIES

FUN & FRIENDLY
ACTIVITIES

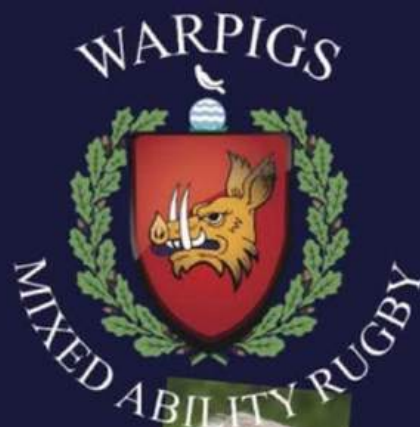
MEET NEW FRIENDS

£10 FOR THE DAY

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 27TH
AUGUST

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED!

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE,
EMAIL:
MARNORTONAFTERSCHOOLCL
UB@GMAIL.COM



LET'S GO!

WARPIGS MIXED ABILITY RUGBY