

WEEKLY

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22 November 2024



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## Message from Miss Taunt

### Dear Families

We have had lots of success in school this week: from our reception children breaking Stick Man out of the Ice to our Athletics Team coming 4th in in Hillingdon's Primary Schools Competition; from our parent meeting on Wednesday attended by 58 families—we loved sharing our plans with you, to Y6s doing so well in their tests preparing them for their Key Stage 2 SATs. It is important to notice and celebrate the positive. On Monday we have our Positive Noticing Day where all staff and children use stickers to write positive things about each other. We want to boost children (and staff) up about how amazing they are. Learning is full of challenges as is life and to be resilient learners children need to recognise all the things they are good at and notice that in others too.



We are looking forward to sharing your child's successes and next steps with you at the Parent Teacher appointments on Wednesday. School will close at 1pm so that appointments can happen throughout the afternoon. Please sign up on the sheets outside children's classrooms and if you are unable to attend between 1 and 6pm, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange another time.

Have a lovely positive weekend!

**Rose Taunt, Head Teacher**

## Dates for this week

*School and PSD clubs running all week*

### Monday

**Positive Noticing Day**

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

Reception and Y1 Pedestrian Training

**Nursery Closed all day**

**Early Closure for Parent Teacher Appointments**

### Thursday

**8.35-9.30 Family Coffee Morning,  
Open Evening for new families 4-6pm**

### Friday

**SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET Day**

**Avoid the rush at the school office**

Our busy times are 8.30-9.30am and 3-3.30pm. It may be easier to email [enquiries@belmore.school](mailto:enquiries@belmore.school) or phone or visit outside of these times.

# Dates for your Diary

We want you to be part of our school

We will be *ACTIVE*  
in mind and body

## Autumn Term

New things that have been added this week will be highlighted yellow.



Month	Date	Time	Event
December	Monday-Friday 2-6 December	3.20	School Book Fair
	Monday 2nd December		Y1 Space Experience Day
	Tuesday 3rd December		Flu Vaccinations
	Thursday 5th December	Pm	PTA Christmas Discos - CONFIRMED, more details to follow after half term
	Friday 6th December	9am	Celebration Assembly, Families invited to join from Years 5, 3 and 1
	Friday 6th December		Year 5 Anti-racism assemblies
	Tuesday 10th December	10 am	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly
	Tuesday 10th -12th December		Book Fair
	Wednesday 11 December	8.35-9.30	Meet the new SENDCo Coffee Morning
	Wednesday 11 December	2pm	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly
	Friday 13th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
	Wednesday 18th December	10.30 & 2.30pm	Reception and Nursery Christmas Sing-along
	Wednesday 18th December		Y2 Guy Fawkes Workshop
	Thursday 19th December	9am	KS1 Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only
	Thursday 19th December	2-5pm	Y4 Aladdin Pantomime trip
	Friday 20th December	9am	KS2 Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only
	Friday 20th December	1.30	Finish for the Christmas Holidays
January	Wednesday 8th January	8.35	Return to School

## Key Dates for 2025

March	Thursday 20th March	1pm onwards	Early Finish for Parents Evening
June	Thursday 12th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 6 & 4 Afternoon - Years 1 & 2
June	Friday 13th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 5 & 3 Afternoon - Reception
June	Friday 20th June	Sports Day	Morning - Nursery Afternoon - SEND Hub
July	Tuesday 1st July	4-6pm	Open Evening for existing parents to come in and see children's work, chat informally to teachers and visit their new classes

# ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attend today, Achieve tomorrow  
Every day counts!

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If your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important that you phone the school **before 8am** on the first day of absence and leave a message on the absence line **by calling 01895 462364** and choose option 1.

**Should I keep my child off school?**

**Yes** Until...

- Chickpox** at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting** 48 hours after their last episode
- Cold and Flu-like illness** They no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to return. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
- Impetigo** Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
- Measles** 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Mumps** 5 days after the swelling started
- Scarlet fever** They've had their first treatment
- Scarlet fever** 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
- Whooping Cough** 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No** but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

- Hand, foot and mouth**
- Chickadee fever**
- Strep throat**
- Scarletina**
- Throatswell**
- Strep throat**

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/minifac>

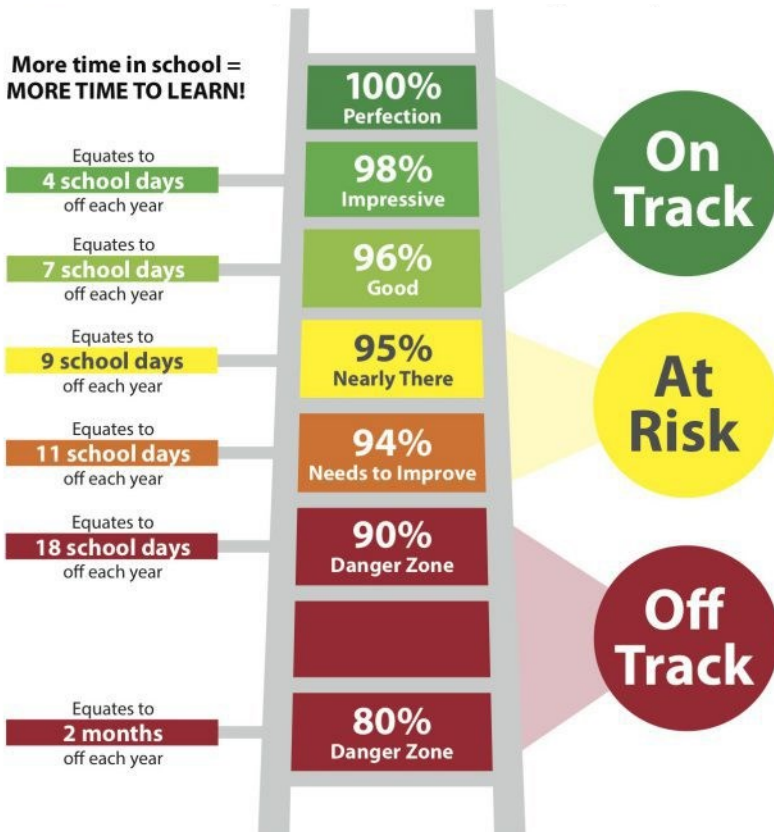
Number of children who had 100% attendance this week:



**389**

Well done to those families!

More time in school = MORE TIME TO LEARN!



For every day your child is absent from school, over 6 hours of instructional time is lost.

## Attendance WC 18/11/24

Class	Attendance
NAM	88%
NPM	83%
<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>95.8</b>
RCW	92%
RW	89%
<b>RMR</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>1Q</b>	<b>97.7</b>
1R	94%
1O	87%
2H	87%
<b>2E</b>	<b>98.5</b>
2D	94%
3H	89%
3R	83%
3B	85%
4CH	88%
4CL	90%
4Q	86%
5L	93%
5M	87%
5F	92%
<b>6F</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>6T</b>	<b>97.8</b>
<b>6L</b>	<b>95%</b>

This week's whole school attendance

**90%**

Our target is more than **95%**

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

*Celebrating success*

*We ASPIRE to be  
the best we can be*

**Our super  
stars of the  
week are:**



Class name	Star Pupil
1O	Brason
1Q	Theo
1R	Thurkkesh
2D	Amarah
2E	Reeha
2H	Shanavi
3H	Mustafa
3R	Amilah
3B	Ekam
4CH	Khadra
4CL	Ramiyan
4Q	Serrat
5M	Queenie
5F	Rayan
5L	Georgie
6L	Haya
6T	Sian
6F	Artiom

**Our Readers  
of the week**



Natalia      Tharukka  
Ibrahim      Hana  
David      Sanayah  
Si Yun      Aditiya  
Erika      Nikola  
Liv      Aliyah  
Zoya  
Tolha  
Sara  
Elayna

## PSD Sports Champions

Maya	Neyen	Aamir	Simon
Frankie	Phoebe	Serrat	Aisha
Hawa	Riley	Daisy	Julia
Leo	Aisha	Ki-Ki	
Lewi	Isabelle	Daniel	

# KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

We are *RESILIENT* and learn from our mistakes

We are getting more and more children who are using online games and social media inappropriately. We will be adding this page every week with a focus on a different platform.

At The National College, our WakeUp/Wednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

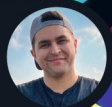
The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Fortnite has a minimum age of 12 meaning that it is not safe for children at primary school to use.

Click here to listen to a 6 minute podcast about keeping safe on Fortnite



[Zoom in to read and find out more information about keeping safe online on our website—here](#)

Please let us know if they are any concerns regarding bullying online so that we can support children in school. As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor and check children's usage and devices.

## Introducing Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo in school to give Dojo Points when children are showing they are following the school rules and values.

To further support behaviour in school and communication with parents, we would like to invite you to sign up to ClassDojo.

Using ClassDojo you will be able to:

- ⇒ see how many Dojo points your child is achieving and for what, this is linked to our school values and rules
- ⇒ communicate with the class teacher
- ⇒ receive reminders and updates from school
- ⇒ translate messages into your preferred language



**There are clear guidelines and expectations around using ClassDojo**

This is a positive learning platform. Please use it positively. If you have any concerns, please message the class teacher privately. Any negative comments or posts will be removed.

Teachers will respond to messages within 2 working days, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8am to 4.30pm. Please remember that teachers priority is to teach children. For any more urgent concerns please email or call the school office: enquiries@belmore.school. Any rude or offensive messages to staff will not be tolerated and will lead to you being removed from Class Dojo.

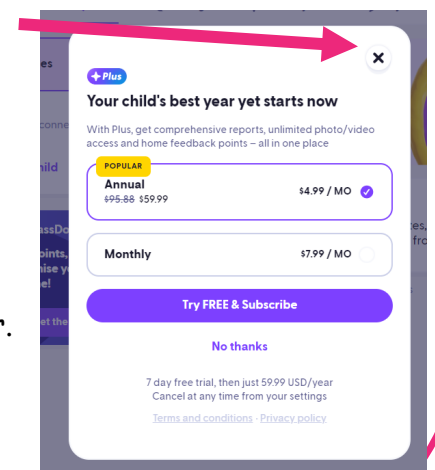
To sign up to ClassDojo please use this link and follow instructions to join the correct class:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=5b5204e3e33a9c0010dee035>

There will be an advert to pay money to sign up. You do not need to pay to sign up. It is a free app. Just click on the x here

To learn more about ClassDojo, please follow these links: [www.classdojo.com/learnmore](http://www.classdojo.com/learnmore) [www.classdojo.com/privacycenter](http://www.classdojo.com/privacycenter)

If there are any technical issues or if you require assistance with the platform, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. We are here to support you and ensure that your experience with ClassDojo is a positive one.



Dear MS. Taunt  
We would like you to advertise our Brownies unit. In Brownies we have lots of fun, joy and Memberal memories together. We learn to play new games and we do lots of different activities to earn badges. Our brownies unit is 8th Hayes Brownies on a Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm. Girls aged 7-10 are welcome. There is also a rainbow and guide

unit on a Wednesday. If you are interested please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and register a child. Thank you!  
FROM: '5F  
Belmore Primary Academy!

Dear MS Taunt 12/10/17  
We would like you to advertise our Brownie unit. In Brownies we have lots of fun we learn to play new games and we do lots of different activities to earn Badges. Our Brownie unit is 8th Hayes Brownies on a Tuesday 6pm-7pm. 30pm. Girls aged 7-10 are welcome. There is also a Cub Scout and guides unit on a Wednesday.



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam

If you are interested please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and register a child. Thank you from 8th Hayes Brownies.

**Brownies**

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

Girlguiding Anglia

Registered charity number: 278508

Join a local Brownies group

Two of our wonderful year 5 pupils have written these letters explaining what fun they have at Brownies and encouraging others to join. Click the poster to find out more about joining.

# PARENTS & FAMILIES

We are **KIND**, **RESPECTFUL**  
and **WORK TOGETHER**



COME ALONG TO OUR  
*Pastoral  
Coffee  
Morning*



Come along and meet the team; have a chat and get advice on what support is available for you

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**After Drop Off**  
Entry through the front office

*Pre-loved uniform available on the day*



**SENCO**  
Special Educational  
Needs Coordination

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**MEET OUR NEW SENCO**

**WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER**  
**9AM**  
**KS1 HALL**

*Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you there!*



## Hillingdon Family Hubs and Children's Centres

Online Sessions September-December 2024

These are available through Microsoft Teams contact your local Children's Centre for more information and to book sessions

**Be Inspired** a 6-week programme for parents/carers to develop their self-confidence and communication

- Wednesday November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 11 1.30pm to 3pm

**Behaviour Strategy** a one-hour workshop to support parents/carers to manage family life and challenging behaviours

- Wednesday 9 October 10am to 11am
- Monday 11 November 8pm to 7pm

**Brush For Life and Bottle to Cup** a one-hour workshop to support children from the age of 1 year to use open cups

- Tuesday 12 November 10am to 11am

**Ducklings** a 4-week course to support parents who have a child who is newly diagnosed with autism spectrum condition or is awaiting an assessment with the Child Development Centre

- Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 September 7pm to 8.30pm
- Wednesday 9 October, Thursday 10 October, Wednesday 16 October and Thursday 17 October 1.30pm to 3pm

**Fussy Eating** a workshop to encourage positive mealtimes

- Tuesday 22 October 10am to 11am
- Thursday 7 November 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- Wednesday 27 November 2pm to 3pm

**Transition**  
for children under 2 years old  
Thursday 17 October 10.30am to 11.30am  
for children over 2 years old  
Monday 4 November 1.30pm to 2.30pm

**Sleep Matters** a workshop to promote positive bedtimes

- Friday 27 September 10am to 11am

**Toilet Training** a workshop to support your child to use the toilet independently

- Wednesday 4 September 10am to 11am
- Wednesday 11 September 8.30pm to 7.30pm
- Wednesday 23 October 10am to 11am
- Friday 9 November 11.15am to 12.15pm
- Friday 13 December 10.30am to 11.30am



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find your  
local  
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book.



# READING MATTERS

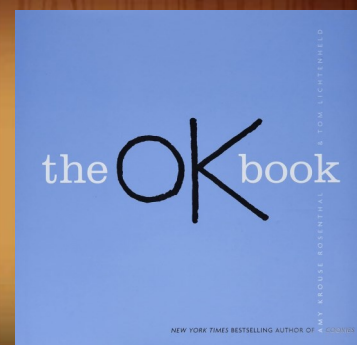
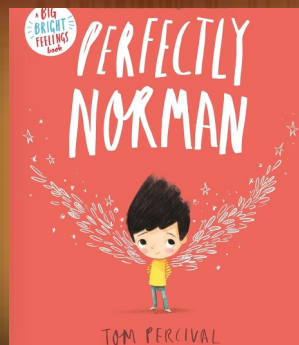
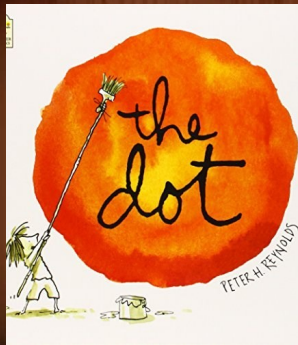
Books build a stairway to your imagination

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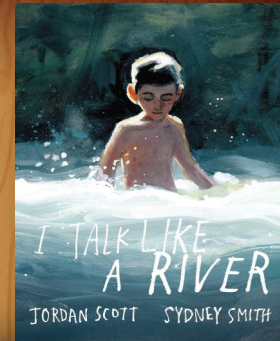
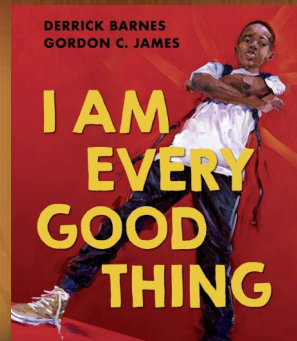
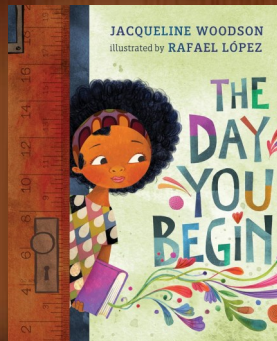
November's books are all linked to positivity and developing a positive mindset. On 25th November, Belmore will be taking part in a whole school Positive Noticing Day where all staff, children and families will make an extra effort to notice the positive things about one another—and tell them. Our Belmore behaviour policy is rooted in positive reinforcement and we know just how important it feels to (children and adults alike) when people notice something positive about us!

## November 2024 Recommended Reads

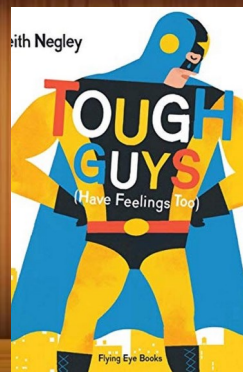
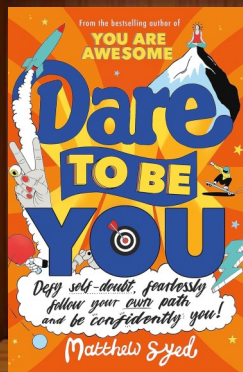
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KS1



KS2



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

We are KIND, RESPECTFUL  
and WORK TOGETHER

Please use recycling bin by the front gate. Please bag up your unwanted clothes and put them in the bin to **raise money** for the



## Local Businesses are supporting Belmore!

Thank you to [The Flower Lady](#) on Yeading Lane for our lovely new finger puppets. The children love them!



Do you own a business or know someone who does. Would you like a weekly advert on our newsletter plus mentions on our Facebook and Social Media pages? Just buy something from our Wish list below, put your business name on the order and email the office details of your business and we'll put it on this page every week until Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who has bought from our Amazon wishlist. We have added lots of new items. Simply click and buy from the list and they will be sent directly to school. Please make sure you put your name when buying for us so we can be sure to thank you. [Click here to see our list.](#)



# School Admissions

We are **READY** and  
**PREPARED** to **WORK**

We are holding Open Days for families wanting to join our school now and for September 2025. Please share with friends and family who are thinking of joining our Belmore adventure.

**Ofsted**  
Good  
Provider

**Belmore**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY



Do you have a child who will be starting nursery or reception in September 2025?

Are you looking for a kind, friendly school where children love learning?

**We might be the school you've been looking for.**

**Come and see what we do at one of our open school events.**

## OPEN DAYS

9.00am-10.30am: Tuesday 8 October & Thursday 14 November

4.00pm-6.00pm: Thursday 7 November & Thursday 28 November



We also have limited places in other year groups, please contact the school office for more information.

For information on how to apply, scan the QR code or visit our website

[www.belmore.school/admissions](http://www.belmore.school/admissions)

**BELMORE PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
Owen Road, Hayes, Middlesex UB4 9LF  
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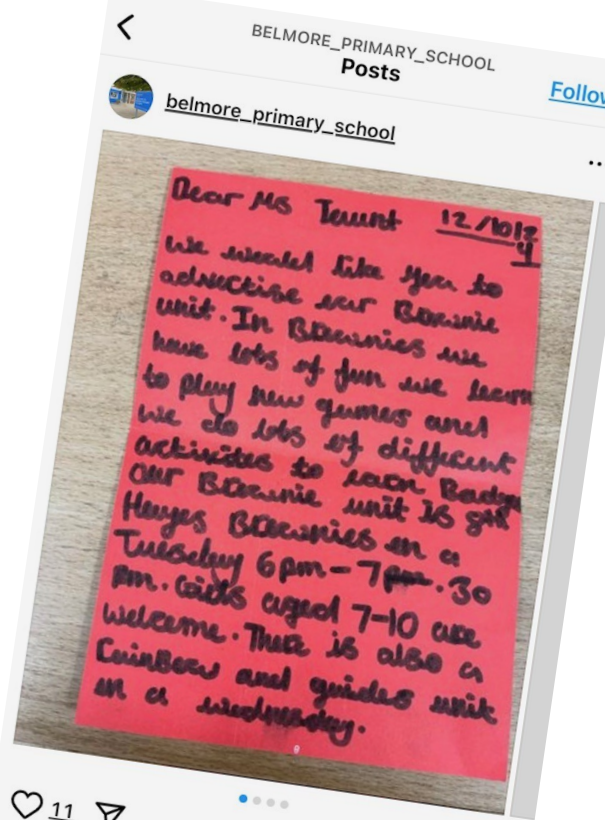
**MIDDLESEX  
LEARNING  
PARTNERSHIP**

# Highlights from our Social Media Pages

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belmore\_primary\_school Year 3 had a fantastic music workshop with our visiting musicians based on music from the Adams Family film.



belmore\_primary\_school Two of our lovely year 5s have written these amazing letters advertising their Brownie Unit at 8th Hayes Brownies. Sounds like they have such fun! If you are interested in joining find out more and sign up at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



belmore\_primary\_school We had a very special guest to Reception this week. Torty the tortoise came to teach the children all about hibernation.



belmore\_primary\_school Our athletics team training hard before they were off to compete. Nothing like starting the day with some exercise!



SCAN ME

We blur children's faces as we respect children's privacy on social media.