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## Message from Miss Taunt

### Dear Families

I talked in assembly this morning about being proud of Belmore.

I started teaching 20 years ago this term. My first class was a year 2 class called Elephant Class! I still remember their little individual achievements: the first time Jack wrote a whole sentence, when Noah didn't hide under the table at lunch time, when Amrita learnt her 3 times table. I still feel proud of them!

The pride I feel about the children at Belmore now, I know will also last a lifetime. There is nothing better than a child telling me about doing something they couldn't do before, bringing me a brilliant piece of work, hearing teachers talk about a child overcoming a struggle which they never thought they'd overcome. I am proud of their amazing behaviour at the discos last night, of the thoughtfulness and respect they show each other and their teachers, their determination to come in each day with a smile ready to learn. I am also proud of the Belmore staff who work tirelessly to give our Belmore children the best possible learning experiences.

Your children are wonderful and I hope you are as proud of them as I am. It is a privilege to work with them every day. I wouldn't do any other job.

They'll be plenty more proud moments in the coming weeks with the EYFS and KS1 Christmas shows and the end of term celebration assemblies. We look forward to celebrating and enjoying these events with you.

**Rose Taunt, Head Teacher**

## Dates for this week

*School and PSD clubs running all week*

### Monday

### Tuesday

10am Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Show

Y4 Mental Health Workshops

### Wednesday

9.00 Meet the new SENDCO Coffee Morning

Singing at Yeading Library trip

2pm Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Show

### Thursday

8.35-9.30 Family Coffee Morning,

### Friday

Celebration Assembly, Families invited to join from Years 6, 4 & 1

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner 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

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in mind and body

## Autumn Term

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



Month	Date	Time	Event
December	Monday 16th December		Y1 RE Trip to Hayes Methodist Church
	Wednesday 18th December	10.30 & 2.30pm	<b>Reception and Nursery</b> Christmas Sing-along
	Wednesday 18th December		<b>Y2</b> Guy Fawkes Workshop
	Thursday 19th December	9am	<b>KS1</b> Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only
	Thursday 19th December	2-5pm	<b>Y4</b> Aladdin Pantomime trip
	Friday 20th December	9am	<b>KS2</b> Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only
	Friday 20th December	1.30	<b>Finish for the Christmas Holidays</b>
January	Wednesday 8th January	8.35	<b>Return to School</b>

**FUNWEEKS**  
**WINTER**  
**ACTIVE CAMP**

**BE QUICK!**  
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT  
ENDS ON 18/12/24

**BELMORE**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

**MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER,**  
**THURSDAY 2ND AND FRIDAY**  
**3RD JANUARY**

**FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 - 7**  
**10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
**9AM - 3PM**

**SPORTS PRIZES**  
**FESTIVE ARTS & CRAFTS**  
**DISCO**

**EARLY BIRD PRICING:**  
BOOK BEFORE MIDDAY ON 18TH DEC **£18.00**  
BOOK AFTER MIDDAY ON 18TH DEC **£19.50**

SCAN TO BOOK

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0203 397 7409  
THEPSDGROUP.UK

**WWW.THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK / PSD-FUNWEEKS**

## Key Dates for 2025

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

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

*Celebrating success*

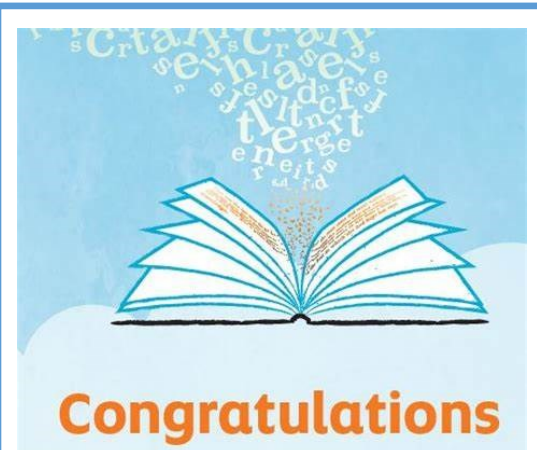
*We ASPIRE to be  
the best we can be*

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



Class name	Star Pupil
1O	Elnaz
1Q	Supreet
1R	Rose
2D	
2E	Lewi
2H	Erika
3H	Adnaa
3R	Ayaan
3B	
4CH	Jeevna
4CL	Eric
4Q	Lisara
5M	Jaya
5F	
5L	Georgie
6L	Natalia
6T	Alfie
6F	Ellie

**Our Readers  
of the week**



Zonaisha	Layla
Amreece	Mohamed D
Safa	Maria
Poppy	Sienna
Omid	Khiman
Theon	Mahilini
Zaynah	Maria
Kory	
Connor	
Hanan	

## PSD Sports Champions

Celine	Hani	Kayden	Louis
Mustafa	Iqra	Harlie	Muad
Lana	Shanavi	Asees	Ria
Neo	Noah	Matei	Ayaan
Laura	Casey	Buddha	Bismaadh

# 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
- Mumps:** 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Measles:** 5 days after the swelling started
- 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:** Once the blisters have healed
- Strep throat:** Once they've started antibiotics
- Throat issues:** Once they've started antibiotics

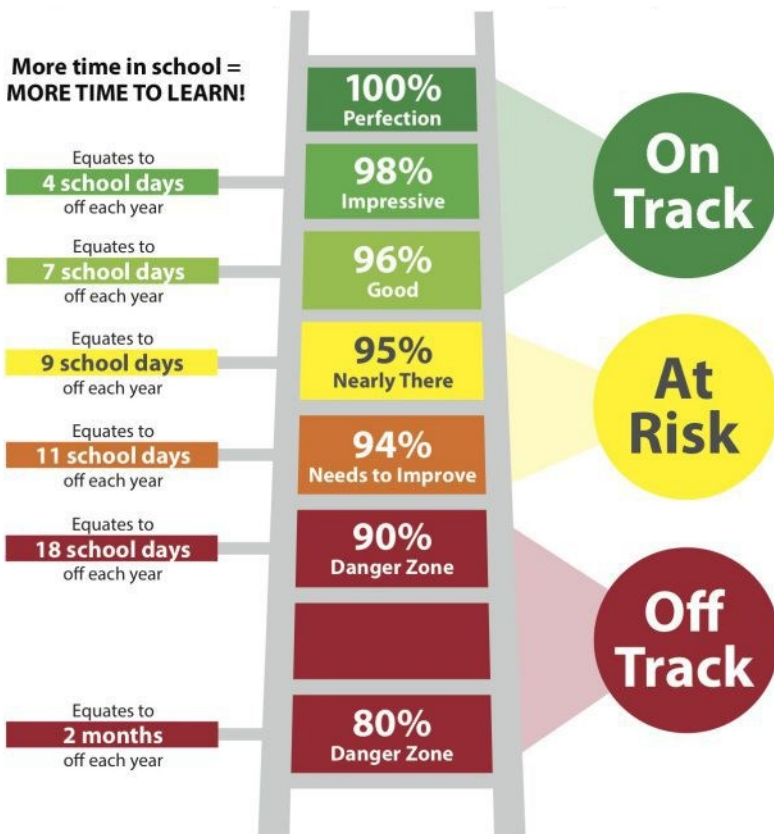
**Advice and guidance:** To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/sgo>

Number of children who had 100% attendance this week:



**400**

Well done to those families!



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

## Attendance WC 25/11/24

Class	Attendance
NAM	71%
NPM	94%
ALL DAY	98%
RCW	88%
RW	96%
RMR	93%
1Q	96%
1R	91%
1O	94%
2H	83%
2E	91%
2D	97%
3H	86%
3R	84%
3B	90%
4CH	92%
4CL	96%
4Q	89%
5L	93%
5M	94%
5F	98%
6F	92%
6T	93%
6L	87%

This week's whole school attendance

**91%**

Our target is more than **95%**

# 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. Make sure you have the right information

To create a Youtube account you need to be 13+. To watch Youtube, YouTube Kids is a much safer option

## NSPCC

Click here for more safety advice from the NSPCC

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

### YouTube Kids

Download the Youtube Kids app here

[YouTube Kids - An App Created for Kids to Explore Content](#)

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday 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

# YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

#### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

#### RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

#### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

#### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm: children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

#### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from changing access age—inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.



#### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

#### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

#### CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by 'preschool' (4 and under), 'younger' (ages 5 to 8) and 'older' (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

#### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

#### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

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Please let us know if there 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.**

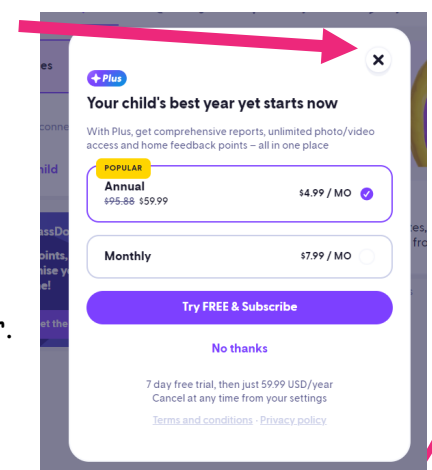
To sign up to ClassDojo please use this link and follow instructions to join the correct class:

<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.



# PTA EVENTS

## SCHOOL DISCO

*We will be ACTIVE  
in mind and body*



We raised lots  
of money for our  
school



and had a great  
time dancing the  
night away



The teachers  
danced as much  
as the children!



Thank you to our  
PTA for organising  
such a fun event!



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The poster features a blue and white winter-themed background with snowflakes. At the top center is the logo for 'PRIMARY SPORTING DEVELOPMENT' (PSD) inside a circular emblem. Below it, the word 'FUNWEEKS' is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. Underneath 'FUNWEEKS' is the word 'WINTER' in a dark blue, cursive font, and 'ACTIVE CAMP' in a white, bold, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a cartoon penguin wearing a blue hat and a blue shirt with 'FUNWEEKS' written on it. To the right of the text are three circular inset photos: a boy holding a yellow ball, a girl in an orange shirt, and a boy in a blue tracksuit. A blue arrow-shaped box on the left contains the text 'BE QUICK! EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT ENDS ON 18/12/24'. Below this, a location pin icon is followed by 'BELMORE PRIMARY ACADEMY'. A calendar icon is followed by the dates 'MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER, THURSDAY 2ND AND FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY'. A person icon is followed by 'FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 - 7'. A star icon is followed by '10% SIBLING DISCOUNT'. A clock icon is followed by '9AM- 3PM'. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN TO BOOK'. At the bottom left, there are icons for email, phone, and social media, followed by the website 'INFO@THEPSDGROUP.ORG.UK', the phone number '0203 397 7409', and the social media handle 'THEPSDGROUPUK'. On the right side, there is a graphic of winter sports equipment (snowboard, gloves, goggles, hat, skis, poles) with the text 'SPORTS PRIZES', 'FESTIVE ARTS & CRAFTS', and 'DISCO'. Below this graphic is a table for 'EARLY BIRD PRICING:'.

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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*



## 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 6pm 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 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- Wednesday 23 October 10am to 11am
- Friday 1 November 11.15am to 12.15pm
- Friday 13 December 10.30am to 11.30am



Five to thrive champions



**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!*



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local  
children's  
centre to  
book.

# READING MATTERS

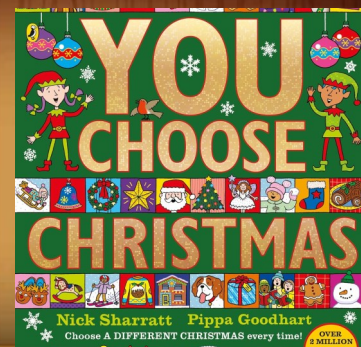
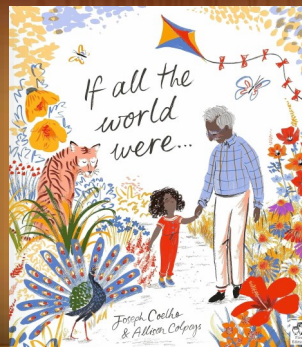
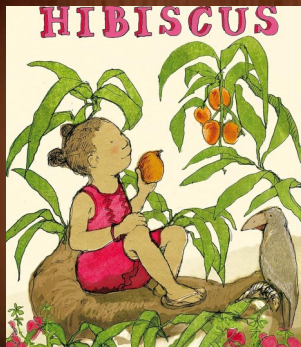
Books build a stairway to your imagination

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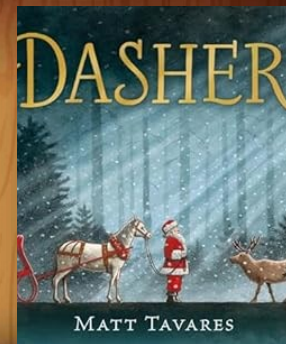
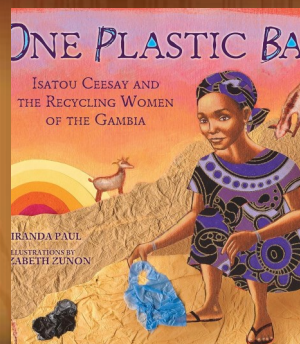
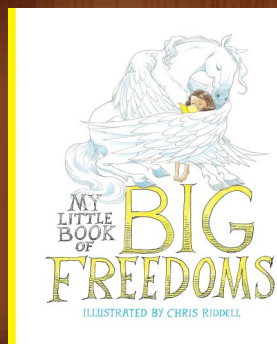
December's books have two themes:

- 1. Human rights**—linked to Human Rights day 2024 on the 10th December. At Belmore, we recognise the power of children's literature as a way to help us understand the rights that every child is entitled to. Here are some books which we believe sensitively and powerfully explore some of the UN's Conventions on the Rights of the Child
- 2. Christmas.** Whether you celebrate or not, we hope you enjoy some rest and happiness over the school holidays!

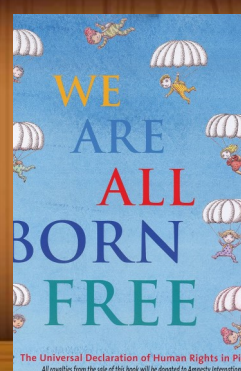
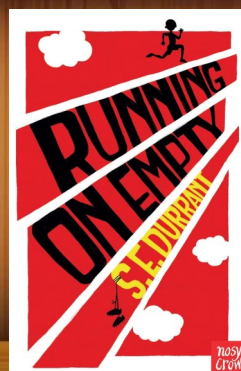
EYFS



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!



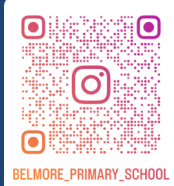
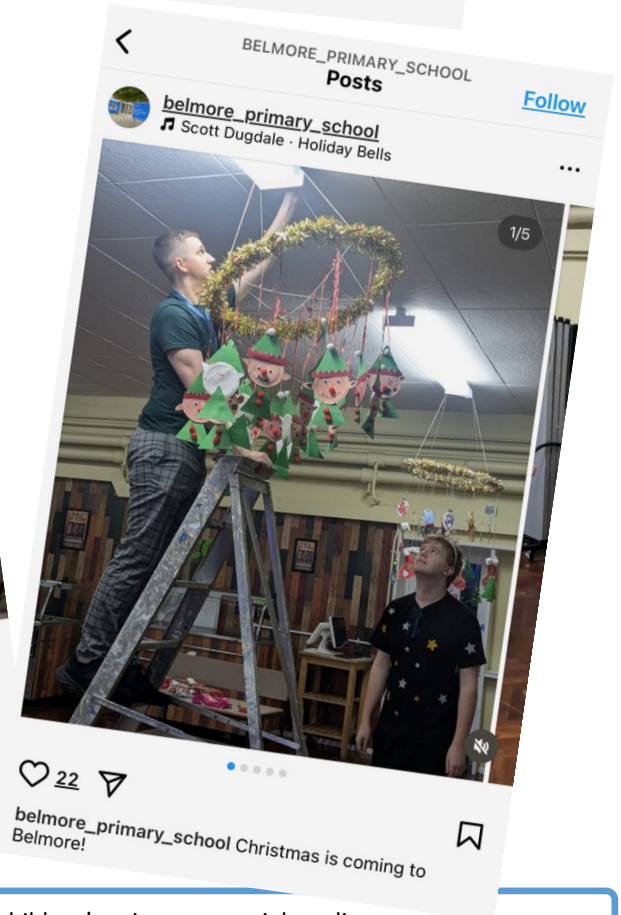
Do you own a business or know someone who does. Would you like a weekly advert on our newsletter plus mentions on our Facebook and Social Media pages? Just buy something from our Wish list below, put your business name on the order and email the office details of your business and we'll put it on this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



# Highlights from our Social Media Pag-

We are RESILIENT and learn from our mistakes



SCAN ME

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