



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Belmont Family

What a wonderful week it has been here in Belmont! There has been an absolute flurry of activity throughout the school as trips and workshops have continued apace. We now find ourselves heading into the final week of term — where has that time gone?

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Ufton Court, where they took part in a range of activities designed to help them understand the lives of the Anglo-Saxons. Early reports assure me that the shields they practised with “really weren’t all that heavy,” despite their formidable appearance! Meanwhile, Year 5 were delighted to visit Chiswick School to get a taste of secondary school Design Technology. A packed day included woodwork, where pupils created some marvellous wooden biplanes, and everyone came home with an apple crumble (except for those whose crumble had already been eaten before reaching the street!).

This Headteacher was, however, somewhat concerned at the lack of crumble for the wider parent and teaching community — though this matter will be addressed with the children of Year 5 in due course! More importantly, we are thrilled to be able to work in collaboration with our local partners, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chiswick School for their support, as well as all of the staff and parent volunteers who helped make the day such a great success.

As we look ahead to next week, there are trips galore! Year 3 will be exploring the Natural History Museum, Year 4 will be taking part in pedestrian training, Reception are lighting up at the thought of their Diwali workshop, and even our adults within school are getting involved as they limber up for their final session of First Aid training. A big thank you again to all parents who are helping with these trips in particular.

At this time of year, we are also nearing the end of our appeal to support our local elderly community, as well as the Upper Room charity. This is a final call for items to support our community partners — thank you to all who have donated; every little helps.

Outside of school, I’d also like to remind all parents about the Thursday night PTA Quiz, which is coming up fast! The teaching teams are in training, and we look forward to the event which is all geared towards continuing the great work the PTA does to support the school. If you’re up for the challenge, please speak with the Class Reps or check out the flyers or website for more details.

On that note, it was a pleasure to host the Class Reps in The Hive earlier this week. Your commitment and energy mean a great deal to us all, so I will say thank you once again. For anyone interested in supporting the PTA or working with the Class Reps, please do reach out to them to find out more!

To close, I wish everyone in the Belmont Family a lovely weekend, and we’ll see you on Monday for our final week of Autumn 1!



Wildcraft Belmont 2025

MARSHMALLOW TOASTING

FIRE PIT

PINE CONE DECORATING

HOT CHOCOLATE

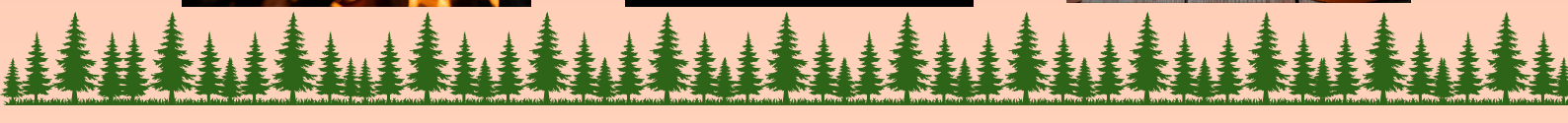
MULLED WINE

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY IN DECEMBER

TICKETS ON SALE SOON VIA MCAS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE REDEVELOPMENT

OF THE WILDERNESS AREA



Year 1 - Pears & Cherries

This week Year 1 went on a walk around Chiswick to explore our local area. Inspired by the Belmont Geography explorer, we looked out for local landmarks and said what they were near. When we got back to school, we created our own map of Chiswick!



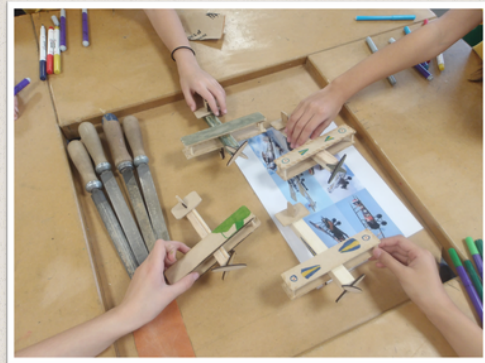
Year 4 - Maple & Rowan

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Ufton Court yesterday. We learnt how Viking weapons were used and how warriors and shield maidens were trained to fight. Aboard a Viking ship, we learnt about how widely Norsemen explored and travelled and how they traded. Finally, the day ended with a thrilling re-enactment of the Battle for Wessex.



Year 5 - Chestnut & Sycamore

Year 5 visited Chiswick School for a fun packed DT day. They took part in 3 activities linked to their WW2 History/Geography topic - weaving during a 'Make Do and Mend' activity, baking apple crumble (invented during WW2) and using tools to make a WW2 Biplane. They even did the washing up!



World Mental Health Day

Thank you for all the kind donations for 'World Mental Health Day'. There is still time to donate if you wish. Simply login to MCAS, visit the store and you will see the payment item.

You generosity so far has raised.....

£500

THANK YOU



PTA

Quiz Night!



**YOUR PTA NEEDS
YOU**

Tickets on sale

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/belmonthomeschoolassociationbelmontpta>



Thursday 23rd October - 7pm

Tickets £12 on sale now

Please click on the link to buy tickets

Admin Update

With half term approaching, a reminder to all that there is no entitlement to holiday during term time. Periods of unauthorised term time leave are reported to the School Attendance Support Service (SASS) and parents/carers are at risk of receiving a Penalty Notice Warning Letter / Penalty Notice.

We regularly analyse attendance data to identify patterns of absence. Sickness absence immediately before and/or after school holidays will not be automatically authorised.

Penalty Warning Letters / Penalty Notices are also considered if a child has had 10 sessions (five school days) of unauthorised absence in a period of 10 school weeks. The period of 10 school weeks can span different terms or years. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence eg. four sessions of holiday taken in term time and six sessions of arriving late after the registers have closed.

Well Done to Rowan Class, you had 100% attendance last week!

Key Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 20th October - Deadline for Independent reference form submission**
- Monday 20th October - Last day for Harvest donations
- Monday 20th October - Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum
- Monday 20th October - Y2 Trip to St Pauls Cathedral
- Monday 20th October - Y4 Trip Pedestrian Skills Training
- Thursday 23rd October- PTA Quiz Night
- Friday 24th October - Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 24th October - PTA- Y5 Halloween bake sale
- Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half term
- Monday 3rd November - Autumn term resumes

Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2026-27

Autumn Term (73Days)	Term starts for pupils: Friday 4th September 2026 Term ends: Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026 Inset days: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 Thursday 3rd September 2026
Christmas holiday	Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027
Spring Term (54Days)	Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th January 2027 Term Ends: Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1:30pm Half term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027 Inset days: Monday 4th January 2027
Easter holiday	Monday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term (68Days)	Term starts for pupils: Monday 12th April 2027 Term ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027 at 1.30pm Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027 Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027 Inset days: Monday 7th June 2027 Thursday 22nd July 2027
Total (195 Days for Staff) (190 Days for Pupils)	
Summer holiday	Commences Friday 23rd July 2027
Staff training/ Inset days (Children not in school)	Wednesday 2nd September 2026 Thursday 3rd September 2026 Monday 4th January 2027 Monday 7th June 2027 Thursday 22nd July 2027