

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



Now that we are into October, pupils have settled well into their new classes, and exciting learning is taking place throughout school. After this settling-in period, parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers during Pupil Learning Reviews in November. Appointment slots will be released before half term, with further details to follow.

In Reception, children have been developing their independence with the support of their Year 6 buddies during break and lunchtimes—an experience that is always a highlight for both year groups.

## PTA

### YOUR PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter with the proposed list of PTA events for the forthcoming academic year. The PTA have reduced the number of events, and the events listed here will only go ahead if we reach the required number of volunteers to lead and run them safely.

One of the highlights of the year is Ice Cream Fridays which start in the summer term. This requires a rota of 3 parents per week to sell the ice creams. Again, this will only go ahead if the PTA receive volunteers to help.

PTA still needs a chair person. Only a very small number of parents are doing all of the PTA roles and this is not viable for the charity that works tirelessly for all of our pupils.

Please let your Whatsapp group rep know if you can lead or help at any of these events. Without this, the PTA are at risk of not being able to run this year.

The PTA AGM was only attended by the outgoing Chair person and Treasurer, please can we formally extend our thanks to Kat Pudney and Katharine Schuler for their many years of hard work, time commitment and dedication to the PTA, they have raised phenomenal amounts of money over their years - more exciting details to follow about our new library which is ready to be ordered after School Council have agreed!



## LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE



Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the Library Reading Challenge over the summer holidays!

We shared the medals and certificates in assembly as well as some recommendations for books from pupils in each year group. Congratulations and keep reading!

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November through until Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you purchase a book on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> or Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, your name will be put into a draw to win a £5 book token which can be spent at the book fair by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

All books purchased contribute towards additional books for school.



## YEAR 6 TRIP TO STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTERS

As part of their World War II topic, last week Year 6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelters to experience what life was like for people having to keep safe during the war.

Their informative visit included being down in the air raid shelters and getting their gas masks on swiftly.

They learnt lots of new historic information through this experience and asked intriguing questions. They have completed lots of work linked to the visit on their return and their homework projects shared in celebration assembly were inspiring.



## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



In September, Westminster Park under 7's Thunder Wolves had their first league game away from home. They all upheld their values of working together, positivity, focus and courage. Cillian in Year 2 was awarded the man of the match trophy. Well done Cillian and the whole team! ☆

Mabel in Year 2 won 'Player of the Match' during WPFC Lightning Wolves' first match of the season.

Mabel scored an excellent goal and had another near miss. She didn't stop moving for the whole match and gave it her all! Well done Mabel! ☆



Albie in Year 3 is delighted to have received a Blue Peter badge. The music badge has been designed by the very talented Ed Sheeran. Albie has been learning to play the guitar for around a year now and in his letter to Blue Peter he talked about his love of music and the songs he loves to play. Fantastic Albie! ☆

At a recent festival, Monty in Year 1 met a real life artist called Andy Wilkinson. Andy kindly allowed Monty to use all of his art equipment and demonstrated a range of techniques. They crafted together daily! Monty was allowed to take his final piece home to proudly display and will stay in touch with his new artist friend. We know how much Monty loves being an artist so what a fantastic experience for him! ☆



Logan in Year 4 won the player of the match trophy after the 1st game of the season in September for Westminster Park Wolves U9's team. Great start to the season Logan – well done! ☆



In September, Ludo in Year 4 won 2 final tennis matches at Glan Aber tennis club. His wins were in his age category and the one above! Wow, that's amazing Ludo! We may have the next Djokovic attending Belgrave! ☆

Indie in Year 1 has recently achieved her Stage 2 swimming certificate from her weekend swimming lessons. She certainly looks very proud and so she should! Well done Indie! ☆

Jameia has been spreading some kindness and generosity recently by donating some clothing, nappies and hygiene items to the Kids Bank charity.

What a lovely message that KidsBank posted. That's so lovely to hear Jameia – well done! ☆

This photo shows Jude in Year 5 with the sunflower he brought home from school in Year 4 and now nearly reaches his bedroom window! Jude tells us he selected the smallest seedling, and

therefore can't believe how much it has grown.

When asked for the secret formula to growing sunflowers, Jude declined to comment! However we suspect his growing success might be attributed to planting at a south facing aspect, using soil from a tomato compost bag, a sturdy cane for support, and lots of water! This is fantastic Jude! ☆



It was a joy to meet Jameia here, who has been busy gathering some lovely donations of nappies, wipes & toiletries.

Jameia is so kind – saying she'd love us to please share her photo so she can show her teachers, to encourage more children in her school to help by donating to KidsBank! 😊

Thankyou Jameia – you are such a superstar, spreading your kindness and helping others to do likewise! 🧡

#kids4kidsbank #kidsbankstar #familieshelpingfamilies #childrenhelpingchildren



## SUCCESSFUL GROUNDS DAY

It was a very successful Grounds Day on Saturday with some lovely dry Autumn weather!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way during the morning, including donations of bulbs, compost and a beautiful Honeysuckle! We had some very tired children (and adults) leaving after all

their hard work brushing, weeding and digging. Your attendance was much appreciated. Thank you to all the staff who also organised the event and ensured that lots of jobs were completed! A great team effort. ☆

We very much look forward to seeing our grounds bloom in the spring.



## PLAYGROUND REMINDERS AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We expect all children (including younger siblings) to walk their bikes and scooters when entering the school grounds. This is to ensure that there are no accidents caused by cycling or scooting across the playground.

**Dogs are not permitted on school grounds;** this includes all playgrounds. Please ensure that if you are leaving your dog at the school gate, they are not obstructing families passing in and out of school. Gates will be locked 10 minutes after the end of the school day. Please ensure that your children are not playing in the Forest School area after the end of the school day. Our gates will close on an automated timer.



## MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD

Dear Parents and Carers,

The LGB met last week at the first Local Governing Board of the new academic year 2025-26.

After re-electing Franck Schmidlin to the role of Chair and Linsey Carroll to that of Vice-Chair we've confirmed the linked roles, with each governor assigned specific areas of interest.

The main item of our agenda was the challenges of supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Key Stage 1, particularly in delivering an adapted curriculum in a small school with such a varied intake. Our thanks to Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Hopkins for their informative presentation and insights. It's worth repeating how proud we are of Belgrave's SEND successes in the face of lack of funding or any actionable support from local or national government.

As a board, we've also discussed a small but concerning rise in inappropriate behaviours directed at staff, which we'll address in a subsequent letter.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate pupils, parents, caterers and staff for impressive attendance numbers so far this half-term.

Thanks,

Belgrave Governing Board

## AND FINALLY.....

- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Please report all pupil absences to the school office by email or phone by 9.15am.
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters. Please send them by email to [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk)

As ever, we really appreciate your support, enthusiasm and partnership.

Juliette Benton  
Headteacher



# Belgrave PTA Events 2025/26

**OCT  
24**  
*Break the Rules Day*

**DEC  
5**  
5 PM TO 7 PM  
*Christmas Fair*

**JAN  
30**  
*Own Clothes Day*

**MARCH  
31**  
330PM TO 530PM  
*Film Night*

**MAY  
15**  
*Own Clothes Day*

**JUNE  
25**  
5 PM TO 7 PM  
*Summer Social*



DIARY DATES	
Confirmed dates are listed below. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.	
<b>October</b>	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
W/b 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to River Dee
W/b 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 walkaround trip around local area
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 swimming starts
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Roman trip to Chester
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Phonics and Reading Workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents 4.30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Break The Rules Day
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of half term
<b>November</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school
TBC	Year 3 visit to Lache Library
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Lady Lever Art Gallery
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm (PTA Pre-loved uniform sale)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm (PTA Pre-loved uniform sale)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Lantern Parade in Chester 6.30pm
<b>December</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Flu vaccinations for pupils
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 9.45am
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance 5.00pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner (Wear Christmas jumper)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas party at school
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 – 6 trip to Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
<b>January 2025</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Lache Library
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Let's Walk
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 trip to Safety Central
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Let's Walk
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to World Museum, Liverpool
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Own clothes day
<b>February</b>	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>March</b>	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (More information to follow)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Xplore Science Museum
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to British Ironworks Centre
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Date TBC	Year 4 trip to Tattenhall
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Film Night for pupils 3.30pm – 5.30pm
<b>April</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>May</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Own clothes Day
W/b 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
<b>June</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Date TBC (Summer term)	Reception trip to 'Imagine That!'
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
Date TBC	Year 4 visit to Lache Library
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from residential
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Rec / KS1 Sports Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Prestatyn beach
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Midsummer Watch Parade in Chester TBC
Date TBC	Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Social (Rainbow Raffle to be held)
<b>July</b>	
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.30pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports sent out
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Trip bowling
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Parents
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)