

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



I hope that everyone enjoyed a break over half term ready for the darker nights and colder weeks ahead. It is heartening to see pupils back in school, calm and ready to learn in their Monster Phonics Day colours!

Please remember to sign up for a Pupil Learning Review to attend with your child in November, to celebrate achievements and set targets for the next term.

Classes have lots of exciting learning planned before December is upon us and we embark upon performances, a pantomime visit or party and the PTA Christmas Fair, amongst other festive activities. Please keep an eye on dates in the school calendar at the end of this newsletter.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO RIVER DEE



Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the River Dee in October to learn about the history and architecture of Chester. They walked many steps and observed the weir, the tidal aspect of the Dee and also sketched two bridges in preparation for artwork back at school.

They learnt about sandstone; the bedrock of Cheshire and saw examples of where it was used. The weather stayed dry and the adults were really impressed with the children's enthusiasm and questions throughout the trip.



YEAR 4 ROMAN TRIP TO CHESTER



Year 4 have had a fun day out in Chester being Roman soldiers and learning more about the Romans in the Grosvenor Museum.

Their day out included a visit to the historic amphitheatre and finding out about the walls and surrounding areas. The children were very interested in all of the activities and participated enthusiastically!



YEAR 1 WALK AROUND THE LOCAL AREA



Year 1 had an informative walk around our local area before half term. The children were able to find many things on the hunt, from different types of houses to different signs in Westminster Park. Following their morning, they drew their own maps which were amazing!

Year 1 pupils are really showing their independence and thinking skills!

CHARITY DONATIONS

Thank you for all the generous donations for Harvest time this year. The goods were donated to Chester Food Bank who were delighted to collect the donations!



PARENTAL FEEDBACK



In July, we asked you to complete the parent survey to tell us what you believe we do well and your suggestions to make our school even better.

It was very clear from the responses we received that the following areas were very important to families:

Welcoming, friendly, teaching, sport, support, staff, care, school clubs, school life, community, warmth, environment, communication, supportive, Mandarin, respect

Two suggestions for further improvement included:

- Keeping gymnastics and yoga clubs with the offer for older children – Sam from Yoga Tales (our Yoga external provider) is fully booked and Sam keeps a waiting list for any spaces which become available. Yoga is available to all children from Years 1-6.
- More competitive sports – Mr Moss enters us into many competitive competitions throughout the academic year and all pupils by the end of Year 6 will have represented school in at least one competition. Last year we entered: Hockey, Netball, Football, Tag Rugby, Athletics, Multi-skills, Cross country, Cricket and Rounders competitions. We have now been part of setting up to become part of the local school's cluster of competitive sports events which will give an additional opportunity for pupils to compete in sports.
- More opportunities for Digital Wizards club – we have arranged with the external provider so an additional series of sessions can be accessed during the academic year and then all pupils can receive a place.

ChAPS VISIT TO SCHOOL

Before half term, we were joined by Emily from ChAPS, a registered charity founded by parents of autistic children to support other families. ChAPS has over 15 years experience in supporting autistic and neurodivergent individuals of all ages. In a whole school assembly, children explored our differences and similarities alongside things that some people might find harder than others.

It was important for us all to recognise that people with Autism find some things more difficult at times and how we can all help to support each other with any differences we see in each other.



Emily was impressed that this is so in-keeping with our Belgrave No Outsiders motto 'We are all different and we are all welcome'. Thank you to the ten parents who joined us at the coffee afternoon for a Parent session led by ChAPS. We stand with autistic and neurodivergent individuals and their families, partnering with schools, employers, and communities to create a society that values and includes everyone.



Autism Practical Support (APS) offers specialist counselling and wellbeing support for autistic and neurodivergent children, adults, and families. From 1:1 therapy to parent support and workshops, our services are tailored to real-life needs. For more information and support, please visit: <https://www.cheshireautism.org/>

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Well done to Olivia and Florence in Year 6 who have received their final special award badges from Brownies. They are now ready to move onto Guides. The gold badges are a beautiful memory that they have completed their time at the club and now ready to step up to the next age group-guiding. I bet your Brownie group will miss you a lot. Congratulations girls! ☆



Annabelle in Year 6 was part of the Shrek cast who performed at Storyhouse last month. She beamed from start to finish and you could see how much she was enjoying it. The musical was a fantastic experience and wouldn't have been out of place on a West End stage. The set, musicians and actors and actresses were all so professional. An absolute joy to watch! ☆

Andrew in Year 2 participated in the mini marathon for the first time in October and was very excited to receive his medal. Great news Andrew! ☆

Alfie in Year 2 and Finley in Reception took part in the mini marathon last month. Well done boys! ☆ Alfie also received Player of the Match when the team he represents secured their first match win – fantastic news! ☆



Lucie in Reception took part in her very first gymnastics competition and was awarded two gold medals and two bronze medals. What an amazing achievement! ☆



Mair in Year 6 was voted player of the match playing for Upton Leopards football team because of her



composure and courage in defence. This is a brilliant reason to receive such an award – well done Mair! ☆



Max in Year 5 has recently completed his Level 2 NICAS qualification in bouldering which he has been working at for the past year. He was extremely proud when I spoke to him about this achievement and it certainly shows in his photograph – well done Max! ☆





Alfie in Reception was really upset following assembly at the beginning of the month hearing that ocean animals suffer because of litter. So Alfie made it his 'mission' to help tidy up the beach on a recent visit to Talacre in North Wales on our school Inset day. He did so well collecting up lots of litter and making it safer so when the incoming storm came in it wouldn't get washed out to sea. Alfie is very thoughtful and what a fantastic achievement to help with our environment. Mrs Childs was also very impressed as Eco Lead in school. Well done Alfie! ☆

ECO TEAM GREEN TREE AWARD

The Eco Committee have selected to complete the Woodland Trusts Green Tree Award.



This exciting award has lots of different fun challenges designed to make us think about the world around us and how we can positively impact the environment. We want everyone at school to have the opportunity to be involved.

Our first challenge is -

Explore different viewpoints

Think about what a tree or a bush would look like from a bug's eye view. You can lie on the floor to see how a beetle or a snail sees the world. Peek through blades of grass and flower stems.

Explore what the natural world would look like from a bird's eye view. Imagine you are a bird soaring through the sky. What can you see?

Eco committee got started in October and documented their findings through photography. They would like as many children as possible to enjoy this fun and free activity.

SCHOOL COUNCIL COMPETITION



School Council delivered an assembly before half term to launch a competition - Be Outside Be Active! This is their own initiative to encourage children to get outside over half term, recognising the positive impact of being outside on our physical and mental health.

Children have been asked to create a diary type poster to share their outside and active experiences over half term so we are looking forward to seeing them this week!

All entries for those who would like to enter are due in by Wednesday 5th November.

Thank you to School Council for their hard work, watch this space for more of their fantastic ideas throughout the year.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD



Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a couple of governor link visits to school last half term to look more closely at priorities on the Annual Development Plan.

We also had a Quality Of Education meeting in October where a group of trustees from The Learning Trust visited school. They were shown around by our Year 6 ambassadors followed by a meeting to look at priorities for the year at Belgrave. They were delighted to hear that the PTA, with our community's support, have now raised enough money to purchase our library and we are now deciding in conjunction with our School Council where it is going to be located and the design. Our Local Governing Board will meet again at the end of November.

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

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

Juliette Benton
Headteacher

The beautiful bee paintings through the November newsletter have been sketched and painted by Wala and Lily in Year 6.

Some of our pupil voice recorded before half term:



I like playing with
the cars with Conor.

Finn G
Reception

I like Maths in Year 2.

Joss
Year 2

I like using the ipads.

Xander
Year 1

I have liked learning
about the Romans.

Fearne
Year 4

I've got better at
my handwriting.

Evan
Year 5

My handwriting has
really come on.

Frankie
Year 3

I have enjoyed the Rose
Blanche writing.

Harvey B
Year 6



Belgrave PTA Events 2025/26



DIARY DATES	
Confirmed dates are listed below. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.	
November	
Mon 3 rd	Return to school
Mon 3 rd	Monster Phonics wear a colour day!
TBC	Year 3 visit to Lache Library
Wed 5 th	Year 2 trip to Lady Lever Art Gallery
Thurs 6 th	Whole school outdoor day (wear outdoor / waterproof clothing)
Fri 7 th – Wed 12 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 10 th	Anti- Bullying week – wear odd socks
Tues 11 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm (PTA Pre-loved uniform sale)
Wed 12 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm (PTA Pre-loved uniform sale)
Tues 18 th	Year 4 Lantern Parade workshop
Wed 19 th	Year 3 trip to St Mary's Church, Handbridge
Fri 14 th	Children in Need day
Fri 21 st	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Thurs 27 th	Year 4 Lantern Parade in Chester 6.30pm
December	
Mon 1 st	Flu vaccinations for pupils
Thurs 4 th	Westminster Park light switch on – Choir to sing at 5pm
Fri 5 th	PTA Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Tues 9 th	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm
Wed 10 th	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 9.45am
Mon 15 th	KS2 Christmas performance 5.00pm
Tues 16 th	KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wed 17 th	Christmas dinner (Wear Christmas jumper)
Thurs 18 th	Reception Christmas party at school
Thurs 18 th	Y1 – 6 trip to Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Fri 19 th	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
January 2025	
Mon 5 th	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tues 6 th	Pupils return to school
Tues 13 th	Year 2 visit to Lache Library
Wed 21 st	Year 4 Let's Walk
Mon 26 th	Year 5 and 6 trip to Safety Central
Thurs 29 th	Year 4 Let's Walk
Wed 28 th	Year 3 trip to World Museum, Liverpool
Fri 30 th	PTA Own clothes day
February	
Fri 13 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 23 rd	Pupils return to school
March	
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day (More information to follow)
Tues 10 th	Year 5 trip to Xplore Science Museum
Fri 13 th	Year 1 trip to British Ironworks Centre
Tues 24 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 25 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Date TBC	Year 4 trip to Tattenhall
Tues 31 st	PTA Film Night for pupils 3.30pm – 5.30pm
April	

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