

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



With December now upon us, we are looking forward to the many festive events planned ahead this month. Please ensure you are checking emails and Class Dojo so that you don't miss reminders of events which have been sent out via email or in the newsletter. (Diary dates are all at the end of the newsletter.) It's really important that you request tickets for the performances as we only have an allocated number of seats for each showing. We cannot accept entry to anyone who has not been allocated tickets by the school office. Please note as a reminder to our email, **requests for tickets for the Christmas performances will close on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12 noon.** Please let us know if you are not able to attend so that your seat can be given to someone on the waiting list. We will be selling a special £1 programme at the entrance to each of the four performances. Every programme will have a unique number on the back, and one number will be drawn after each show for a festive raffle prize so please bring cash on the day!

Year 1 have done an amazing job taking photographs in the frosty weather (see photograph on the left).

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – 7pm.

School closes for Christmas break on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm for all children. There are no clubs after 2pm that day including no Happy Hive after school club.

### ANTI BULLYING WEEK



Each class has recently participated in work associated with Anti-bullying week. The theme for this year was celebrating us all being unique. Each class looked at the theme through different age-appropriate activities with Year 2 making posters to help spread the 'Power for Good' message.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised an amazing £785.50 for Children In Need in November. Congratulations to Lucie (Reception) Archie (Y4) Rosie (Y2), Miles ((Y1) Hanson (Y2) and Olivia (Y6) for winning the Children in Need raffle! Thank you



everyone for your support and thank you to Mrs Clethro for all her hard work organising this annual charity event.

### PTA

The PTA are busily preparing and organising for the

popular Christmas Fair on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5pm – 7pm. Thank you to all of the parents who have already offered to help. Break the rules day raised a fantastic £383.50. Thank you!





## YEAR 2 TRIP TO LADY LEVER



Year 2 enjoyed a day at The Lady Lever Art gallery in Port Sunlight. They had an amazing day and staff were impressed with their behaviour and attitudes. Year 2 had many questions to ask about the exhibits and noticed so many things. There was also some fantastic sketching. It is a very popular visit and the children had so much to tell me on their return!



## MONSTER PHONICS DAY



On Monday the 3rd of November we celebrated our annual Monster Phonics day! This is to celebrate our Monster Phonics scheme that we follow at Belgrave.

Key Stage One children were very creative in dressing up as their favourite monster with Key Stage Two children in a Monster Phonics colour.

## YEAR 3 TRIP TO ST MARY'S CHURCH

Year 3 had a great afternoon visiting St Mary's Church. All the children were engaged in looking round the church and were brilliant representatives of Belgrave School!

Rev Antony told the class about some of the important places in the church including the Font and the Altar.

The children looked around in their groups to answer the questions on their activity sheets and also did some sketching.

Rev Antony read a short section of the Christmas story and also brought in his robes he wears for special times through the year.



## LANTERN PARADE



Our Year 4 children took part in a lantern workshop in school and subsequently the lantern parade in Chester last Thursday. It was such a magical and enjoyable event.

Thank you to all of our families who attended and shared this special festive evening with us – it was such a fabulous turn out and a wonderful community event to be involved in each year! ☆





## CHRISTMAS POST BOX OPEN ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

Our Belgrave post box will be open from today, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December for any pupils to post Christmas cards. The post box will be in the school entrance. Please ensure the recipient child's name is clear as well as their year group. The last post will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Any cards posted after this date will not be delivered.



## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Charlie and Charlie from Year 5 enjoyed a recent Chester match by using the Chester tickets from school. It looks like you had a lot of fun! ☆

Indie in Year 1 achieved 100m swimming badge in October. This is another super swimming achievement for Indie – keep going – well done! ☆



Siblings Sophie in Year 6 and Ollie in Year 2 visited London during half term. One highlight was meeting Pudsey outside the BBC HQ! ☆

Lia in Year 2 recently won the player of the match award for her football team (Lightning Wolves U7's). This for was her great efforts in attack, defence and

goal! Brilliant footballing Lia – well done! ☆



Betty in Year 1 recently gained her level 1 agility certificate at gymnastics. Betty looks very proud in her photograph on the podium and so she should be! Well done Betty! ☆



George in Year 2 and Mimi in Reception both achieved their water skills level 1 swimming badges and certificates – congratulations to you both! ☆







Jameia in Year 2 has received a certificate from Explore Chester for achieving 100 new skills. Jameia also recently took part in the House of Dance show at the Storyhouse. Well done Jameia!



Saoirse in Reception has achieved her Level 3 swimming certificate which is fantastic news! Congratulations Saoirse!



Lois, Summer, Isabel and Aurelia in Year 3 have taken part in a show at Storyhouse with their dance class. It sounds like they had a lot of fun performing! Well done girls! ☆



**STORYHOUSE**

### ECO COMMITTEE NEWS

RSPB Wild Challenge for schools - We are delighted to receive certificates for last year's dedicated Eco Committee. receiving bronze, silver and gold awards!

The Eco committee worked really hard throughout the year on lots of different projects to Experience Nature and Help Nature including activities such as Wild Writing, Mini Beast Safari, Sensing the world, Spreading the word and composting.

The RSPB Wild Challenge for school's award is now fully complete!

This year's Eco Committee challenged the school to participate in The Woodland Trust's Green Tree Award. They have made a fantastic start already earning bronze certificate for Discovering Your Schools Tree Equity Score and Explore different viewpoints. Lots of the activities that children participated in during outdoor learning day will also contribute towards the Green Tree Award!

This year the Eco Committee will be running a chocolate tombola and create your own reindeer food stall at the PTA Christmas fair. Thank you to everyone who has contributed chocolate for this.

### KIND DONATION

Mrs Clark (Mum of Georgia and Jessica in Year 3) has kindly donated £840 to the PTA account using the 50% charity match funding from her workplace.

This charitable donation will go towards purchasing bean bags and soft furnishings in our new school library. Thank you so much!

If you would like to donate by match funding using your workplace then please get in touch.

### BOOK FAIR



A huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who helped with our book fair last month. We had so many pupils and families visit and purchase books. We now have some money from the book fair to buy some new books for school which our bookworms are busily organising. Congratulations to our book voucher winners who all won £5 vouchers to spend at the Belgrave Book Fair:

Lucy in Year 5  
Charlie W in Year 5  
Montadher in Year 1



Alfie in Reception  
Orlaith in Reception

If any children purchased a book from our book fair or will read a new one over the Christmas break and would like to send in a book review for our January newsletter, that would be great! Please email them in via [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you to everyone who purchased at the Book Fair!

### MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD

Dear Parents and Carers,

We met as a Local Governing Board last week and had some really productive discussions. We reviewed the school's risk register and latest data, talked through updates around SEND and looked at the annual Health & Safety audit report. These regular checks and agenda items help us make sure the school continues to be a safe, supportive and well-run place for all our children. We look forward to seeing you at some of the festive events in December.

Thanks,  
Belgrave Governing Board

### AND FINALLY.....

- Welcome to Miss Woodhouse who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant at Belgrave. Miss Woodhouse has been working in education for over 20 years and is very experienced. She has two cats and enjoys Zumba and swimming!
- 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)
- We break up on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm. There is no after school Happy Hive club on that day. School starts back for pupils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

We look forward to seeing many of you at one of our December performances and at our Christmas fair on Friday.

From all the staff, pupils and governors at Belgrave School, we wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous new year 2026!

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

Juliette Benton  
Headteacher



Who helps  
you at  
school?

Mr Young helps me with  
English.

Jake - Year 5

Lia and Mabel  
helped me with my  
maths once.

Aseel - Year 2

Brandon helped  
me tidy the pens.

Faatiha -  
Reception

# Belgrave PTA Events 2025/26



DIARY DATES	
Confirmed dates are listed below. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.	
<b>December</b>	
Mon 1st	Flu vaccinations for pupils
Thurs 4th	Westminster Park light switch on – Choir to sing at 5pm
Fri 5th	PTA Christmas Fair 5-7pm
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 21st	Year 4 Let’s Walk
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 trip to Safety Central
Thurs 29th	Year 4 Let’s Walk
<del>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Year 3 trip to World Museum, Liverpool</del> - see amended date below
Fri 30th	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>	
Wed 4th	Year 3 trip to World Museum, Liverpool
Thurs 5th	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 6th	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Fri 15th	PTA Own clothes Day
W/b 18th	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)