

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



We have had an extremely busy month of January with all classes deeply enthused in new topics with exciting and creative learning happening around school. A wide range of learning across year groups including new goals for the forthcoming term; Polar Regions and Climate Change; Bog Baby adventures; Red Riding Hood drama performances and volcanoes erupting! All teachers have had the opportunity to watch each other's classes in writing to share the high-quality teaching and learning at Belgrave. We are nearly half way through the academic school year and progress is looking good! Please continue to support school with your child's learning at home and the love of reading.

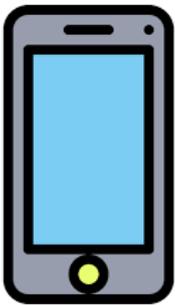
LET'S WALK

Year 4 have taken part in the Let's Walk group workshops during January. Two sessions were completed by each group. All pupils could safely cross the road in different scenarios.

Thank you, Mrs Halewood and Mrs Tiffin, for organising and facilitating this. The children really enjoyed the experience and hope they will now transfer this to walking safely each day.



MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL



Belgrave Primary School strongly discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school. We have a clear policy in place outlining the procedures to follow if a phone is deemed necessary, which applies primarily to children who walk to and from school independently.

Please note that this applies to pupils in Years 5 and 6 and a separate message with further details has been sent directly to parents of children in those year groups.

In line with national safeguarding guidance and our commitment to keeping pupils safe, we would like to remind parents that any child in Years 5 or 6 who walks to or from school independently must have a completed mobile phone permission form if they need to bring a phone to school.

This form is available from the school office.

All mobile phones brought onto the school site must be handed to Miss Edwards (Year 5) or Mr Clifton (Year 6) on arrival. Phones are stored securely throughout the day and returned to pupils at home time. Any phone not handed in will be confiscated and kept in the school office until a parent meeting has taken place. Mobile phones must not be used anywhere on the school site, including the playground. If a phone is required, it should only be used outside the school gates and always remains the responsibility of the parent and child.

We strongly advise that pupils do not bring a mobile phone to school unless it is absolutely necessary.

As always please continue to let the school office know by email if your child is being collected by a different adult or going home with another pupils' parent after school. We cannot let children be dismissed unless we have been informed by the parent of the child.

CREATIVE AUTHORS

Freddie, Iris and Aoife in Year 4 have been designing, writing, illustrating and publishing their own comics / informative magazines over the past year. They now have an incredible collection and we now have many children going into their library (they set up) at break and lunchtimes on the playground to read them! What a fantastic thing to do – well done to you!



YEAR 2 VISIT TO LACHE LIBRARY



Year 2 recently enjoyed a morning visit to Lache Library. Mrs Redmond was very impressed with their enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour. The librarian was so impressed with their attitudes and enthusiasm. She said she had never seen a group so interested in reading!

One of the ways we continue to inspire our love of reading is by visiting our local library regularly. This shows the children what is on offer and ensures

they have a membership to use. Lache library have fantastic events on throughout the year. Please follow the link to find out more about events in our local area [here](#).



YEAR 5 AND 6 TRIP TO SAFETY CENTRAL



Year 5 and Year 6 went on a trip to Safety Central in Lymm last week.

They took part in many activities learning about how to keep safe associated with fires, road safety, travel, cyber, building sites, water, accidents at home, bullying, keeping healthy, the countryside code and first aid.

The day was full of interactive information and practical activities starting and ending with an interactive quiz to test knowledge and understanding. Sounds like a fantastic and informative day with buzzing Year 5 and 6 chatter on their return and many changes which

they are putting into place at home to ensure everyone is safer.



BOOK REVIEWS



As we are now closer to having our new school library, Mrs Halewood is collecting many new books and keeping them to one side ready for the opening.

We would love to have some book recommendations from children displayed in the library.

A challenge for all our pupils:

Write a book review in exactly 50 words – a tricky task but one that I am sure many can complete (no more, no less – exactly 50 words and not including the title or your name!)

Please send any completed book reviews to Mrs Morgan at admin email address. I will include a selection in the March and April newsletters and we will display them in our new library for others to choose from.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Hazie in year 2 recently took part in a ballet show with her weekly class, performing in front of hundreds of people at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. Hazie, and her younger sister, danced in a Wicked-themed performance and did brilliantly! I know she was so proud when she told me all about it! Well done Hazie! ☆



Sophie in Year 6 has become an amazing crocheter after being taught by her Mum last summer. Sophie is now teaching others in her class how to crochet! Here is a picture of Sophie with one of her crocheted animals and her current masterpiece – well done Sophie! ☆



ECO TEAM COMPETITION

Our fantastic Eco team have been designing a competition to create a butterfly or dragonfly out of recycled materials. The Eco team are hoping for lots of entries!

MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD

Our Governing Board has been actively engaged in a range of training and development opportunities this term. Several governors have attended webinars and courses to deepen their understanding of current issues in education, strengthen their knowledge of effective governance, and support the school through link-governor visits. A dedicated group of governors has also been reviewing our compliance processes and overseeing changes to RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) resources in light of the new Government Guidance, which becomes statutory from September 2026.

The full Local Governing Board will meet again before half term to continue this important work and ensure strong strategic oversight of the school.

Thank you,
Belgrave Governing Board



ASPIRATIONS WEEK



We are excited to share that we are planning an 'Aspirations for the Future' week for our Year 5 and 6 pupils during the summer term. As part of this, we are looking for parents from across the school who would be willing to come in and give a short talk (about 15-20 minutes) about their job. We hope to offer pupils a wide range of insights into different career paths, supported by contributions from our secondary schools within the Trust, to help broaden their understanding of the world of work. If you are able to volunteer any time during

the week beginning Monday 15th June, please email the school office, and we will contact you with further details regarding dates and times. Many thanks in advance for your support. We hope this will be an inspiring week for our pupils, helping them broaden their understanding of future opportunities as they continue their educational journey and beyond.

ADOPTION PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP

We are trialling the facilitation of a new support group specifically for the parents of adopted children attending schools within our Learning Trust.

We recognise that being an adoptive parent brings unique challenges and it can often be a very lonely place with limited support. The idea of this group is to allow parents to make connections and meet others walking a similar journey.

Alison Ismail from The Virtual School is partnering with us as we launch our first session; this will be informal without a set agenda.

The first session will be based at Christleton High School, and moving forwards we plan for the different schools to host a session and we will consider different times of day to enable as many as possible to attend.

Our first drop-in will be on Tuesday 24th February from 5.30pm - 6.30pm at Christleton High School.

If you would like to attend this initial session, please use the link to sign up via Ticket Source:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/christletonhighschool

If you require any further information then please do ask us.

AND FINALLY.....

- Mrs Wilson, who is working for the finances department in The Learning Trust, will be working in Belgrave School office on Mondays at Belgrave. Thank you to those parents you who have already met Mrs Wilson and made her feel very welcome, whether that be over the phone or in person.
- Miss Taylor continues to signpost many supportive networks, webinars, groups and articles for you as parents, and families via Dojo.

Adoption Parental Support Group



A space for adoptive parents to share experiences, discuss challenges, meet other adopters

To come together and provide mutual support

In partnership with Alison Ismail from CW&C Virtual School

**Christleton High School
24th February 2026**

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Please book your place via the link in the email

All adoptive parents with children attending schools within The Learning Trust are welcome

Light refreshments will be available.

Christleton High School
Village Road
Christleton
CH3 7AD



- We are always grateful to receive any clothes that your child has grown out of to have as spare in school. In particular if you have any pumps; boys pants (age 7+), black, grey or white socks (boys and girls) or white PE T-shirts then please consider donating to school first. Many thanks in advance!

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



What's it like
to be a pupil at
Belgrave?

It's good
because it is fun!

Xander - Year 1

It's very nice and I love it
because everyone is so
inclusive and kind.

Alice - Year 6

It is fun and when
I'm playing and
doing crafts.

Pippa - Reception

It's amazing and
it's a fun place to
be!

Eliza - Year 3

Very good and
fun!

Autumn - Year 4

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.

February	
Fri 13 th	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 23 rd	Pupils return to school
Tues 24 th	Adoption Support Group 5.30pm – 6.30pm at Christleton High School
March	
Wed 4 th	Year 3 trip to World Museum, Liverpool
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
Mon 16 th	Year 4 trip to Tattenhall
Tues 24 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 25 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 26 th	Musical celebration for parents 2.00pm
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 week
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
Thurs 4 th	Class photographs
Date TBC	Year 4 visit to Lache Library
Mon 8 th	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 9 th	Reception trip to 'Imagine That!'
Wed 10 th	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Fri 12 th	Year 6 return from residential
W/b Mon 15 th	Year 5 and 6 Aspirations Week
Mon 15 th	Rec / KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 16 th	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 18 th	Year 4 trip to Halle
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)