

WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025



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RESILIENT

READY

ACTIVE

ASPIRE

Message from Miss Taunt

Dear Families,

It's been a lovely week back - it's always so good to see the children returning to school and settling into their routines.

I have been speaking with the children about what they would like to see on the playground as part of our OPAL project. Over the half-term break, a huge sandpit was created for them to enjoy. We now need lots of toys for the children to dig and play with in the sandpit. If you have any sand toys at home that you no longer need, please bring them in. Alternatively, if you would like to purchase some for us, you can do so through our [Belmore Amazon Gift List](#).



Fresh air during the day makes learning much easier for children, so they will continue to go outside at break time - even in the rain! Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat every day and keeps a pair of wellies in school. Waterproof trousers will help keep them even drier and more comfortable.

We are continuing to focus on attendance. Children whose attendance is above 95% tend to do better both academically and socially. All families received an attendance update letter just before half-term. If you would like support in getting your child to school, please speak to your class teacher or Ms Payne in the office. If your child's attendance falls below 80%, they are on track to miss around eight weeks of school over the year, which can significantly impact their learning. In these cases, we will arrange a home visit if your child is not attending.



We try to keep our school site as safe as possible. Please make sure you do not ride bikes or scooters on school grounds.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the best possible environment for your children to learn and thrive.

Rose Taunt, Head Teacher

Dates for the week

Monday 17th November

9am Open Morning for new Reception children for September 2026

Tuesday

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

Year 1 & 2 Phonics Workshop, 2.30-3.15pm

Year 5 and SEND Hub Space Dome Workshop

Wednesday

Reception Phonics Workshop 2.30pm

Years 2, 5 and 6 NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops

Year 6 Online Behaviours workshop

Thursday

9-11am Stay and Play for 0-4 year olds

Year 6 Online Behaviours workshop

Sports Hall Athletics Competition

Friday

9am Years 1 and 2 Celebration Assembly. Families welcome to join.

9.45 - School tours, no booking required. New and current families welcome

2.45pm Years 3 to 6 Celebration Assembly. Families welcome to join.

Dates for your Diary

We want you to be part of our school

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Autumn Term 2025

New things that have been added this week will be highlighted yellow.



Key Dates for the Autumn Term

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from Noun Project

November	Monday 17th November	9am Open Morning for new Reception children for September 2026
	Tuesday 18th November	Year 1 & 2 Phonics Workshop, 2.30-3.15pm
	Tuesday 18th November	Year 5 and SEND Hub Space Dome Workshop
	Wednesday 19th November	Years 2, 5 and 6 NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops
	Wednesday 19th November	Year 6 Online Behaviours workshop
	Thursday 20th November	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
	Thursday 20th November	Sports Hall Athletics Competition
	Monday 24th November	Year 2 Guy Fawkes Workshop
	Wednesday 26th November	Reception Gruffalo Experience Morning
	Wednesday 26th November	1.00pm Early Finish including Nursery 1.30-6.30pm Parents Evening Slots will be booked on Dojo, more information to follow after half term
	Thursday 27th November	Y6 Gurdwara Visit
	Thursday 27th November	5pm Open Evening for new Reception children—September 2026
December	Monday 1st December	Yr 4 Cooking Sessions
	Tuesday 2nd December	Yr 5 Cooking Sessions
	Wednesday 3rd December	Yr 6 Cooking Sessions
	Wednesday 3rd December	Years 4, 5 and 6 Cooking Workshops
	Thursday 4th December	PTA Christmas Disco
	Monday 8th December	Reception Vision and Hearing Checks
	Wednesday 10th December	9.30am and 2pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Sing-a-long Show
	Friday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
	Tuesday 16th December	9.30am and 2.15pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
	Wednesday 17th December	PTA Christmas Raffle
	Thursday 18th December	Year 6 Visiting Theatre - Macbeth
	Friday 19th December	1.30pm Finish No Nursery all day

2026 Dates

3rd February - Year 4 & Choir Young Voices Experience

Wednesday 11th March 2026 - Spring Term Parents' Evening. 1pm school closure; Meetings: 1.30-6.30pm

Week beginning 11th May - KS2 SATs

Tuesday 7th July 2026—Open Evening, 4-6pm

ATTENDANCE

*Attend today, Achieve tomorrow
Every day counts!*

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If your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important that you phone the school **before 8am** on the first day of absence and leave a message on the absence line **by calling 01895 462364 and choose option 1.**

**No 100% Non-Uniform Day
this week**



Attendance WC 10/11/25

Class	Attendance
NAM	95.0
NPM	80.0
ALL DAY	85.6
EINSTEIN & WARHOL	70.0
RCW	88.7
RW	95.4
RR	94.0
1Q	98.0
1O	89.3
2D	97.9
2R	92.9
2K	98.4
3H	97.4
3F	95.0
3A	90.9
4CH	94.5
4CL	93.3
4Q	93.0
5L	97.7
5F	98.5
5E	90.8
6L	95.5
6M	96.9
6R	96.5

Top Attendance Classes

The classes claiming the Attendance Cup for the best attendance this year are:

Lower school - 2K

Key Stage 2 - 5F



**This week's whole
school attendance**

↑ 93.6%

Our target is more than 95%

**Number of children who had 100%
attendance this Week:**

↑ 382

CELEBRATIONS & AWARDS

*We ASPIRE to be
the best we can be*

Our super stars of the week are:

Class name	Star Pupil
Warhol	
Einstein	
RCW	Rayah
RW	
RR	Aayat
1O	Anvir
1Q	Zain
2D	Prathisha
2R	Frankie
2K	Emilia
3H	Ranveer
3F	Lyla
3A	Shanavi
4CH	Hadya
4CL	Uththaman
4Q	Aisha
5L	Richa
5F	Troy
5E	Riley-Jay
6M	Nilla
6L	Sanayah
6R	Alok

Our Readers of the week are:



Hawa	Abishan
Karneet	Kanwar
Luana	Suwani
Roxana	Ebenezer
Alfie	Navtej
Si Yun	Pranish
Gurparshad	Kenzey
Eden	
Lewis	
Harshita	

PSD Sports Champions

Abdullahi	Poppy	Asees
Hawa	Khamiel	Namreeya
Nira	Claydan	Flavia
Keisi	Bodhi	Kameron
Frankie	Safah	



PARENTS AND CARERS WORKSHOP

Join local officers and partner services for an information evening. Learn how to spot the early signs of child criminal exploitation and grooming and the support available.

DATE

Weds 3rd
December

7.00pm -8.30pm

PLACE

Online - register via QR
code below to book your
spot!

TIPS

SUPPORT

GUIDANCE

ADVICE

www.met.police.uk



We are lucky enough to have had a sandpit made over half term. The sandpit will soon be ready to use.

Please help us make it a fun place to play by donating any sand play toys—used or new.



Please bring in named wellington boots to keep at school. This will mean that your child can play outside whatever the weather.

Please ensure you send your child into school in an appropriate waterproof coat if it might rain. This will ensure their uniform stays dry whilst they enjoy their outdoor play.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

We are **RESILIENT** and
learn from our mistakes

We are getting more and more children who are using online games and social media inappropriately. Make sure you have the right information to keep your child safe online.

How much screen time...



Birth to 5 years

'Bedtime stories are the best and healthiest way to settle your child'

'Studies have shown that too much screen time can cause babies and toddlers to **learn fewer words** and have **slower language development**. Excessive use of screens is also being strongly linked to **behavioural difficulties** in very young children.'

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 NO screen time** between birth - 24 months except for video chatting with family and friends.
- 2 30 MINS screen time.** Children aged 2 - 5 years old should not be on screens for more than 30 min per day.
- 3 BIGGER screens.** If your child is ready to play a short game then try to use a larger screen like a tablet or computer screen. These cause less visual strain than a phone.
- 4 AVOID** using a device to settle your child down. Evidence shows this makes their anger and frustration worse in later life. **Instead try a book, a game outdoors, or just a cuddle.**
- 5 SLEEP HYGIENE.** Under 5's should **not use a screen** for at least 2 HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME, to aid their natural sleep pattern.

0-24 months

2-5 year olds

Watching lots of short videos is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.

Bigger is better

Try a cuddle or a game

Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.

*'SLEEP HYGIENE' is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.



6 to 10 years

'Walk, run, ride a bike, anything that gets kids up and about and off their screens'

'Try and ensure screen-free time together'

Ditch screens at mealtimes! 'Studies show that eating in front of screens leads to higher obesity risk as children consume more unhealthy food!'

Studies show there is a clear link between **excessive screen use** and **difficulties with concentration, sleep and mental health**. There may also be distinct physical changes in the developing brain.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 WAKING UP WITHOUT screens** It is recommended that social media/screens are not used for the first hour of the day.
- 2 1-2 HRS PER DAY** is the suggested screen time in the week and not more than 2 hours on weekends.
- 3 STAY ACTIVE** Encourage physical activity for 1-2 hours a day.
- 4 SCREEN-FREE time together** Children will often mimic behaviours of the adults around them. Consider your own social media usage/ phone checking behaviour.
- 5 It is recommended that screens should not be used 1 HOUR before bedtime. Phones, tablets and computers should not be in a bedroom overnight.**

No screens

Keep active

Screen-free time together

Reports suggest adults touch their phones over 2000 times a day.

*Sleep Hygiene. No screens 1 hour before bedtime

*'SLEEP HYGIENE' is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.

UK Chief Medical Officers' advice for parents and carers on Children and Young People's screen and social media use

Technology can be a wonderful thing but too much time sitting down or using mobile devices can get in the way of important, healthy activities. Here are some tips for balancing screen use with healthy living.

Sleep matters
Getting enough, good quality sleep is very important. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.

Education matters
Make sure you and your children are aware of, and abide by, their school's policy on screen time.

Safely when out and about
Advise children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.

Family time together
Screen-free meal times are a good idea - you can enjoy face-to-face conversation with adults giving their full attention to children.

Sharing sensibly
Talk about sharing photos and information online and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated. Parents and carers should never assume that children are happy for their photos to be shared. For everyone - when in doubt, don't upload!

Keep moving!
Everyone should take a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen. It's good to get up and move about a bit. It'll make you more alert.

Talking helps
Talk with children about using screens and what they are watching. A change in behaviour can be a sign they are distressed - make sure they know they can always speak to you or another responsible adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use.

Use helpful phone features
Some devices and platforms have special features - try using these features to keep track of how much time you (and with their permission, your children) spend looking at screens or on social media.



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NSPCC

Click here to find out more from these organisations

internet matters.org

Please let us know if they are any concerns regarding bullying online so that we can support children in school. As parents, it is your responsibility to monitor and check children's usage and devices.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

*We will be ACTIVE
in mind and body*

Our next Open Morning is this Monday 14th November. Don't forget we have the weekly open school tours, every Friday at 9.45. All welcome!



Belmore Primary School Open Days

Looking for a school place for September 2026? Come and see our friendly, welcoming school where children love learning and hear from our head teacher why we might be the school for you.

No booking required
9am - Thursday 23/10
5pm - Thursday 23/10
9am - Monday 17/10
5pm - Thursday 27/10
Or contact us to arrange an alternative time



www.belmore.school
enquiries@belmore.school
01895 462 364

Don't forget we also have our weekly tours every Friday at 9.45. Just come to the front office if you want to come and see the school in action. Open to existing and new parents.

READING MATTERS

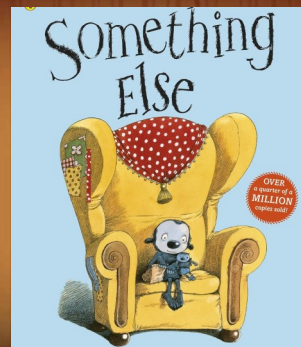
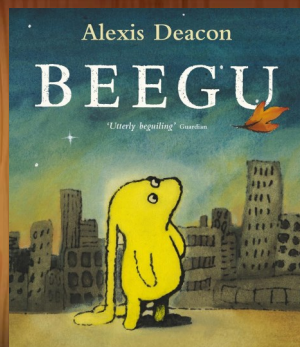
Books build a stairway to your imagination

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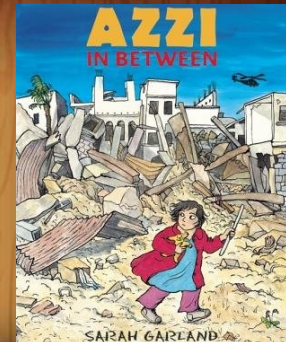
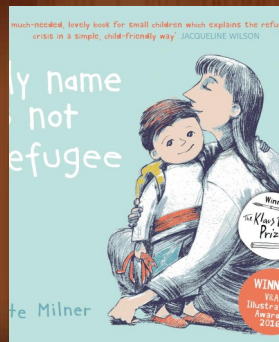
November marks Remembrance Day, a time to reflect on courage, sacrifice, and the impact of conflict. This month's recommended reads explore stories of conflict, peace, refugees and migrants through the eyes of children and families. These books help young readers understand history, empathy, and resilience, while encouraging thoughtful conversations about bravery and hope. You could share these stories at home, having conversation about the importance of remembering and learning

November 2025 Recommended Reads

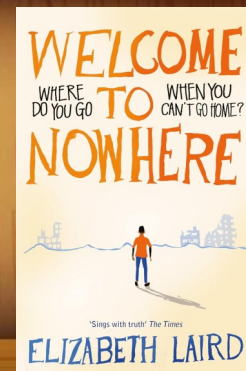
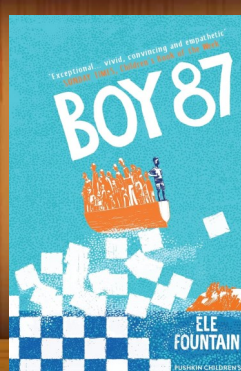
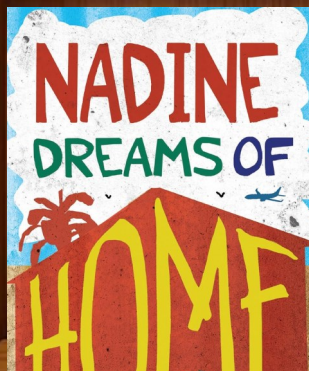
EYFS



KS1



KS2



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

We are *KIND, RESPECTFUL*
and *WORK TOGETHER*



Please support us by putting your old unwanted clothes in the green bin just inside the front gates, For every full bin you donate we receive money towards future green projects in school



See your favourite brands donate to us whenever you spend with them

Find out more

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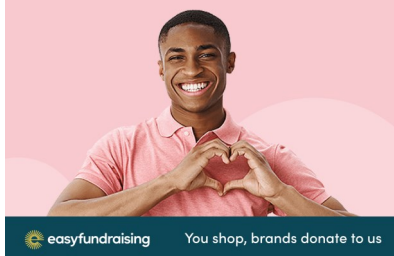
JOHN LEWIS

Argos

8,000+ online brands

Sign up with easyfundraising page at [here](#), or scan or click on the QR code. Then you can donate to the school every time you shop online.

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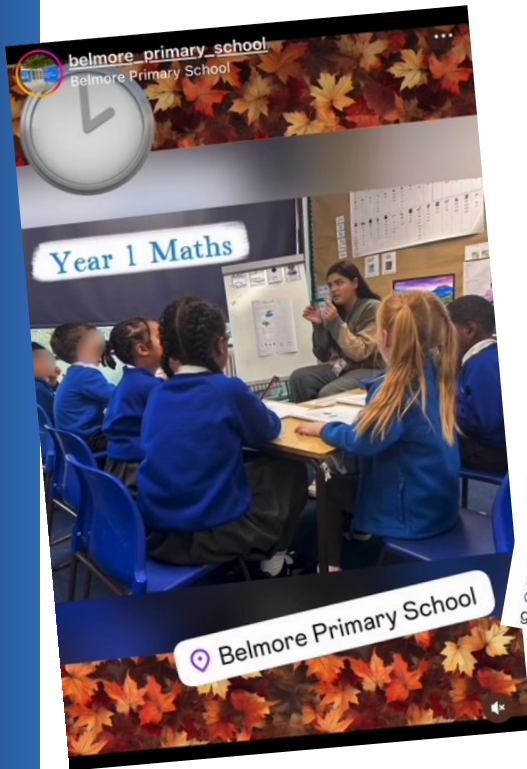
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SOCIAL MEDIA

We ASPIRE to be the best we can be



We blur children's faces to respect children's privacy on social media.