

WEEKLY

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 15 November 2024



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## Message from Miss Taunt

### Dear Families

Firstly, we had a near miss this week when a nut chocolate was brought into school and a child had a severe allergic reaction to being close to it. **We are a nut free school and no products containing nuts are allowed on site under any circumstances.** Please help keep our children with life threatening allergies safe.

We have noticed that uniform hasn't been great this week. Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform, you can find all the details on page 3. This includes wearing branded (Nike, Adidas etc) tracksuit bottoms. We will be sending home reminders to children not in the correct uniform.

Lastly, as I mentioned last week we have seen an increase in rude and abusive behaviour towards staff. Please ensure you speak to staff with respect and make sure you are not aggressive or using bad language. All staff deserve to be treated with respect and failure to do so may lead to a ban from school site. If you are upset or angry about something please wait until you are able to speak calmly with a member of staff.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Rose Taunt, Head Teacher**

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!

لا المكسرات في المدرسة

اسكول ميں كوئی گری دار میوے نہیں

स्कूल में कोई पागल नहीं

یہ بنوونگی کی مخزن نشہ

मसुल दिँस बेसी भेदा नहीं

никаких дураков в школе

## After half term

*School and PSD clubs running all week*

### Monday

### Tuesday

Individual School Photos

**7.30pm - Online Meeting - The School Improvement Plan for this year. The joining link will be texted out the morning of the meeting.**

### Wednesday

Reception Vision and Hearing Checks

### Thursday

**8.35-9.30 Family Coffee Morning, Guest: Stronger Families**

**Athletic competition for selected pupils**

### Friday

**9am Celebration Assembly**

Families are invited to join us from **Years 5, 3 & 1**

# Dates for your Diary

*We want you to be part of our school*

*We will be ACTIVE  
in mind and body*

## Autumn Term

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



Month	Date	Time	Event	Created by scott desmond from Noun Project
November	Monday 25th November		Positive Noticing Day	
	Wednesday 27th November		Reception and Y1 Pedestrian Training	
	Wednesday 27th November	1pm	1pm School Closed for Parents' Evening Nursery closed all day	
	Thursday 28th November	4-6pm	Open Day for New Families	
	Friday 29th November		INSET Day—No School for children	
December	Tuesday 3rd December		Flu Vaccinations	
	Thursday 5th December	Pm	PTA Christmas Discos - CONFIRMED, more details to follow after half term	
	Friday 6th December	9am	Celebration Assembly, Families invited to join from Years 5, 3 and 1	
	Friday 6th December		Year 5 Anti-racism assemblies	
	Tuesday 10th December	10 am	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly	
	Tuesday 10th -12th December		Book Fair	
	Wednesday 11 December	8.35-9.30	Meet the new SENDCo Coffee Morning	
	Wednesday 11 December	2pm	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Assembly	
	Friday 13th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	
	Wednesday 18th December	10.30 & 2.30pm	Reception and Nursery Christmas Sing-along	
	Wednesday 18th December		Y2 Guy Fawkes Workshop	
	Thursday 19th December	9am	KS1 Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only	
	Thursday 19th December	2-5pm	Y4 Aladdin Pantomime trip	
	Friday 20th December	9am	KS1 Pupil of the Term Assembly—by invite only	
	Friday 20th December	1.30	Finish for the Christmas Holidays	
January	Wednesday 8th January	8.35	Return to School	

## Key Dates for 2025

March	Thursday 20th March	1pm onwards	Early Finish for Parents Evening
June	Thursday 12th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 6 & 4 Afternoon - Years 1 & 2
June	Friday 13th June	Sports Day	Morning - Years 5 & 3 Afternoon - Reception
June	Friday 20th June	Sports Day	Morning - Nursery Afternoon - SEND Hub
July	Tuesday 1st July	4-6pm	Open Evening for existing parents to come in and see children's work, chat informally to teachers and visit their new classes

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

*We ASPIRE to be  
the best we can be*

Our uniform is the same for boys and girls.

Hair neatly tied back with no big bows or hair bands

White shirt or polo neck t-shirt

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan

Grey or black trousers or skirt

Children can wear any trainers or school shoes. No Boots, sliders, crocs or sandals.

No jewellery apart for religious reasons

**PE Uniform:** is exactly the same with a white t-shirt and black shorts, leggings or tracksuit. Please no branded sports kits.

[Belmore Primary Academy - School Uniform](#)



# ATTENDANCE UPDATE

*Attend today, Achieve tomorrow*  
*Every day counts!*

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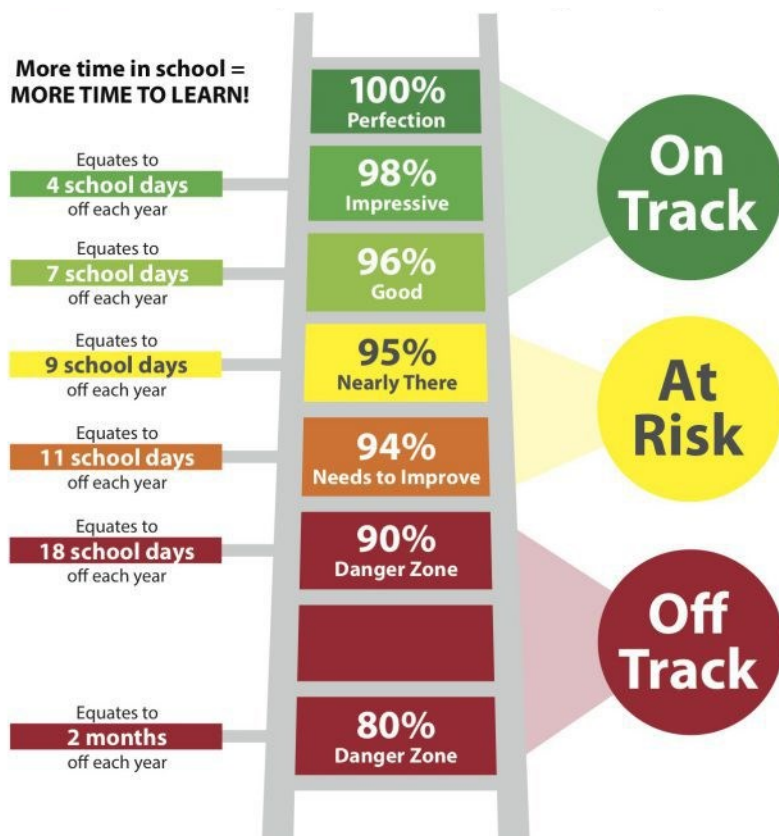
If your child is unable to attend school for any reason it is important that you phone the school **before 8am** on the first day of absence and leave a message on the absence line **by calling 01895 462364** and choose option 1.



Number of children who had 100% attendance this week:

**415**

Well done to those families!



## Attendance WC 11/11/24

Class	Attendance
NAM	84%
NPM	87%
ALL DAY	91%
RCW	92%
RW	89%
<b>RMR</b>	<b>96%</b>
1Q	92%
1R	94%
1O	87%
2H	87%
2E	94. %
2D	94%
3H	89%
3R	83%
3B	89%
4CH	87%
4CL	90. %
4Q	86%
5L	90. %
5M	93%
5F	92%
<b>6F</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>6T</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>6L</b>	<b>95%</b>

**This week's whole school attendance**

**91%**

**Our target is more than 95%**

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

*Celebrating success*

*We ASPIRE to be  
the best we can be*

**Our super  
stars of the  
week are:**



Class name	Star Pupil
1O	Kingsley
1Q	Bella
1R	Mariama
2D	Vikram
2E	Ranveer
2H	Noah
3H	
3R	Unisha
3B	Ameer
4CH	Harvey
4CL	Leena
4Q	Suwani
5M	Shaya
5F	Jasper
5L	Sofia
6L	Youshra
6T	Jayden
6F	Jack

**Our Readers  
of the week**



David	Anaya
Tudor	Jesse
Laura	Ria
Abdul	Nikola
Kiesha	Ruhani
Mahi	
Shoaib	
Richa	
Caleb	
Giovanni	

**PSD Sports Champions**

Nikolai  
Myles  
Roxana  
Adam  
Arian



Zoyah  
Aziah  
Dev  
Khadra

Darcie Mae  
Ali  
Keisha  
Laura  
Daniel

Aditya  
Sabella  
Chris



BELMORE PTA INVITE YOU TO THEIR

## CHRISTMAS DISCO

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF  
**DANCING PRIZES GAMES**

**THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER**

**3.20PM - 4.45PM KS1**

**5.15 - 6.45PM KS2**

DROP OFF/COLLECTION MAIN PLAYGROUND

£7 INCLUDES SNACK AND A GIFT



All Children  
can wear  
party  
clothes on  
the day

Tickets  
available  
now on  
Parent Pay

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**THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER**

**NURSERY AND RECEPTION  
2PM - 3PM**

**VOLUNTARY DONATION OF £2 VIA  
PARENTPAY**



# 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. We will be adding this page every week with a focus on a different platform.

WhatsApp has a minimum age of 13 meaning that it is not safe for children at primary school to use.

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

**EVOLVING SCAMS**

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

**CHAT LOCK**

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. They subsequently developed an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for their locked chats. Unfortunately, this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

**COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS**

A community is a collection of related groups on WhatsApp. They can consist of thousands of users. Communities can often be used by scammers to target large groups, hoping someone clicks on their link or responds to their requests. In communities and groups, there are multiple ongoing conversations, which results in pressure to respond. Members – even if they are not each other's contacts – will be able to see any messages sent into the group.

**'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT**

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

**FAKE NEWS**

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

**VISIBLE LOCATION**

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if a child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

**DISCUSS GROUP CHATS**

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

**THINK BEFORE SHARING**

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

**CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY**

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any 'view once' content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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[Zoom in to read and find out more information about keeping safe online on our website—here](#)

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.

## Introducing Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo in school to give Dojo Points when children are showing they are following the school rules and values.

To further support behaviour in school and communication with parents, we would like to invite you to sign up to ClassDojo.

Using ClassDojo you will be able to:

- ⇒ see how many Dojo points your child is achieving and for what, this is linked to our school values and rules
- ⇒ communicate with the class teacher
- ⇒ receive reminders and updates from school
- ⇒ translate messages into your preferred language



**There are clear guidelines and expectations around using ClassDojo**

This is a positive learning platform. Please use it positively. If you have any concerns, please message the class teacher privately. Any negative comments or posts will be removed.

Teachers will respond to messages within 2 working days, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8am to 4.30pm. Please remember that teachers priority is to teach children. For any more urgent concerns please email or call the school office: enquiries@belmore.school. Any rude or offensive messages to staff will not be tolerated and will lead to you being removed from Class Dojo.

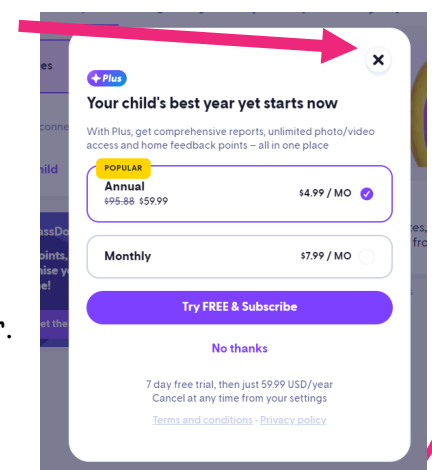
To sign up to ClassDojo please use this link and follow instructions to join the correct class:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=5b5204e3e33a9c0010dee035>

There will be an advert to pay money to sign up. You do not need to pay to sign up. It is a free app. Just click on the x here

To learn more about ClassDojo, please follow these links: [www.classdojo.com/learnmore](http://www.classdojo.com/learnmore) [www.classdojo.com/privacycenter](http://www.classdojo.com/privacycenter)

If there are any technical issues or if you require assistance with the platform, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. We are here to support you and ensure that your experience with ClassDojo is a positive one.





Hello, we are the Belmore Primary Academy School Councilors.

After a gruelling selection process and an election day, we were chosen by our fellow students to represent the pupil voice at school. Although we were nervous to begin with, we are now very excited to make positive changes that will benefit everyone here at Belmore. This first half term has been a busy one: sending out weekly questions to find out how students feel about different aspects of school life and asking for their opinions and ideas. We meet on a weekly basis to discuss the responses, decide on next steps and send out our next question based on those responses.

We are currently looking at ways to improve lunch time play, learning motivators and behaviour around the school.



## **Some Positive News Traffic News**

Hillingdon Council have let us know that following a speed survey on Owen Road, a formal consultation to introduce a 20mph speed limit will now take place. Watch this space for new details...



# PARENTS & FAMILIES

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



COME ALONG TO OUR

## Pastoral Coffee Morning



Come along and meet the team; have a chat and get advice on what support is available for you

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**After Drop Off**  
Entry through the front office

Pre-loved uniform available on the day



This week we will be joined by  
Hillingdon Stronger Families Team

## Hillingdon Family Hubs and Children's Centres

Online Sessions September-December 2024

These are available through Microsoft Teams contact your local Children's Centre for more information and to book sessions

**Be Inspired** a 6-week programme for parents/carers to develop their self-confidence and communication  
• Wednesday November 6, 13, 20 27 and December 4, 11  
1.30pm to 3pm

**Behaviour Strategy** a one-hour workshop to support parents/carers to manage family life and challenging behaviours  
• Wednesday 9 October 10am to 11am  
• Monday 11 November 6pm to 7pm

**Brush For Life and Bottle to Cup** a one-hour workshop to support children from the age of 1 year to use open cups  
• Tuesday 12 November 10am to 11am

**Ducklings** a 4-week course to support parents who have a child who is newly diagnosed with autism spectrum condition or is awaiting an assessment with the Child Development Centre  
• Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 September 7pm to 8.30pm  
• Wednesday 9 October, Thursday 10 October, Wednesday 16 October and Thursday 17 October  
1.30pm to 3pm

**Fussy Eating** a workshop to encourage positive mealtimes  
• Tuesday 22 October 10am to 11am  
• Thursday 7 November 1.30pm to 2.30pm  
• Wednesday 27 November 2pm to 3pm

**Transition** for children under 2 years old  
• Thursday 17 October 10.30am to 11.30am  
for children over 2 years old  
• Monday 4 November 1.30pm to 2.30pm

**Sleep Matters** a workshop to promote positive bedtimes  
• Friday 27 September 10am to 11am

**Toilet Training** a workshop to support your child to use the toilet independently  
• Wednesday 4 September 10am to 11am  
• Wednesday 11 September 6.30pm to 7.30pm  
• Wednesday 23 October 10am to 11am  
• Friday 1 November 11.15am to 12.15pm  
• Friday 13 December 10.30am to 11.30am



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## SENCO Special Educational Needs Coordination

## COFFEE MORNING MEET OUR NEW SENCO

**WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER**

**9AM**

**KS1 HALL**

Refreshments will be available and  
we look forward to seeing you there!





# READING MATTERS

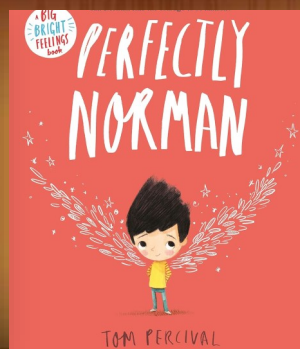
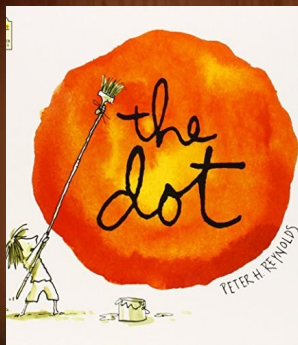
*Books build a stairway to your imagination*

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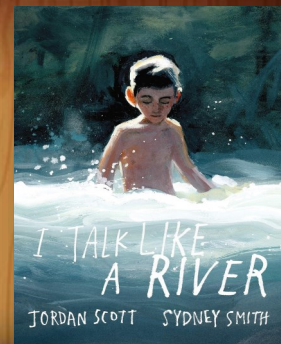
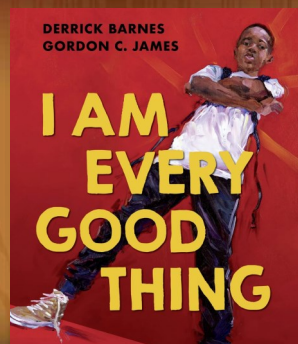
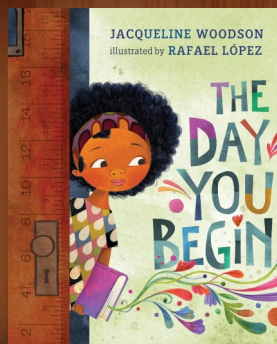
November's books are all linked to positivity and developing a positive mindset. On 25th November, Belmore will be taking part in a whole school Positive Noticing Day where all staff, children and families will make an extra effort to notice the positive things about one another—and tell them. Our Belmore behaviour policy is rooted in positive reinforcement and we know just how important it feels to (children and adults alike) when people notice something positive about us!

## November 2024 Recommended Reads

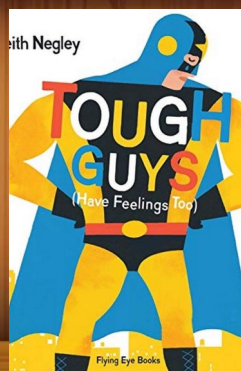
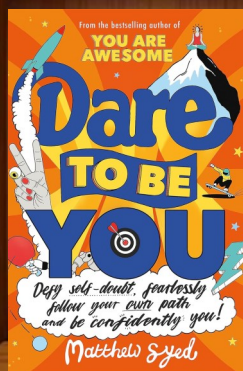
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KS1



KS2



# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

We are **KIND, RESPECTFUL**  
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Please use recycling bin by the front gate. Please bag up your unwanted clothes and put them in the bin to **raise money** for the



## Local Businesses are supporting Belmore!

Thank you to [The Flower Lady](#) on Yeading Lane for our lovely new finger puppets. The children love them!



Do you own a business or know someone who does. Would you like a weekly advert on our newsletter plus mentions on our Facebook and Social Media pages? Just buy something from our Wish list below, put your business name on the order and email the office details of your business and we'll put it on this page every week until Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who has bought from our Amazon wishlist. We have added lots of new items. Simply click and buy from the list and they will be sent directly to school. Please make sure you put your name when buying for us so we can be sure to thank you. [Click here to see our list.](#)





# School Admissions

*We are READY and  
PREPARED to WORK*

We are holding Open Days for families wanting to join our school now and for September 2025. Please share with friends and family who are thinking of joining our Belmore adventure.



Do you have a child who will be starting nursery or reception in September 2025?

Are you looking for a kind, friendly school where children love learning?

**We might be the school you've been looking for.**

**Come and see what we do at one of our open school events.**

## OPEN DAYS

**9.00am-10.30am: Tuesday 8 October & Thursday 14 November**

**4.00pm-6.00pm: Thursday 7 November & Thursday 28 November**



We also have limited places in other year groups, please contact the school office for more information.

For information on how to apply, scan the QR code or visit our website

**[www.belmore.school/admissions](http://www.belmore.school/admissions)**

**BELMORE PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
Owen Road, Hayes, Middlesex UB4 9LF  
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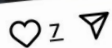


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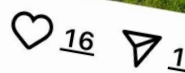


# Highlights from our Social Media Pages

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



**belmore\_primary\_school** A post from year 4 - Last half term we learnt all about the Amazon rainforest in Geography, about the different layers of the rainforest and the plants and animals which live there. To tie together everything that we learnt, we combined our geographical knowledge and creativity to make dioramas (a 3D model) of the rainforest. Even though we all started with a simple shoe box, our dioramas turned out so unique and different! We had lots of fun letting our imaginations run wild whilst creating different plants, waterfalls and animals.



**belmore\_primary\_school** The first Belmore football home match and a first win! 2-1 🏆 Well done Belmore and thank you [@acshillingdonschool](#) for a great match.



**belmore\_primary\_school** It's getting to that time of year and our choir sang beautifully at St Anselm's church last night 🎄



**belmore\_primary\_school** After an unannounced visit from Hillingdon's Food Safety Officer, we are delighted to announce that we have maintained the highest rating for food hygiene. We're so lucky to have Julie and her team at Dolce providing such high quality meals for our children



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SCAN ME

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