



NEWSLETTER

Summer term 2

Newsletter for Belle Vue Primary & Nursery School

And that's a wrap!

As we reach the end of another school year, it is always a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on everything that has been achieved. At Belle Vue we are ***incredibly proud*** of what our children, staff and families have accomplished together. It has been another busy and successful year in the classroom, with trips and visits, hosting community events, and navigating the wettest start in Autumn term through to the hottest summer term - thank goodness we have so many shady trees! While these special moments create wonderful memories, it is seeing the progress children make every single day—in their learning, confidence and character—that makes ***Belle Vue an amazing place to be.***

To our wonderful Year 6 children and their families, ***thank you*** for everything you have brought to Belle Vue over the years. We are ***incredibly proud of all that you have achieved*** and of the young people you have become. As you move on to secondary school, remember to ***be ambitious, work hard, be kind*** to others and ***never stop believing in yourselves.*** We have every confidence that you will flourish in the next stage of your education. Although you are leaving us, you will always be part of the Belle Vue family, so please do come back and visit us—we would love to hear about your achievements and celebrate your successes in the years to come.



Nursery

In Nursery, we have been finding lots of fun ways to stay cool during the hot weather! The children have enjoyed a variety of water-based activities, including washing babies, making refreshing lemonade at our lemonade station, and cleaning cars in the car wash. They also loved relaxing in our cucumber foot spa and even made their own paper fans to help keep cool.

The children had great fun exploring these activities, which provided plenty of opportunities for imaginative play while helping everyone stay comfortable in the warm sunshine.



This term we learned about **Anansi the Spider** as we explored **West African folk tales**.

Folk tales are traditional stories that are shared through storytelling and passed down from generation to generation. They are an important part of many cultures and help to share values, history, and traditions.

The stories we learned this week were first told in **West Africa** by the **Ashanti people**. Over time, many Ashanti people moved to different parts of the world, taking these wonderful stories with them. As a result, Anansi's adventures have been enjoyed by children and families across many countries.

The children were inspired by the story *How Anansi Got Eight Long Legs*. They wrote simple sentences, created story maps to retell the tale, and made their own story books to sequence and illustrate the events. These activities helped to develop their storytelling, early writing, and understanding of story structure while encouraging their creativity and imagination.

As part of our creative learning, the children also made their own Anansi spiders. They used a concertina fold to create the spider's long legs and joined the different parts together using a range of techniques they have learned throughout the year. This activity helped to develop their fine motor skills, creativity, and confidence in selecting appropriate joining methods independently.

Reception



Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Becky who works for HSBC bank. She taught us all about where money comes from, how we can save money and whether things are a need or a want when we spend our money.



A new toy is a want because we will survive without it. We need food to

In Art, Year 1 have been exploring sculptures. We made 3D artwork using strips of paper and have also made sculptures of animals out of clay.



Year 2



On Wednesday 17th June 2026, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting visit to Thinktank as part of our Science learning about astronomy. The highlight of the day was our fascinating visit to the Planetarium, where we explored the night sky, learned about the planets and stars, and brought our classroom learning to life. We also had great fun exploring the Science Garden, discovering how different scientific ideas work through hands-on activities, and visiting MiniBum, where the children loved taking part in imaginative role-play. It was a fantastic day!

Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Bishops Wood, where we learnt all about habitats and the wonderful creatures that live within them.

One of the highlights of the day was pond dipping. The children were fascinated by the variety of creatures they discovered, including a Great Crested Newt. Using scientific equipment, they carefully collected and sorted their findings before identifying them with magnifying glasses.

Later, in a woodland clearing, we went on a bug hunt. The children recorded their discoveries and were thrilled to find a range of insects. We were excited to collect Ground Beetles, but even more delighted when we discovered a Devil's Coach Horse beetle. This impressive insect raises the end of its body like a scorpion when it feels threatened, making it a particularly memorable find. Using the knowledge they had gained about habitats and wildlife, the children then created their own artwork from natural materials collected from the forest floor. Some of their wonderful creations can be seen in the photographs.

Our favourite activity of the day was meadow sweeping. Armed with insect nets, we ran through a beautiful meadow and investigated the creatures we caught. Grasshoppers, moths and beautiful butterflies were among the treasures we discovered. It was a truly fabulous day, full of hands-on learning and exciting discoveries about the natural world around us.



Year 4



Year 4 were delighted to welcome Louise from the Dudley Stroke Association, who delivered a fantastic session to help the children understand what a stroke is and how to recognise the signs using the FAST approach. It was a very informative and engaging visit, and the children learned some valuable life-saving knowledge. They were also thrilled with the lovely goodies Louise kindly left for us. Thank you, Louise!



Year 5



In Year 5 this half term the children have enjoyed working hard towards the summer break! In English, they have completed their non-chronological reports on Dragons, showcasing their brilliant imagination and creativity.

Alongside the heat over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about water safety and keeping cool in the heat. They thoroughly enjoyed creating informative posters, using the key messages and important information they had learned during our lessons.

We have had a fantastic year in Year 5 and are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. Both classes had a great transition and are looking forward to moving into Year 6!



Sporting Successes

Our very own Daisie was selected to represent Team England at the Dance World Cup in Dublin on Wednesday, 8 July 2026. This was the first year that she and her friends auditioned, and they were successfully selected from more than 9,500 entries.

So how did she do? The team came an impressive 13th when they competed on this international stage! Congratulations Daisie.

Daisie in her Team England kit! You were awesome Dai-



Larissa Football match 2026



We can also celebrate with our footballers who won this award for the second year in a row with a score of 3-1. The Larissa Foundation continues to raise money for children's charities locally so do watch out for events. .



More medals and certificates at the assembly on Monday. Well done Lawnswood House.

Farewell Year 6

New Library

Exciting news—following on from our Reception playground upgrade, we are now focusing on improving our library space and creating a calm inviting place for children to immerse themselves in the wonder of books.



From this



to this...

We have set up a Go Fund Me account in order to try and raise funds to create a new library space, thank you so much to those of you that have already donated so generously. Please could we ask that you share the link far and wide with family, friends and colleagues. If you know of or work for a company that you think would like to contribute, then please feel free.

<https://gofund.me/91812603f>



William set his own challenge to raise funds to support this venture by cycling 12 miles and raised a grand total of £219.00.

What an amazing amount William! Thank you.



Our whole school attendance for 2025/2026 has been 94.0 %

(National expectation is **96%**)

YEAR GROUP	PERCENTAGE	YEAR GROUP	PERCENTAGE
RRJ	93.8%	RP	96.0 %
YEAR 1S	92.5 %	1W	95.5%
YEAR 2W	96.5%	2R	92.5%
YEAR 3W	94.1 %	3P	93.8 %
YEAR 4H	95.1 %	4W	92.8 %
YEAR 5B	91.9%	5CH	96.4 %
YEAR 6Ho	91.2%	6T	96.1 %

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 1st & Weds 2nd Sept

INSET Days

Thursday 3rd Sept	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 8th Sept	Year 6 Residential Meeting 2:45pm
Monday 14th Sept	Jeans for Genes Day – no donations required
Monday 14th Sept	Introduction to Year Group Parent Meetings Year 6 3:05-3:20pm (KS2 Hall)
Tuesday 15th Sept	Introduction to Year Group Parent Meetings Year 1/2 2:45-3:00pm (KS1 Hall) Year 5 3:05-3:20pm (KS2 Hall)
Wednesday 16th Sept	Introduction to Year Group Parent Meetings Year 3 2:45-3:00pm (KS1 Hall) Year 4 3:05-3:20pm (KS2 Hall)
Wednesday 16th-18th Sept	Year 6 Pioneer Centre Residential
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee and Cake Takeaway – details to follow
Thursday 1st October	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop 2:45pm
Monday 5th October	Harvest Festival Assembly- Foodbank Donations
Tuesday 6th October	Year 1/2 Parents Phonics Workshop
Tuesday 13th October	SEND Parent Café 2.30-3.30
Thursday 15th October	KS1 and KS2 Autumn Discos
Tuesday 20th October	Reception to Y6 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:15pm
Thursday 22nd October	Reception to Y6 Parents' Evening 3:45pm-6:15pm

Friday 23rd October

INSET Day



ChatHealth

NHS

Shropshire Community Health

NHS Trust

**Do you have a baby / child / young person
aged 0 - 19 who lives in the Dudley
borough or attends a Dudley school?**

We are pleased to introduce to you ParentLine, our new
messaging service for parents and carers!

Managed by Health Visitors and School Nurses, we can
offer advice and support on many topics like:

Sleep and behaviour

Emotional health and wellbeing

Visual and oral health

Parenting

Illnesses

Healthy lifestyle

Stopping smoking

Sexual health advice

Breastfeeding and bottle feeding

Bullying including online / social media

Toileting

Drugs and Alcohol

Health and development

Behaviour

Infant feeding

And much more



Text us today for confidential advice and support on:

07312 263806

Available Monday to Friday, between 9.00am – 4.30pm, excluding Bank Holidays



Our SLT and staff are committed to continuing to ensure
fantastic events for our school community.

BUT WE NEED A PTA TO HELP BRING THEM TO LIFE!



WE PLAN THE EVENTS...

SLT and staff are committed to planning and organising a range of events that bring our school community together.



WE NEED A PTA TO HELP...

We need a PTA to help supervise and support these events, ensuring they're safe, successful and enjoyable for everyone.



WE WORK TOGETHER...

School staff will attend PTA meetings, making sure we work together as a team. We're happy to lead on ideas – but we want a strong PTA by our side!



YOUR IDEAS. YOUR VOICE. OUR COMMUNITY.

Ideas, opinions and feedback from parents about our events are incredibly valuable. Together we can make them even better – for our children and our whole school community.



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

For our children. For our school. For our community.

JOIN THE PTA TODAY!

YOU DON'T NEED LOTS OF TIME – JUST A WILLINGNESS TO HELP!



- ✓ All parents & carers welcome
- ✓ Everyone has something to offer
- ✓ Every little bit makes a BIG difference



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE VIA

info@belle-vue.dudley.sch.uk

A MEMBER OF SLT WILL BE IN TOUCH IN SEPTEMBER.



TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE AMAZING MEMORIES AND OPPORTUNITIES
LET'S GET OUR PTA GOING AGAIN!





J&D's Inclusive Adventures

Child led sensory play

Promoting movement, fine and gross motor skills and socialising in a welcoming environment. We have lego, sensory play, crafts and the Tickle Tunnel

Email: j.dsinclusiveadventures@gmail.com
Or find us on social media