

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



We certainly didn't expect snow so early in November, but we got some and all the staff made the most of the rare weather with a whole school start to the morning out in the snow building snowmen and snow women. Lots of laughter and enjoyment - we don't miss opportunities here at Belgrave!

With December now upon us, we are looking forward to the many festive events planned. 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 4<sup>th</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.

School closes for Christmas break on Thursday 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.

#### YEAR 4 TRIP TO CHESTER FOR THEIR ROMAN EXPERIENCE



Year 4 enjoyed a day in Chester as part of their topic on Romans. They were all really interested in what they were learning about and asked lots of interesting questions during their time in the Grosvenor Museum and on their tour with the Roman soldier.

Pupils were very excited to share their learning back at school and follow up in their subsequent lessons. Mr Moss and staff were very proud of their attitudes and behaviour during the visit. Well done year 4!



#### CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to the children who attended the Cross Country event on Saturday in November. Zaan in Year 6 came 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age category – a superb achievement and he was very proud! Other children who attended and ran brilliantly were: Alice, Mair and Abigail from Year 5 – well done! ☆

#### YEAR 3 VISIT TO LACHE LIBRARY

Year 3 visited Lache Library on a recent visit. They had many interesting questions for Martin, the librarian, impressing him with their knowledge and enthusiasm!



## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Timmy in Year 4 has done amazingly in his drumming exam and has passed his grade 1 with a distinction grade. ☆

Alfie in Year 2 took part in the Movember fun run at Heaton Park, he loves his moustache medal. ☆

Aurelia in Year 2 participated in the annual House of Dance Show at Storyhouse. ☆ Aurelia also participated in her first Stagecoach performance of 'Honk the Musical'. She did incredibly well with her lines, singing, acting and dancing and showed confidence in her performance. Fantastic! ☆



Ellis and Aofie in Year 1 performed in the House of Dance annual show at Storyhouse in November. They entertained the audience and danced on stage. ☆



Well done to Indiana in Reception who has achieved her 5m swimming badge as well as Level 1 in gymnastics. Two amazing achievements last month – fantastic! ☆



## CHARITY



Well done to Freddie in Year 6 who did an amazing job of helping me present the World Diabetes Day assembly in November. Children wore their Onederful Outfits to raise awareness of Type 1 diabetes and had very mature questions for Freddie, which he answered in detail. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

We raised a fantastic £1048.51 for Children In Need last month. Thank you to everyone for sending in cakes, coins on Pudsey and entering the raffle. Well done to Cillian in Year 1 and Lexie in Year 5 who won the large Pudsey bears and to Mrs Clethro for organising the day!



Lucy Liang, Mum of Eva in Year 3 and Leo in Year 6 has got a charity position on behalf of Scope to run in the 2025 London Marathon. She has volunteered at the Scope Chester store and helped with a wheelchair football club with strategic planning. She is running a fundraising project to support the Charity Scope which supports disabled people. Please click [here](#) if you would like to donate.

## LANTERN PARADE

Our Year 4 children took part in a lantern workshop in school and subsequently the lantern parade in Chester last week. It was such a magical and enjoyable event. Thank you to all of our families who attended and share this special festive evening with us – it was such a fabulous turn out! ☆



## CHRISTMAS POST BOX OPEN ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

Our Belgrave post box will be open from today, Monday 2<sup>nd</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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Any cards posted after this date will not be delivered.



## SPORTS EVENTS



The football team had an enjoyable afternoon taking part in a tournament at Christleton High School. They played really well and did Belgrave proud. Well done team! ☆

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Each class has recently participated in work associated with Anti-bullying week. The theme for this year was **Choose Respect**. We started our week wearing odd socks - an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!  
Children could talk about what bullying is and how they can play their part in stopping it happening.

## 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:

Lewis in Year 6  
Dylan in Year 4  
Savannah in Year 3  
Ludo in Year 3  
Oscar in Year 1

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 GOVERNING BOARD

We met as a local governing board at the end of last month. We thank Andy Lucas who has now come to the end of his term as a governor at Belgrave and supported with his educational background as well as Health and Safety. In the new year, we will all start our linked-subject visits to the school, during which we observe and discuss specific areas of the school Annual Development Plan with teachers. We look forward to seeing you at the festive events planned over the month of December.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and start to new year 2025!

Thank you,  
Belgrave Governing Board

## MULTI SKILLS FESTIVALS FOR YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2



Both Year 1 and Year 2 attended separate Multi-skills festivals last month. They had fantastic experiences taking part in a range of activities including:

- Cup stack
- Floor is lava game
- Chest pass game
- Rope bunny hop
- Side jumping



Staff were really proud of their enthusiasm, ability and behaviour. Well done to both year groups!

## AND FINALLY.....

- Congratulations to Jo, our cook and her catering team who won the National Roast Dinner Day award! We are so lucky to have a catering team who know all of our pupils so well and cook the most amazing food day in, day out – well deserved ladies! ☆
- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. No holidays during term time will be authorised. Please report all pupil absences to the **school office** by email or **phone**. The school office will follow up any absences not reported 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.



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

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 2025!

Juliette Benton

Headteacher



**DIARY DATES**

*Confirmed dates are listed below. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.*

<b>December</b>	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.45pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Westminster Park Light Switch On 5.00pm (Belgrave Choir singing)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 1.30pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas performance 9.45am
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 – 6 trip to Peter Pan Pantomime at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas party at school
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance 5.00pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner – wear a Christmas Jumper!
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
<b>January 2025</b>	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Spring Term	Year 5 swimming begins - dates TBC
W/b 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 visit to Lache Library
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 trip to Safety Central
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 workshop at QPHS
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Liverpool World Museum
<b>February</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and KS1 Bedtime Story session 4.15pm – 5.15pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 watch performance at QPHS
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Movie night
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Break The Rules day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>March</b>	
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Xplore Learning
W/b 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eco Team local visit
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Musical celebration for parents 2.15pm
<b>April</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Springo Bingo
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Summer term	Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank - date TBC when bookings become available
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Tattenhall
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
<b>May</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Half Term

<b>June</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Imagine That!
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Rec / KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Social 5-7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Prestatyn beach
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Break The Rules day
<b>July</b>	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.30pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from residential
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports sent out
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)