



19th June 2026

Headteachers Update

Another non-stop, packed out week at Belsay but I feel every week is like this in the summer! As I write this week's Friday Flyer, I am fortunate enough to be accompanying our Year 6 children on their residential trip to London and France. We have enjoyed a wonderful journey, an exciting day exploring London and have now arrived safely in France. The weather has been great and our children have been impeccable throughout. They have been a real credit to themselves, their families and our school and it has been a privilege to spend this time with them. We still have plenty of exciting activities ahead of us and are looking forward to making many more memories over the coming days.

Back at school, I know from keeping in touch with Miss Houghton that everything has been going extremely well. This week has been our Transition Week and a huge amount of time, effort and planning has gone into making it such a success. Thank you to all of our staff for the hard work they have put in behind the scenes to ensure that the children have had a positive experience.

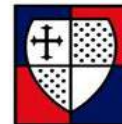
It was lovely to hear how successful Wednesday's visit to Belsay Hall was. The children thoroughly enjoy exploring the hall, spending time on the playground and taking part in the various activities organised throughout the day. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong relationship with Belsay Hall and it is wonderful to see this partnership continue to flourish.

I would also like to say a huge well done to all of our children for stepping confidently into their new classes. Moving into a new classroom and working with a different teacher can sometimes feel a little daunting but every child approached the week with enthusiasm and positivity. It is another reminder of what makes Belsay such a special place. Our staff know the children exceptionally well and the children know and trust the adults around them. This helps create an environment where everyone feels valued, supported and able to thrive.

As the week drew to a close, we also enjoyed our Celebration Assembly. Although our Year 6 children were unable to join us this time, it was wonderful to celebrate the achievements, successes and efforts of the rest of our school community. We are incredibly proud of all of our children and everything they continue to accomplish.

We hope you all enjoy a sunny and relaxing weekend. The France trip is due back late on Sunday evening, so I suspect both the children and staff may be feeling a little tired by then! We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another exciting week.

Mr Shaw



Safeguarding

Belsay Primary School is committed to keeping all children safe. Our staff regularly participate in safeguarding training and are fully aware of how to keep our pupils safe and what signs to look out for. Our pupils know they can share any concerns and we have robust policies and procedures in place which underpin safeguarding. It is our paramount priority to keep all children healthy and safe. Remember our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in school are **Miss Dixon, Miss Houghton and Mr Shaw.**

World Cup 2026

The World Cup can be an exciting time that brings people and communities together through a shared love of sport. However, the experience of major sporting events and football is not the same for everyone, particularly for women and those affected by Domestic Abuse.

We would like to remind all families that support is available for anyone experiencing Domestic Abuse or feeling unsafe at home. If you, or someone you know, needs help, the following organisations can provide confidential advice and support:

- National Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0808 2000 247
- Refuge: www.refuge.org.uk
- Women's Aid: www.womensaid.org.uk
- In an emergency, always call 999

Please also speak to a trusted member of staff if you require any support or guidance.

We hope everyone enjoys the tournament safely and respectfully.





Attendance

As parents and carers we want to share our attendance figures because it is you who can make the big difference. Our children are entitled to a full and balanced education and at Belsay we feel we provide one of the best experiences possible.

Current Whole School attendance is 94.94%. Our **NEW** target for Whole School Attendance is 95%.

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Willow	94.3%	96.1%
Maple	100%	95.3%
Alder	99.6%	94.7%
Oak	96.3%	97.3%

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

Absence Procedures if your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

We have a continual focus on attendance and punctuality and this is of the utmost importance in your child's education. Please remember that our school gate closes at 8.55am as this is when our lessons begin. Anyone arriving after this time is classed as late and will miss valuable learning opportunities which take place immediately after registration, such as phonics.



Classroom updates - Maple Class- Reception and Year 1

This week, Maple Class took part in Transition Week as we moved up to our new year groups and spent time with our new classes, helping us prepare for September. We have loved getting to know new friends and exploring our new classroom. Together, we played circle games and shared books that celebrated change, friendship and the importance of being ourselves, reminding us that every one of us is special and unique. We also created detailed self-portraits that showcased our hobbies and interests, which we hope to display in our classroom Art Gallery ready for September.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our first trip together as a new class with a visit to Belsay Hall, Gardens and Castle. We had a wonderful day in the sunshine exploring the beautiful gardens, discussing the different plants, trees and creatures we discovered along the way. We listened to fascinating stories about the quarry and explored the medieval castle, learning about its different features and uses. Inside Belsay Hall, we learnt about the Middleton family and why the hall was built, before taking on the challenge of spotting 12 decorative features hidden throughout the rooms – and we found them all! We also discussed how the rooms were used in the past and investigated historical features such as servant bells, shutters, old light switches, the cellar and servant quarters. A highlight of the day was enjoying a picnic lunch with our friends and having time to play together in the magnificent park.

It has been a very enjoyable week for everyone, and we are looking forward to coming back together as a new class in September and continuing our learning journey together.



Miss Dixon



Classroom updates- Alder class- Year 2 and 3

This week has looked a little different in Alder Class as we have been enjoying our transition days and preparing for another exciting school year.

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic day at Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens. The children were paired up with a buddy from the other year group, which proved to be a great success. Behaviour throughout the day was excellent, and everyone had a wonderful time exploring together. We enjoyed getting to know our new Year 3 children and sharing lots of lovely conversations. Our Year 4 pupils took their buddy responsibilities very seriously and did a fantastic job of supporting their new classmates. They were excellent role models and represented Alder Class brilliantly.

Our adventure began with a walk through the beautiful Quarry Garden, where we learnt about the legend of the Wild Man of Belsay. Along the way, we enjoyed describing some of the unusual trees we spotted and even discovered one that smelled of chocolate—although there was much debate about whether it really did! At the castle, we completed activity booklets and watched an interesting video about the Wild Man and the history of the site. Everyone successfully climbed the spiral staircase to the top of the castle, including those who were feeling a little nervous about heights. One Year 4 child reached the top and exclaimed, "Wow, you can see the whole world from up here!" After a much-anticipated lunch, we enjoyed what was probably the highlight of the day for many—the park! On our way back, we visited the hall and became investigative historians, searching for clues about the soldiers who had stayed there in years gone by.

Thursday and Friday have been spent in class with Mrs Rutter as part of our transition activities. The children have taken part in a range of getting-to-know-you games and team-building activities, helping them to build new friendships and feel confident about the year ahead. It has been lovely to see how quickly everyone has settled in, and we are already looking forward to a fantastic year together in Alder Class.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Mrs Aynsley and Mrs Rutter



Classroom updates - Oak class- Year 4 and 5

What a wonderful week it has been in Oak class this week. The week started with the children focusing their attention on the make money grow project. I've heard of lots of different ideas from car washing to hook a prize games being created. One thing that has shone through is the amount of creativity and collaboration taking place. I am very excited to see this project in action at the summer fair.

As part of our transition time we had a great time visiting Belsay Hall and Castle. This was a particular highlight of the week as I think back to when the children were in Reception and it is fascinating to see how much knowledge they have retained since our very first visit. It was also lovely to see the great levels of maturity the children have and they really made Belsay proud.

In class we have focused our attention on our PSHE work. We have thought about the differences we all have and what makes us unique. Again this is another of the very first topics we cover in Reception so seeing the progression of everyone now they are older has been lovely. We have had some really open and honest discussions this week and it has been wonderful to hear from the children how they see themselves in the world. We have also linked our work to the protected characteristics and spent time researching and creating presentations linked to the different protected characteristics. The children were brilliant at completing the research and then compiling this into a presentation.

Our Year 5 and 6 children showed great leadership skills on Tuesday when they planned a sports afternoon for the whole school.

I have had a really enjoyable week with our oldest children in school and I am very proud of each and everyone of them. Mr McLeod is very lucky to have such a wonderful class next year!



Miss Houghton



Dates for your Diary

Events could be subject to change and will be communicated if required

Date	Time	
Wednesday 24th June	All day	Football WOW day- PTA event
Wednesday 1st July	All day	Y6 end of year treat
Wednesday 1st July	Afternoon	Ray Wynd Farm trip Years 3-5
Tuesday 7th July	1pm	Sports Day 1-2pm- Reception and KS1 2-3pm- LKS2 and UKS2
Wednesday 8th July	1pm	La Petite Creperie
Thursday 9th July	All day	Whole school Science Day
Friday 10th July	All day	Non-uniform- PTA break the rules day
Friday 10th July	9am	Year 3 & 4 - Performance of The Last Alien
Tuesday 14th July	All day	Pele Trust music concert
Wednesday 15th July	3.15pm	Summer Fair- PTA event
Thursday 16th July	9am	Year 6 leavers assembly
Thursday 16th July	Afternoon	Reception and KS1 end of year party
Friday 17th July	1pm	School closes for the summer holidays



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