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THE BELSTEADS SCHOOL



NEWS OF THE WEEK



What a fabulous final week of the term, we've had.

On Tuesday afternoon, we held our South American food festival. Students were so proud of their shopping, cooking and of the presentation of their food too. We sampled food from different countries and we were really impressed with the effort put into the afternoon.

All of our usual activities were taking place - arts & crafts, reiki, outdoor learning and PE. It meant that we were particularly busy but it was fun too.

On Thursday, it was our final day of the term and Christmas Dinner Day! Sam and Lily did a wonderful job and prepared a splendid Christmas lunch. Our professional make up artist, Clare, also came in to make us look festive!

There were treats in class for mini parties and there seemed to be a rather mad hide and seek game going on around the school too!

We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their support during this first term and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas everyone!



THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

Pete led our Christmas assembly. He read out all of our positivity messages, written by staff and students and shared the happiness! All of the messages will go into a large book so that we can re-read them when we want to think good things.

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**Photos include:
The food festival and
Christmas!**







**We return to school on Tuesday
6th January 2026**

**Our new topic will be 'Equality &
Diversity'.**

Merry Christmas!



**My headteacher's awards this week go
to:**

**Our students and our staff team.
Without them all, we wouldn't have
The Belsteads School.**

**I am so proud to be a part of such
a happy and positive place, where we
build resilience, have high expectations
for achievement and where we have
such fun too!**

**We're looking forward to opening our second school
next year now as well.**

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and finally...
We have a very useful link on our website, which demonstrates our approach to behaviour at our school. It's really useful.

<https://belsteads.essex.sch.uk/behaviour-approach/>

NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION
FROM THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER TEAM WELCOMING PARENTS TO THE
ROADSHOW.

ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED THE AUTUMN TERM ROADSHOWS. WE VISITED LOUGHTON, BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, BRENTWOOD AND HARWICH. WE HAVE NOW VISITED 45 DIFFERENT PLACES ACROSS ESSEX AND WELCOMED 2,137 FAMILIES.

THE ROADSHOWS WILL BE RETURNING IN THE SPRING TERM. WE WILL BE VISITING:

WEST ESSEX - HARLOW PLAYHOUSE, HARLOW

MID ESSEX - CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHELMSFORD

SOUTH ESSEX - WAT TYLER, BASILDON

NORTH ESSEX - COLCHESTER STADIUM, COLCHESTER

TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT THE LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE.

SUPPORTING PARENTS AND CARERS IN ESSEX (SPACE)

A NEW, FREE SUPPORT SERVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND IN ESSEX IS NOW AVAILABLE.

SPACE OFFERS FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND (0 TO 25).

SUPPORT IS DELIVERED BY PEER EDUCATORS WHO ARE PARENTS AND CARERS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE.

SUPPORT CAN BE ACCESSED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

PHONE: ONE-TO-ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH A PEER EDUCATOR

ONLINE: WEBINARS ON KEY TOPICS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE EXPERIENCES