



Branston Bulletin

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Branston Junior Academy 5Rs – Resilience, Reflection, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships

Our week in school

What a fantastic week in school! This week has been filled with fun and adventure. From the school residential to outdoor activity week the children have been involved in activities that build resilience, build relationships and encourage teamwork. The children have matured so much across these past few days. Our Monday assembly enthused children about the week ahead but also supported them to have strategies to support the building of positive relationships across this week.

(Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships)

Outdoor Activity Week

Outdoor Activity Week has offered our children an extraordinary range of experiences. The breadth and quality of activities available to our pupils was truly impressive. From Orienteering and Skateboarding to Rhythmic Basketball, Gymnastics, Badminton, and Climbing Wall activities, our young people were exposed to diverse physical pursuits. Children also enjoyed Archery, Karate, Ultimate Frisbee, Boxercise, Skipping, Golf, Drumba, Pickleball, and Cheerleading, alongside YoYo-Red Panda sessions. All of these activities ensured that every child could discover new interests, develop fresh skills, and experience the pleasure of physical activity in its many forms. Thank you to all of the staff who organised, planned, and delivered these experiences. (Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships)



Y6 Residential

This week Y6 undertook their PGL residential experience, which provided an invaluable opportunity for personal growth and development away from the classroom environment. During their time away at Caythorpe, our young people were challenged to apply our five Rs—Resilience, Respect, Responsibility, Relationships, and Reflection—in new and demanding situations. This experience proved so valuable as children navigated unfamiliar environments, worked collaboratively with their peers, and discovered capabilities they did not know they possessed.

The residential programme exemplifies BJA's commitment to developing well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I also want to thank all of the staff who gave up their time to support the children on this adventure! (Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships)



Sports Day

Our Sports Day proved to be an outstanding celebration of school spirit. With the weather finally on our side, we were able to host a thoroughly enjoyable event that brought together pupils, staff, and families in a shared experience of friendly competition and camaraderie. Across fifty races, our young people showed tremendous enthusiasm and sportsmanship, cheering on their friends with genuine warmth and encouragement. Every child was able to take part in this event. This is precisely what we strive to achieve at Branston Junior Academy—an environment where every child matters and where success is measured not only in finishing places but in the sustained values which support growing well rounded young people. Thank you to all the families who came along and supported the children in their races. We even had a fly past from the Red Arrows as the trophy was presented to the winning team!! (Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships)

Fine weather

With a spell of hot, dry weather forecast, please can you help us keep every pupil safe and comfortable during the school day by sending them with the following items:

1. Sun cream
 - Please apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen at home before bringing your child to school.
 - If your child needs to reapply, you may supply a clearly labelled sunscreen. Staff can supervise pupils applying their own sunscreen but cannot apply it for them.



2. Sun hat

- A sun hat, labelled with your child's name, should be brought to school every day while the weather remains hot.
- Hats will be used for all outdoor activity and playtimes.

3. Water bottle

- Provide a named, reusable water bottle each day. We will ensure bottles are accessible throughout the day and pupils are reminded to drink regularly.
- Please refill the bottle at home each morning; if your child runs out during the day we will top up with water.

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

The unforgettable tale of an orphan in Victorian London, based on the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes.

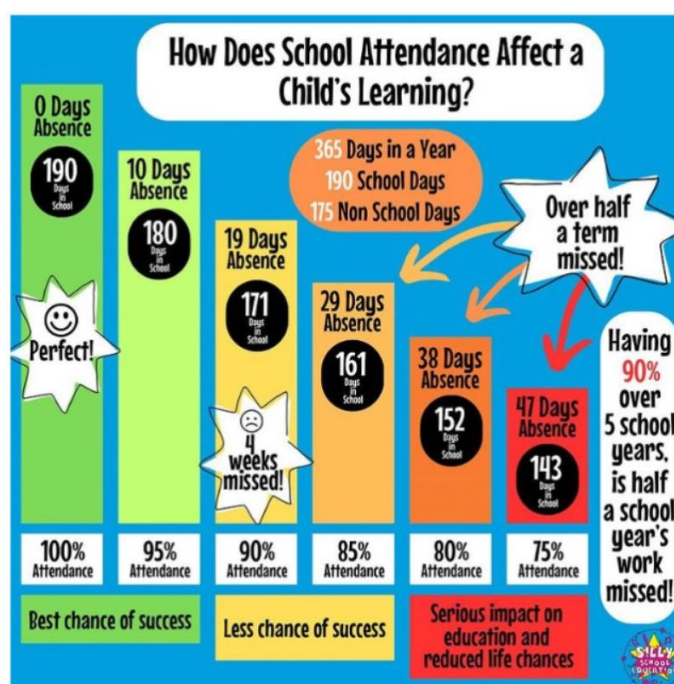


When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe.

Will Jim ever manage to be free?

Attendance

We are coming up to the time of year where families may decide to take holidays. Government guidance means that we cannot authorise any holidays taken in term time. However, we do want to hear genuine reasons for absence as this helps us to relay families thoughts and feelings. Evidence suggests that there is a direct correlation between pupil absence and pupil achievement.



Diary dates 2025-2026:



- **Monday 22nd June** – Magna School Visit
- **Tuesday 23rd June** – Changeover Day
- **Friday 26th June** – Reports out to Parents
- **Thursday 2nd July** – Parents Evening Drop in Session (Information to follow)
- **Tuesday 7th July** – Year 5/6 Performance
- **Thursday 9th July** – Year 5/6 Performance
- **Thursday 16th July** – Year 6 Leavers Event
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Summer Term 2 Ends
- **Wednesday 2nd September** – Autumn Term 1 Starts

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Calendar' section <https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/parents/calendar/> to find dates of all events.

Useful information on our website

Please go to our website:

www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk where you will find lots of useful information.

Under the 'Parents' tab, you will find information about:

- Information and events to support families.
- Mobile phones
- Second hand uniform
- Holiday / Medical Appointments
- Useful 'Letters and Forms'
- Your School Lottery

Under the 'Curriculum' tab, you will find lots of useful information about how to help your child with their learning.



Mr Pyburn's E-Safety 'top tip' -

Changes to Roblox age verification - everything parents need to know

Earlier this year, Roblox introduced a series of updates to improve the safety of children using the online service, including the age-verification method. The Roblox parental controls are a valuable part of this ongoing safety process and information about them (including a step-by-step guide) can be found by visiting the internetmatters.org website:

[Roblox parental controls guide | Internet Matter](#)



Despite these parental tools that are available, Roblox CEO Dave Baszucki has been quoted in saying "My first message would be, if you're not comfortable, don't let your kids be on Roblox," in response to parents and carers who still have concerns about the level of child safety provided by Roblox.

My own advice would be - at the risk of repetition - to explore and implement the parental controls. Likewise, take an interest in your child's gaming and for online gaming, ensure that it takes place in a family room, rather than behind a closed bedroom door.