



Branston Bulletin

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

Our week in school

It has been another warm week in school. The weather continues to challenge but I have been super impressed by the determination and stamina of our children and staff to keep on working hard towards our end of year goals.

(Resilience)



Y5/6 Show 'Rock Bottom'

The Y5/6 children have worked very hard over the course of this term to produce a fantastic show for audiences to enjoy. Over the four performances to families and one performance to the school and Branston Infants the children have worked tirelessly to put on what has been a fantastic show. Feedback from families was excellent with many families commenting on just how much progress their children had made since joining our school and how their confidence has grown. For our Year 6 families it was potentially their last show. We hope you have enjoyed all of the shows your children have been a part of across the years here at BJA and we know that these shows will have improved your child's confidence and oracy skills. I'm sure these will be fantastic skills for their next steps in their new school.

(Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships)

Rounders Tournament

A group of our children from Y5 and Y6 represented Branston Junior Academy at a rounders tournament at Branston Community Academy on Thursday. I am delighted to share that both teams performed brilliantly — one finished first and the other third. Congratulations to all the children for their effort, excellent sportsmanship and teamwork! (Resilience, Respect)



Active Spelling - Tablets

We are very excited to let you know that as part of our Active Spelling strategy for the new academic year each child will be provided with a tablet to engage with the lesson. The tablets will allow the children to find new ways to embed and recall spelling patterns and provide longevity to the equipment we use as part of this everyday learning strategy. (Reflection)

Booknic Y2

Some of older children will be going to Branston Infant Academy on Monday afternoon to share a 'booknic' with younger children. The children from BJA will be reading with the younger children supporting younger children to read and to help foster a love of reading. ([Responsibility](#), [Reflection](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#))

Lincoln Children's University

We are excited to be taking part in our annual graduation ceremony at Lincoln University next week. If you have received information regarding the event do make sure that we meet at the Issaac Newton Building at 4.30pm. ([Responsibility](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#))



Scatterball – All Stars Match!

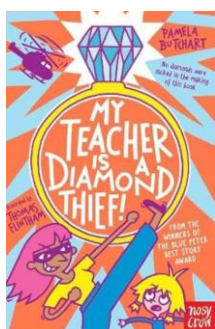
Monday will see the return of the annual Scatterball – All Stars Match, where children play a game of Scatterball against our staff! We are looking forward to this whole school event and we will update you with the result next week! ([Relationships](#))

Football Club – We are still on the look out!

Mr Gray has done a fantastic job running our school football club this year. We are on the lookout for a member of the community to support this club as the interest in it continues to grow. If you are interested or know someone who might be then please do let us know at enquiries@branstonjunioracademy.co.uk ([Responsibility](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#))



Mr Thornton's Book Corner



When Izzy and friends get a new teacher, they are immediately suspicious. Why does she have two computers set up on her desk? Why does she speak Spanish when they're supposed to be doing maths? Why does she have a pink wig and sunglasses in her car? And WHY DOES SHE HAVE A DRAWER FULL OF DIAMONDS?

Because she's an international jewel thief, of course, and MUST BE STOPPED!

Barry Thornton
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Branston Junior Academy

Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Thursday 16th July** – Year 6 Leavers Event
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Toy Day (Info to follow)
- **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' -

Think before you share

This week's tech top tip comes from the **Internet Watch Foundation**. Their advice is always solid and provides excellent starting points for discussion between you and your child. As always, the best advice - as recommended by lead professionals, child experts and foundations/institutions such as the Internet Watch Foundation - **is to talk to, and to monitor, your child about their smart phone use** as part of our parental responsibility.

This particular tip is for when you might be worried about what your children are sharing online (particularly inappropriate photos); get help to talk about it with guidance from the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF):

<https://tinyurl.com/yrs8zc5d>

