



Branston Bulletin

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

It seems remarkable to be sending you the final Branston Bulletin of the year. The children at BJA have made fantastic progress both in their academic and social development. It's lovely to see our Year 6 children ready to embark upon the next stage of their journey and for our Y3 children ready to become Y4 and welcome our new arrivals in September. Change is part of life and change can be difficult. However, the feelings associated with change are normal and you can support your child to navigate change by validating their feelings, being open in conversations and giving them practical ideas of what to expect. We can also look forward together to the many positive aspects on the next stage of their journey through school.

[\(Resilience\)](#)

Children's University



BJA is a partner with Lincoln University to deliver the Children's University. On Tuesday children from BJA attended the Children's University graduation ceremony. Children achieve 'hours' from their participation in clubs and enrichment activities both inside and outside of school. The children who have been awarded the next award level were treated to a fantastic evening where they got to meet a robotic dog, take part in a graduation and eat pizza! They had a fantastic time. Thank you to all our families for supporting the children to attend a range of enrichment activities.

[\(Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships\)](#)



Y6 Leavers Event

On Thursday evening our Y6 children attended their leavers event at Arcade Warehouse. Having the whole building and all the games to ourselves allowed for the children to have a fantastically enjoyable time. It was great to see our children having fun after many months of hard work. These are core memories which they will take with them as they move on to secondary school. [\(Reflection\)](#)

Booknic at Branston Infant Academy

On Monday our Year 5 children went to Branston Infants Academy to share in a Booknic. Our children read with reception children at BIA. The older children were able to show off their reading skills whilst the younger children demonstrated their reading skills and thoroughly enjoyed listening to some exciting stories. We continue to work closely with Branston Infants for the best outcomes for all children in our village. ([Responsibility](#), [Relationships](#))



Reading Cafe

On Thursday afternoon our children took part in the Reading Café. It was a lovely event as the children shared their favourite books together whilst enjoying their chocolate milkshake. ([Responsibility](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#))



Scatterball Tournament

On Friday the children took part in the annual Scatterball Tournament. There was lots of fantastic action with a high level of skill on show. The intra-school competition provided lots of excitement but ultimately it was Polaris who emerged victorious. The team that won will be looking forward to testing their skills against the staff on Monday. ([Relationships](#))

School Dates

Last day of school - **Wednesday 22nd July**

First day back at school for children - **Wednesday 2nd September**

Reflections on the school year

As we reach the end of this school year, I have a sense of pride for our children and staff for all they have achieved working across this school year. Our 5Rs — Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Respect and Relationships — have been more than words on a wall; they have shaped our school community and the relationships built within it. I'm grateful to have a committed staff team who have worked fantastically hard to support our children in their learning and their social development. A big thank you must also go to our families who have supported their children across the year to make sure children are school ready and to support them when times get tricky. Recent academic results have shown that we continue to have high expectations of children and we support them to meet some very challenging outcomes. Yet just as importantly we have seen our children mature and develop across the year becoming well rounded young people ready for the next stage of school. As we finish this year I leave feeling optimistic— proud of what we've all achieved together and focused on making next year even better!

If I don't speak to you before the end of term do have a fun filled summer break and we will see you back in September

Barry Thornton
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Branston Junior Academy

Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Monday 20th July** – Staff vs Pupil Scatterball
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Toy Day
- **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' -

Keeping your children safe over the summer break

Dear Families

This is my final Online Safety Top Tip for this academic year; I hope that you find the time to read through this week's Tip as a family. The Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership (SSP) has produced the following leaflet to help parents and carers keep children safe online throughout the summer holiday. It can be found on our **school website** under the '**Parents**' tab; then selecting '**Online Safety**' and scrolling down to the '**Leaflets and Guides**' section. Alternatively, it can be accessed via:

<https://tinyurl.com/2zfm6nnh>

