



## Branston Bulletin

26.09.25

Welcome to the Branston Bulletin for this week!

### **Rounded human beings?**

Here at Branston Junior Academy we pride ourselves on our reputation for supporting our children to become 'well rounded young people' by the time they enter the next phase of their education. This week has been a great example of how what our children learn and what they experience come together to support this purpose. Being aware of the world we live in is an important part of this drive for well rounded young people. This can be locally, regionally, nationally or globally. Our week started discovering more about the people who live in our world where we learned about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish celebration taking place to symbolise the start of the new year in the religion of Judaism. We learned how to better understand other people is a sign of respect which is one of our key values here at BJA.

### **Our Pupil Voice**

Each week I capture the children's voice. What have they enjoyed? What do they think about what is important to them?

**Hope Y6** – 'I've really enjoyed learning about negative numbers in Maths. It was really helpful.'

**Ashleigh Y6** – 'I really enjoyed Science where we learnt about how light travels.'

**Jowan Y3** – 'I've enjoyed learning my times tables.'

**Edward Y3** – 'I really enjoyed learning about the planets in the solar system.'

Our learning about space and light travelling has really motivated children to learn this week!

### **Medication**

A reminder to families that any medication which is prescribed for children to take throughout the day can be administered by yourselves during the day or by school staff if an administration of medication form and discussion has been completed with the family. We have also noticed some cough sweets coming into school. Please can I remind families that if cough sweets are coming into school that they must be clearly labelled in a bag and handed to the teacher on entry into school.

### **Nut-free school**

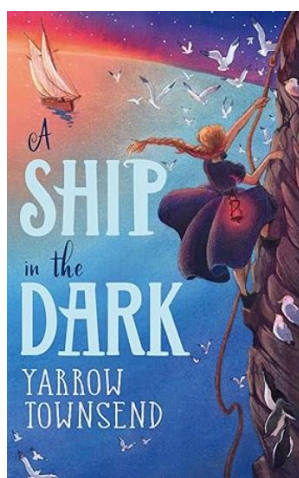
Earlier in the year a letter went out to ask for your support in making BJA a nut free school to support our pupil's welfare. I wanted to take time to thank you for your efforts in supporting this as the start of the year has shown that this initiative has started off promisingly.

### **Book donations**

Last week I asked for families to donate any 'finished with' or 'not needed' junior age range books to school. We have been thrilled with the donations so far and if you have donated books please know that they are already beginning to fill up our classroom reading areas to support children to engage with reading. Your donations not only support the children's reading development but also support the school's budget to make the best use of the resources available to us. If you still have donations you wish to give to school then we are still taking donations so please do give them to class teachers or hand them in to the main office. Thank you.

### **Mr Thornton's Book Corner**

A ship in the dark is a rip-roaring adventure story that many children find very engaging.



*Anna lives on remote Windrose Island, caring for its birds. When her stepfather Caleb is arrested for smuggling, she must prove his innocence. The truth may lie on board the Albatross, a missing whaler.*

*Anna and her friend Mina travel the high seas to find the lost ship before ruthless Society Man, Bartholomew Rime...*

*But without a map, only migrating birds and the song of whales can show the way.*

### **Attendance**

Each moment in school creates a memory or a piece of learning when in school. So good attendance has a strong correlation with good outcomes for children.

Class	Attendance so far this term %
Mars	98
Mercury	98
Neptune	98
Saturn	98
Venus	95
Jupiter	93

Mr Thornton  
Headteacher

### **Your Child's Attendance**

Excellent	100%	0 days off school
Good	98%	4 days off school
Improvement Needed	95%	9 days off school
Cause for Concern	93%	13 days off school
Inadequate Persistent Absence	90%	1 month off school



### Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Year 3 Parent Drop In** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- **Harvest Festival** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October (**2pm start** - parents invited to attend **PLUS, any help from adults to help us walk to/from the church, gratefully appreciated**)
- **Halloween Event** – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Information to follow)
- **Autumn Term 1 Ends** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- **Autumn Term 2 Begins** – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

*Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find dates of all events.*

### Useful information on our website

Please go to our website:

[www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](https://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.

This page:

<https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/local%20events.asp> has information on a whole range of local events.

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

#### **Introducing Lincolnshire's Stay Safe Partnership & SnapChat (13+)**

For those who have been reading my Top Tips in previous years, you'll know that I'm a big fan of the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership. In their own words, the Stay Safe Partnership (SSP) ... 'provides a single point of access to education programmes that are designed to help keep children and young people safe; delivering resources and workshops for education provisions in Lincolnshire from early years to college'. Every year, we invite the SSP in to deliver age-group tailored e-safety workshops to our children. More information can be found by searching for them online; they also provide support for parents and carers.

This week's Top Tip comes in the form of an information poster for parents and carers about Snapchat. Although Snapchat has an age-rating of 13+, many of our families have older, secondary-age children who use the app. The poster contains details about the risks of using SnapChat, the report and block feature and the SnapChat family centre. It can be found in the Online Safety section of our school website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/muakv6a6>

