



Branston Bulletin

17.10.25

I can't quite believe that this is the penultimate bulletin of this term! Time flies!

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



Our School Week

You will often hear myself, our staff and the children talk about the 5Rs. These are the values and principles we believe that if children become proficient in then they will grow to be better people and citizens of the world. Everything we do in school from learning in classrooms, to team sports, school visits and sports day are all building towards embedding the 5Rs within our children's actions and thought processes. In this bulletin I will demonstrate this by adding each of these values to the entries below. The 'monsters' all have names related to the 5Rs and this helps children with a visual cue as well as understanding the words.

Our School Week

This week has been a very busy week in school. We started our week in assembly learning about harvest and reflecting on what this looks like in the world today. WE of course looked at foods, both foods grown locally but also foods that come to our country from around the world. We also looked at how this time of celebration is also a time where we can support families and people who are in a less fortunate position and so we reflected upon food banks why they are there and who might use them. We talked about the Lincoln Larder which will be the recipient of the donations, kindly given by the children at our Harvest festival.

(Reflection, Responsibility, Respect)

Harvest Festival

The highlight of our week this week was our Harvest Festival. A walk to our local church always makes the children feel that this event is special and added to the excitement. The children performed their readings, prayers and songs with great enthusiasm and I'm sure that for any of you who were there you will agree it was a lovely event for the children to be a part of. The Lincoln Larder picked up the food donations. They were ever so thankful and said the donations would make important contributions to people's lives. (Reflection, Responsibility, Respect)



School Management Information System Update

At BJA we have used a Management Information System known as Scholarpack for a number of years. Unfortunately, and due to circumstances beyond our control, Scholarpack is being discontinued by the company that owns it. However, the company is replacing it with a new system called Arbor. We will be converting to Arbor on Monday 20th October. As this system is new, please bear with us whilst we ensure our communications with you are as good as the previous system. Thank you.

New Parent Governor

I'm thrilled to let you know that we have a new parent governor representative on our governing body here at BJA. Mandy Templeman has kindly taken on the role and I'm sure that she will bring a lot of skill, expertise, and the views of families to the governing body. Being part of the governing body of a stand-alone academy is a busy but fulfilling role and Mandy's voice as parent representative on the board will be listened to by all leaders of the school. ([Respect](#), [Responsibility](#))

Girls on Board

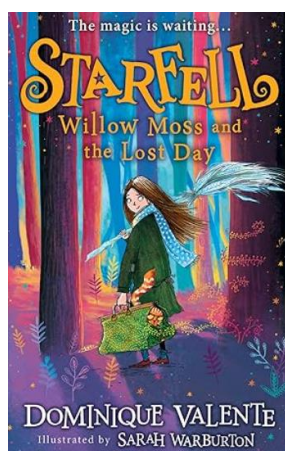
On Thursday evening families were invited into school to learn more about 'Girls on board' a programme which BJA uses to support young girls to manage their social situations and build towards growing independence for finding suitable solutions to social tensions. IT was well attended and many of the families present found the evening very useful. ([Resilience](#), [Reflection](#), [Respect](#), [Responsibility](#), [Relationships](#))

Christmas Card Competition

We have been contacted by our MP, Dr Caroline Johnson with an opportunity for children to design a Christmas card which she will use to send her festive greetings to other MPs, dignitaries and even their Majesties the King and Queen. Your child will come home from school on Friday with a design template. If your child wishes to take part please could they complete their designs at home and bring them into school next week and no later than Monday 3rd November. We will then add their entries into the competition. ([Respect](#), [Responsibility](#), [Relationships](#))



Mr Thornton's Book Corner



Willow Moss, the youngest and least powerful sister in a family of witches, has a magical ability for finding lost things – like keys, or socks, or spectacles. Useful, but not exactly exciting...

Then the most powerful witch in the world of Starfell turns up at Willow's door and asks for her help. A whole day – last Tuesday to be precise – has gone missing. Completely. And without it the whole universe could unravel.

Now Willow holds the fate of Starfell in her rather unremarkable hands... Can she save the day – by finding the lost one?

Diary dates 2025-2026:



- **Halloween Event** – Wednesday 22nd October
- **Autumn Term 1 Ends** – Thursday 23rd October
- **Autumn Term 2 Begins** – Monday 3rd November

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) 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'

Social Media guides for parents and carers

Many thanks to the parents and carers who were able to come into school last week to talk to teachers about different ways in which to support their children.

One of the leaflets I was handing out to parents on this occasion was a 'social media guide for parents & carers'; this guide details the age rating for different apps and the reasons why these age ratings have been determined. Of particular note, **the majority of social media apps have an age rating above that of the age of children at primary school, often due to child-protection risks** (which are explained within the guide).

A copy of this parental guide can be found on our website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4xuuy979>

