



## Branston Bulletin

12.12.25

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

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### Our School Week

With less than two weeks to Christmas Day the school has been super busy as we approach the end of the term. The school week started with the children learning about the Christmas Story and why many Christians look at the characters depicted in the story as being role models for how they should live their lives. We reflected on this and how the characters in the Christmas Story can help us be better people. ([Reflections, Relationships](#))

### Parent Survey

As we come to the end of the Autumn term we warmly welcome your views. This term's short survey can be accessed through the following link. Thank you to the families that have completed this so far and I do urge all families to take part so we can see how you feel our work here impacts your children. Once collated I will write to you to let you know some of the outcomes of the survey. The link to the survey is here.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyLnv\\_Fsi6mZsmAh8B3GBhmZpltenQxuyI84Bt9y0otSTMjw/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyLnv_Fsi6mZsmAh8B3GBhmZpltenQxuyI84Bt9y0otSTMjw/viewform?usp=header)

([Reflections, Relationships](#))



### Christmas Show

The Y3/4 Christmas Show was fantastic! The children performed the show four times, five if you include the dress rehearsal, and each time the audience were thrilled and entertained by what they saw. The children showed so many of our values in order to put this show on. As well as demonstrating a huge amount of confidence in their performance and speaking the children demonstrated resilience, building relationships and reflection in order to develop the show. Everyone enjoyed the show and it put everyone in the Christmas mood! A special thank you must go to the Y3/4 staff team for enabling the children to perform to such a high standard. Also, a big thank you to families for supporting your children with costumes and opportunities to learn their lines, songs and actions. ([Reflections, Resilience, Responsibility, Relationships](#))



## Communication



We continue to be frustrated by the email issue that has occurred since transferring to the new management information system arranged by our provider. We are working very closely with technical support to ensure this issue is resolved as soon as possible. We thank you for your continued patience with this and please do check junk folders for possible emails we have sent. ([Relationships](#), [Responsibility](#), [Resilience](#))

## Reminder

Lunch menus are available to order from up to the week commencing 9th February 2026. If parents would like their child to have a meal when we return on 6th January you will need to place orders by Tuesday 30th December and for the week commencing 12th January orders will need to be placed by Tuesday 6th January.

## Our Pupil Voice

What have they enjoyed? What do they think about what is important to them?

**Jax Y3** – ‘I really enjoyed learning my spellings in Active Spelling this week.

**Amaya Y4** – ‘I’ve really enjoyed performing in the play this week. I loved performing it to Mums and Dads.’

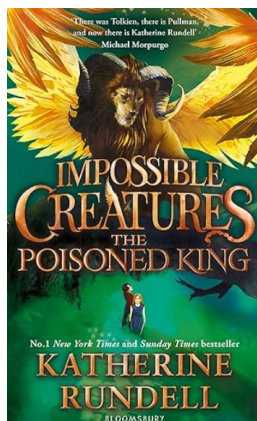
**Joseph Y5** – ‘My favourite thing this week was watching the Christmas show. I liked the bit when Thomas was breaking wind!’

**Ryley Y6** – ‘I loved watching the Christmas show. I loved laughing at the funny bits.’

It looks like the Y3/4 Christmas Show went down well with the children as well as the adults this week.

## Mr Thornton’s Book Corner

The Impossible Creatures series of books are fantastic for any child who likes mythical creatures and adventure!



*When Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago - the secret islands where all the creatures of myth still live. But he did not know it would involve a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx, or a plan to enter a dragon's lair. Nor did he imagine it would involve a girl with a flock of birds at her side, a new-hatched chick in her pocket and a ravenous hunger for justice...*

Barry Thornton  
Headteacher



### Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church 2pm (families welcome)
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Toy Day (No P.E. for Yr 3/4)
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Autumn Term 2 ends
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Spring Term 1 begins

*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](http://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'

#### **Setting up online gaming on a console for a safe experience for your children**

An interesting read from [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org); two families share their experiences of setting up their children's consoles so that they were safe and age appropriate for online play. Well worth a read if you and your children participate and enjoy online gaming, especially with Christmas coming and for some of us, more opportunities (time?) for online gaming.:

<https://tinyurl.com/29ywny6n>

