



Branston Bulletin

5.12.25

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

Our School Week

The school week started with the school learning about Advent. We looked at an Advent calendar and discussed why many people have these in their homes at this time of year. We discussed what the word advent means and why, for Christians, this is a special time of year preparing for the arrival of Jesus' birth. This led us to consider our own homes and families, thinking about preparations that may be happening over the next few weeks. We talked about how children can help and support their own families at this time of year. ([Reflections, Relationships](#))

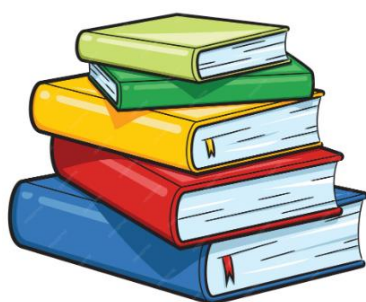
Christmas Fair

Wow! What a fantastic 'Child Led Christmas Fair' we had on Friday 28th November. We were thrilled to see so many people come and support the school. It was lovely to see the children's faces as so many people came to buy their handmade gifts and play their festive games. There was a real sense of community as ex-students of BJA joined us on their way home from BCA and it was lovely to see so many of our current families at this event too. If you were lucky enough to win a prize at our fantastic raffle, with prizes being sourced by our school council, then we hope you very much enjoy them.



The event not only helped us to begin to get into the festive mood, but was important for our continued BJA vision that when parents, children and staff work together we can achieve great things.

In addition to the friendship and family atmosphere we shared I am delighted to tell you that overall the Christmas fair raised a spectacular **£1636.00** which included the funds the school will receive from the book fair. This money will go straight back into the fantastic experiences the children receive across the school year. With budgets in education being very tight this is a fantastic enabler for all the 'exciting' events and activities we create for the children. Thank you so much for your generosity. ([Relationships](#))



Book Fair

It was great to see so many children and families sourcing reading books or Christmas gifts from the Scholastic Book Fair. There was something at the fair for all readers and we were thrilled to see so many children purchasing a book, excited to read it when they got home! We know reading helps us to learn and

opens up the world but reading for pleasure is just as important. The fair made over £500 which means we have approximately £300 to spend on new books for our school. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the families who came out, on what was a horrible evening for weather, to attend their child's parents evening appointment. We trust that you found the update useful and we also hope that, not only do you feel better informed about how your child is performing at BJA, but that you were also able to understand how we can work together on next steps for your children. ([Relationships](#))

Families Survey

Historically families at BJA have completed a survey after parents evening. This year is no different. However, we have moved the survey online. I would invite all families to complete the survey as we warmly welcome your thoughts. 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

Year 3 to Year 2 Nativity

Year 3 were thrilled to attend a performance of the Year 2 Nativity at Branston Infant Academy. The children had an enjoyable time, not only watching the great performance but also getting to see familiar faces from their previous school. Thank you to BIA for inviting us. ([Relationships](#))



Christmas Performance Practice

As well as the Christmas Fayre Y3/4 have been getting us into the festive mood with their practices for the Christmas show 'Seasons Greetings'. The children have been working so hard on this performance and we are very much looking forward to sharing this with you next week.

Performances take place:

Tuesday 9th December 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Thursday 11th December 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Tickets are available until mid-day Monday 8th December through ParentPay. ([Relationships](#), [Responsibility](#), [Resilience](#))

Arbor Emails

A number of parents have contacted us to say that our new management information Arbor has some glitches as they are receiving school emails into their junk folder. We are aware of this issue and are working with both Arbor and our IT support to overcome this issue as a matter of urgency. Until that point please check both inboxes and junk folders. Thank you for your patience and support with this. ([Responsibility](#), [Resilience](#))

Barry Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Tuesday 9th December** – Year 3/4 Performance
- **Thursday 11th December** – Year 3/4 Performance
- **Friday 12th December** – Choir attending Woodview Residential Home
- **Monday 15th December** – Christmas Party (Information to follow)
- **Thursday 18th December** – Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church 2pm (families welcome)
- **Friday 19th December** - Autumn Term 2 ends
- **Tuesday 6th 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 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'

Internetmatters.org

www.internetmatters.org is a fabulous website with a wealth of experience in guiding and informing parents of ways in which to support their children in **staying safe whilst online**. Their motto is '*Because children deserve a safe digital world*' and they offer advice appropriate to the age group(s) of your children.

As a parent and as a teacher, I would thoroughly recommend that you add it to your favourites and spend time looking at ways in which you can help keep your child safe online:

