



Branston Bulletin

16.1.26

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

Our School Week

Our school week started with an assembly on resilience. Resilience is a quality that we all need to succeed in life. The children learned about what resilience is and what this looks like in school and outside of school. It was so good to see so many children receive Merits this week for resilience when attempting new or challenging learning. Resilience has been the 5R we have been focussing on as a school this week.
([Reflections, Relationships, Resilience](#))

Resilience

We can support children's resilience at home too. When we find something difficult, we can support our children to use different strategies to find a way around that problem. When we feel a bit under the weather, we make a concerted effort to still go to school. Helping our children to understand that it is ok to feel nervous about doing something new or going to a new place and these are natural reactions. We can also support them to develop their own strategies for dealing with emotions which can become overwhelming like fond a positive view on the matter, listen to some music, read a book, talk to a friend or trusted adult.

([Reflections, Relationships, Resilience](#))

Our Pupil Voice

Let's look at our children's voice! What have they enjoyed? What do they think about? What is important to them?

Imogen Y3 – 'I was asked to do a special job for school. (Being part of an interviewees' interview task) and I felt very important. It was fun too.'

Griffin Y4 – 'I really enjoyed RE this week as we learnt about pilgrimages. We had to think of our favourite places we visit. Mine was Cornwall.'

Lola Y5 – 'I have really enjoyed guided Reading in class.'

Zelliah Y6 – 'Computing was fun because we had to create 3D shapes on screen and then create designs with them.'

Good to see such a wide range of learning taking place already early in the Spring Term. ([Reflection](#))

Attendance

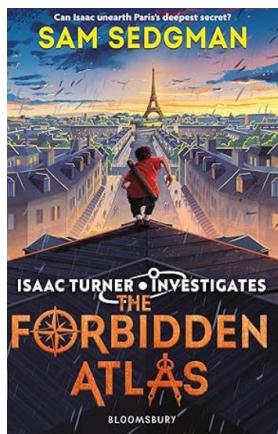
Attendance at school continues to be important. In the depths of winter, when it is dark and cold, it can be tempting to stay away from school. Please do support your child to come to school to build resilience and to enhance their opportunities to build on previous learning. Here we can see the impact good attendance makes to our children's progress ([Responsibility, Resilience](#))

100% = 0 days off 0 lessons missed	99% = 2 days off 12 lessons missed	97% = 5 days off 30 lessons missed	95% = 10 days off 60 lessons missed	90% = 20 days off 120 lessons missed	85% = 30 days off 180 lessons missed
Perfection	Excellent	Good	Slight Concern	Concerned	Very Concerned

5 Days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress.	20 Days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progress.	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress.
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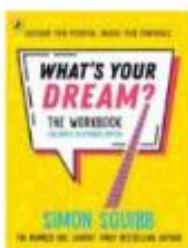
Mr Thornton's Book Corner

The Forbidden Atlas is a fantastic mystery book which has twists and turns on every page.



Isaac and Hattie have been invited to a high-profile event at the French National Archives in Paris to finally celebrate their achievement in saving time. But as Isaac prepares to make his speech, the lights go out and a single shot is fired. The police think it was an assassination attempt on the infamous businessman Balthazar Blaise, but Isaac and Hattie realise that something very different is going on when they discover a boy taking something from the archives before vanishing without a trace. As they investigate, Isaac and Hattie are pulled into an underground world, searching secret and forgotten places for a stolen letter, a missing sister and a map that will unearth a long buried secret
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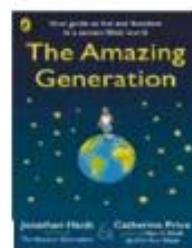
New non-fiction for children books for Spring 2026



What's Your Dream? The Workbook
by Simon Squibb



The Positive Doodle Diary
by Ali Bado and Finn Prevett



The Amazing Generation
by Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price

Barry Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Monday 19th January** – Parent SATs Information Session
- **Thursday 12th February** – Squishmallow Bingo
- **Friday 13th February** – Spring Term 1 ends
- **Monday 23rd February** – Spring Term 2 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'

Safer Internet Day

Although not for a little while yet, I want to draw your attention to '**Safer Internet Day**' which is due to take place on the 10th February 2026. On this occasion, Safer Internet Day will focus on '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

From summaries on search engines, to voice assistants and photo editing tools, AI powered features are being added to many of the apps and devices we use day-to-day. Look out for information and warnings notifying you where AI technology is in use or where content has been created using AI. Help your child to recognise these too. Remember, AI can make some tasks simpler but **may also collect data about you and your family, or share unreliable information, so consider how to use it safely and responsibly**.

We will be spending some time on Tuesday 10th February as a whole-school exploring this theme.

Safer Internet Day has a set of resources for parents and carers to support you in your role in keeping our children safe online. These can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/y553n5u5>

