



Branston Bulletin

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

Our School Week



Our school week started with an assembly on resilience when learning. The children looked at the words Fail, Perseverance, Effort and Yet. We then looked at what these words might look like when we are learning in school. The children gave some excellent examples of times when they found something tricky with their learning, but they overcame this and made good progress. ([Reflections, Resilience](#))

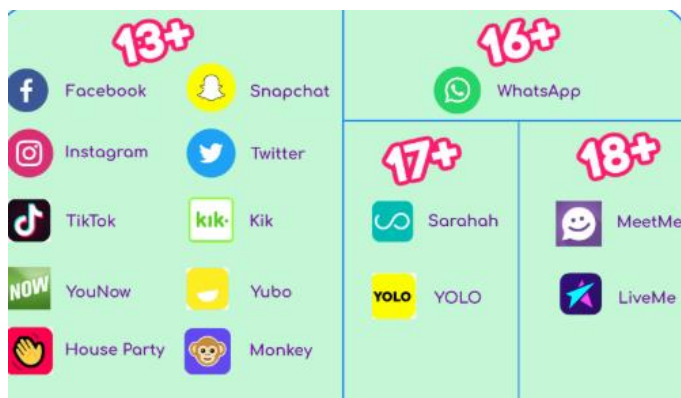
October Half Term Consultation

The consult for a potential two-week October half term from October 2026 was sent to families last week. Please do let us know if you have any opinions on this via the email address enquiries@branstoncommunityacademy.co.uk.

The details of the consult are in the previous e-mail sent last week. ([Reflections](#))

Online Safety

We have noticed an upturn in the number of school-based incidents which start as a result of activity happening upon social media. Please can I remind everyone that these social media platforms have age restrictions. However, if your child is engaging with Social Media please can we help them by discussing ways to engage safely and please monitor our children's interaction with other users. ([Responsibility](#))



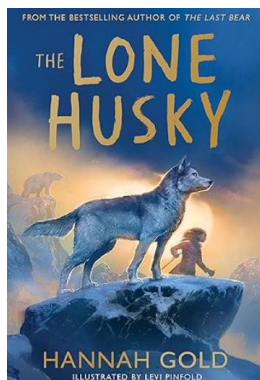
Branstonbury – Timestables Rock Stars

Your children have been challenged to compete in the TimesTables Rock Stars challenge, Branstonbury. By practicing their times tables children not only have the opportunity to learn a vital skill but also to potentially win a prize! There are also trophies for the pupil in each year group who has completed the most minutes over the Rockstar competition period.



Mr Thornton's Book Corner

The Lone Husky is the new book by the author of the popular book The Lone Bear. This book takes the reader on a polar adventure which many children will enjoy!



April Wood is no stranger to adventure. After all, she lives in the Arctic and her best friend is a polar bear. But when April finds herself volunteering for the Polar Race – a long-distance dog sled race across the frozen tundra – even she wonders if this may be an adventure too far.

April will need all the help she can get if she's to make it to the finish line. And competition is fierce – with experienced dog sledders, including new boy Finn, who will go to any lengths to win.

Barry Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Thursday 12th February** – Squishmallow Bingo 3.30 to 5.30pm
- **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'

Age Restrictions for apps for Primary School Children

Recently, Australia has taken a commendable step by banning the use of social media platforms for children under the age of 16; it will be interesting to see if similar legislation in the UK will be introduced by our own Government as a positive and necessary means to protect our young people.

I've linked to two posters on our online safety page of our website - these show the age restrictions for different apps here in the UK and are provided to help you make decisions that are central to protecting the mental health of our children:

<https://tinyurl.com/yb4d56yw>

