



Branston Bulletin

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

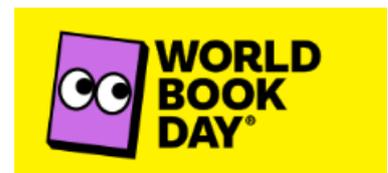
Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting final half term of the Spring Term here at Branston Junior Academy. It's wonderful to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm and energy after their well-deserved break. The transition back into school routines can sometimes feel challenging, but I've been genuinely impressed by how quickly our children have settled and the effort they've put in during this first week back.

Our School Week

This week we began to look at 'Rights'. We will shortly be launching our 4 Rights which will work alongside our values, the 5Rs, to support our community to be the best place it can be. The children began the week with an assembly where we considered what a 'right' was, why they existed and where they are used. We looked at the United Nations Convention for Human Rights for Children and explored what implications having rights mean for everyone. ([Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#))

World Book Day 5th March

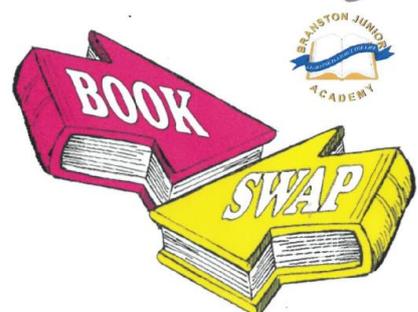
One event that always generates excitement in school is World Book Day, which falls on 5th March 2026. This is such a special occasion for the school, celebrating a love of reading and storytelling. We encourage all our children to get involved and embrace the spirit of the day. This year we will be celebrating the magic of picture books! We also have our annual book swap which the children really look forward to. Details of this can be found in the email sent by Miss Perkins and below.



Book Swap – World Book Day 5th March

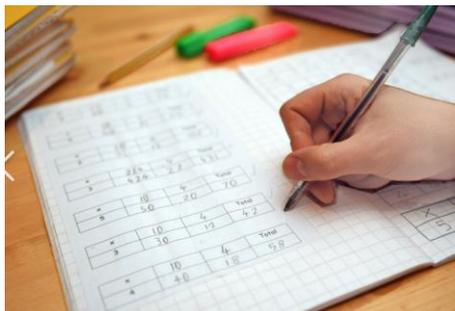
On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating world book day. As part of our celebrations, we will be hosting a BJA book swap. Children are invited to bring in up to 2 books that they have already read, for each book they bring in they will receive a raffle ticket. These will then be drawn and children will be invited to come up and exchange their raffle ticket for a book they haven't read.

The BIG BJA



Thursday 5th March

Learning Showcase 'Book Look' 10th March 3.30pm



We are holding our first Learning Showcase 'Book Look' on 10th March from 3.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come into school and see the fantastic work their children have been doing in their learning. We're inviting families to join us from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. You can stay for a length of time that suits you and the children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you in their classrooms. It's a chance to look at the progress children have made and to see first hand the books and materials they've been

engaging with. Children are also very proud to show off their learning. These occasions are invaluable, as they help bridge the gap between home and school, allowing you to see the learning journey your child is on and for them to demonstrate to you the learning they are proud of. ([Respect, Reflection](#))

Parents Evening 26th March

Next week the information will come to you regarding Parents Evening and the booking of appointments. We hope that with the benefit of our Learning Showcase 'Book Look' fresh in your minds you'll be able to have an even more informed discussion with your child's class teacher about how your child is progressing in their learning and what next steps for support might be. Please know that the cut off date for handing parents evening appointment request slips back into school is Wednesday 11th March. ([Relationships](#))

Playground Resources

As outlined in the bulletin before half term the success of some recent fundraising events including the Christmas Fair and the Squishmallow Bingo have allowed us to invest further in the outdoor play equipment the children have to enjoy in their free time. Miss Perkins led an assembly about this new play equipment on Wednesday and we are excited to be rolling this out to the children very soon. Thank you once again for your support with these events.



Class Photographs – Tuesday 3rd March

Class photographs will be taken on 3rd March 2026. These photographs are always treasured keepsakes, and we look forward to capturing those smiling faces that make our school community so special. Please see the previous email that was sent regarding the arrangements for the class photographs.

October Half Term Consultation

Thank you to everyone who responded to our October Half Term Consultation. Your feedback is invaluable to us and we will consider all responses that have been made. We genuinely value the voice of our parents and carers, and the insights you provide help us make informed decisions about how we can better serve our school community. We will update you with an outcome as soon as we have it which we hope will be very soon indeed.

Barry Thornton
Headteacher



Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Tuesday 3rd March** – Wrates Class Photos
- **Thursday 5th March** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 10th March** – Learning Showcase ‘Book Look’ from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.
- **Friday 20th March** – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Raffle (Information to follow)
- **Thursday 26th March** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 27th March** – WOW Day (Dinosaur Day)
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Yr 6 National Child Measurement Programme
- **Thursday 2nd April** – Spring Term 2 ends
- **Tuesday 21st April** – Summer 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

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’



Six top tips to help your child feel good about how they use the internet

If I could only recommended one online resource to assist parents and carers in helping their children grow up safe in a connected world, I'd firstly get frustrated at having to narrow down my choices to one, but then I'd remember that the **NSPCC website** really is **that** brilliant and offers some startlingly good, honest and easy-to-follow advice. This week's Top Tip comes - naturally - from the NSPCC website in the form of '**six top tips to help your child feel good about how they use the internet**' ranging from 'Screen-Time Savvy' to 'Taking the Lead'. There's even a quiz! 😊

Find out more at:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3y67u7>

