



## Branston Bulletin

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

### Our School Week



Sometimes as we grow up we make mistakes. We've all been there. What is important is how we learn from those mistakes. In recent assemblies we have looked at what this might look like when we are learning and how when we fail we are actually making our 'First Attempt in Learning'.

Children can also make mistakes when they play and this week we looked at what leads up to us making mistakes when we play and what we can do to try and avoid this. We also looked at what we can do support others avoid making mistakes when playing. The children have been working really hard to put this into action and have had fun week at play. ([Reflections](#), [Responsibility](#))

### October Half Term Consultation

Thank you to the families who have returned responses to the consult. The consult for a potential two-week October half term from October 2026 was sent to families recently. Please do let us know if you have any opinions on this via the email address [enquiries@branstoncommunityacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@branstoncommunityacademy.co.uk) All opinions will be considered. The details of the consult are in the previous e-mail sent from enquiries. ([Reflections](#))

### Branstonbury – Timestables Rock Stars Awards

Our month long Branstonbury – Timestables Rockstars challenge is over. The children have completed this challenge with great enthusiasm and had fun along the way. Many hours have been devoted to this. Well done to the following winners who received their prizes and trophies in assembly. ([Responsibility](#))



Y3 Harry  
Y4 Layla  
Y5 Leo  
Y6 Scarlett

## Merits and Rewards

As you may be aware, when children demonstrate the 5Rs in school, whether this be in learning, their behaviour choices or at play, adults notice this, and the children may receive a merit within our celebration assembly on a Friday. Overtime we are thrilled to see that many of our children build up multiple awards as the year progresses. As children attain a certain number of these awards, they are able to reach bronze, silver and gold awards which not only come with a certificate but also a special badge which they can wear on their uniform and be proud of. I'm thrilled that we are beginning to see children receive bronze awards and if your child returns home with one of these certificates and badges you should be immensely proud of this achievement. ([Respect](#), [Resilience](#), [Relationships](#), [Reflections](#), [Responsibility](#))



Next week we have two important but very different events taking place. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February we will be joining the rest of the country in taking part in **UK Safer Internet Day**. Across the day the children will take part in a variety of learning about how to keep themselves safe online, what good relationships looks like online and learning this year's key messages about using AI safely.

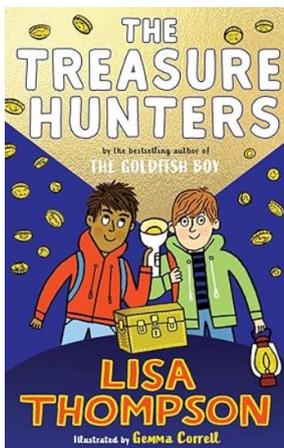
## Upcoming Events

There will also be our fantastic **Squishmallow Bingo** event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm – 5.30pm. We are looking forward to having lots of fun and all money raised will be ploughed straight back into your child's experiences at BJA. Children may bring a change of clothes to get dressed into for the event if they wish. Plus children may bring up to £3 to spend on the day of the event in our tuck shop which will be selling snacks, sweets and drinks

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## Mr Thornton's Book Corner

The Treasure Hunters is a gripping, page-turning mystery adventure which help your child to understand plot and how plot twists can make a story even more intriguing.



*When lonely Vincent is forced to go on an outdoor activity weekend with three other kids from his class, he's counting the seconds until he can escape home. But one of his classmates is hiding a secret: she's convinced there's pirate treasure buried deep within a nearby mountain. Suddenly, this boring trip becomes an exciting adventure! But a thief is hot on the trail, intent on stealing the loot for themselves... can the Treasure Hunters work together to stop them?*

*But April has something the other teams don't: Blaze, a solitary husky with a troubled past, who may just prove to be her secret weapon...*

Barry Thornton  
Headteacher



### Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Squishmallow Bingo 3.30 to 5.30pm
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Spring Term 1 ends
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](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'

Reminder: Stay Safe Partnership Parent Online Webinar about AI

Sometimes, it's useful to have a helpful reminder (or in case you missed it first time round). So, here's my 'Top Tip' from a couple of weeks ago where I advertised that Lincolnshire's **Stay Safe Partnership** are hosting a parent & carer webinar about AI and the role we have as parents in understanding the **positives and the risks that AI may bring to our children**. This also ties in with the AI-themed focus of next week's Safer Internet Day. The details, including the 'when' and how to book are below:

#### AI and Your Child: What Parents Should Know

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our FREE webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to explore:

- ✓ Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity
- ⚠ Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation
- 💡 Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls
- 📅 Date: 10th February
- 🕒 Time: 6:00–7:00 PM
- 💻 Location: Online

👁 Register here: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139> Or, <https://tinyurl.com/42wk76em>

