



## Branston Bulletin

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

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### **Our School Week**

This week at Branston Junior Academy has been full of meaningful, learning and exciting moments. During our assembly to start the week, we focused on the important message that “Every child has the right to learn.” Our pupils engaged thoughtfully with this principle, understanding how it shapes a positive and respectful school environment.

We were also delighted to welcome a visiting headteacher from another school on Tuesday to spend the day with us. Our children were fantastic ambassadors for Branston Junior Academy, confidently sharing their experiences and telling him about the lessons they have particularly enjoyed. It was a proud moment to see their enthusiasm for their school and the pride they have for their learning. ([Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#))

### **Synergy – HAF Scheme**

We are excited to announce that Branston Junior Academy has now been chosen as a base for the provision of Holiday Activities to support families in our community. We are excited to be working with Synergy Sports Coaching to provide this offer. I am hopeful that this arrangement will make Holiday Activities more accessible to our families. HAF vouchers are provided to those families who are eligible for Free School Meals but I am thrilled, that as part of the new arrangement, Synergy are able to offer our families a discounted rate and first chance to book these sessions.

Standard session (10am - 4pm - £12.50 per child, per day)

Optional add on: Early drop off and breakfast - £5.00 per child, per day

Optional add on: Late collection - £2.50 per child, per day

If you are interested in booking any of these places then do follow this link.

<https://www.synergyeducationgroup.co.uk/home/book-now/>

### **Parents Evening 26<sup>th</sup> March**

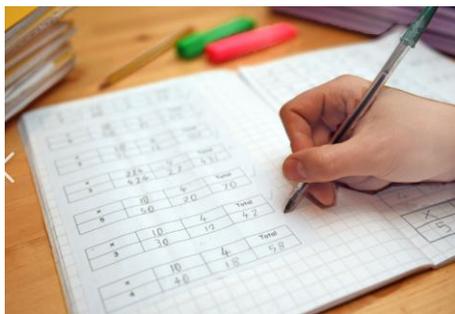
Reminder that parents evening takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Your appointment times will be coming back to you very soon. ([Relationships](#))

## Attendance

I had the opportunity this week to work with the DFE on attendance and it was interesting to note that children who attend school 96% of the time are 30% more likely to gain the required GCSE's than those who attend 92% of the time. This is a piece of data and reminds us that attendance at school is so important for learning gained and good habits forming for the journey children go on through their education. Please do encourage your child to be in school as much as possible. ([Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#))



## Learning Showcase 'Book Look'



We were thrilled to see so many families attend our first Learning Showcase event here at BJA. It was lovely to see the children's faces as they proudly showed off their learning to their families. I hope you found this an enjoyable event and I also hope that it gave you a better understanding of how your child is progressing in their learning. ([Respect](#), [Reflection](#))

## Non Uniform for Chocolate Raffle

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March will be our non uniform day for the chocolate raffle. Children are allowed to come into school wearing non-uniform if they have a donation of chocolate to go towards our annual Easter Chocolate Raffle. Tickets cost 20p each, or £1.00 a strip and will be on sale from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The chocolate raffle itself will take place nearer the end of this term.

## Staffing

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will say 'goodbye' to Miss Jones. Miss Jones has worked at BJA for several years and covering a number of roles. From supporting children on an individual basis to taking groups and leading classes, Miss Jones' skills are wide and varied and we will very much miss these. However, Miss Jones is embarking on another exciting role and we wish her all the best her new adventures. ([Respect](#), [Relationships](#), [Reflection](#))

Barry Thornton  
Headteacher



**Branston Junior Academy  
Plant Sale**

**3.30pm**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
on the front Playground**

Indoor and Outdoor Plants

To donate plants please leave  
in the School Reception on  
the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Many thanks.

Funds in aid of School Gardening Club



### Diary dates 2025-2026:

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Raffle
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – WOW Day (Dinosaur Day)
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Yr 6 National Child Measurement Programme
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Spring Term 2 ends
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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'



#### **Help Keep Kids Safe Online - new Gov.UK Campaign**

**The UK Government has launched a new resources portal to assist parents and carers in keeping their children safe online. In their own words,**

*'Find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online. With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone.'*

The portal contains resources and covers topics such as: 'Parental Controls', 'Know where to report something' & 'Find the right questions to talk with your child about toxic online content'.

The Kids Online Safety Campaign can be found at:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>

