



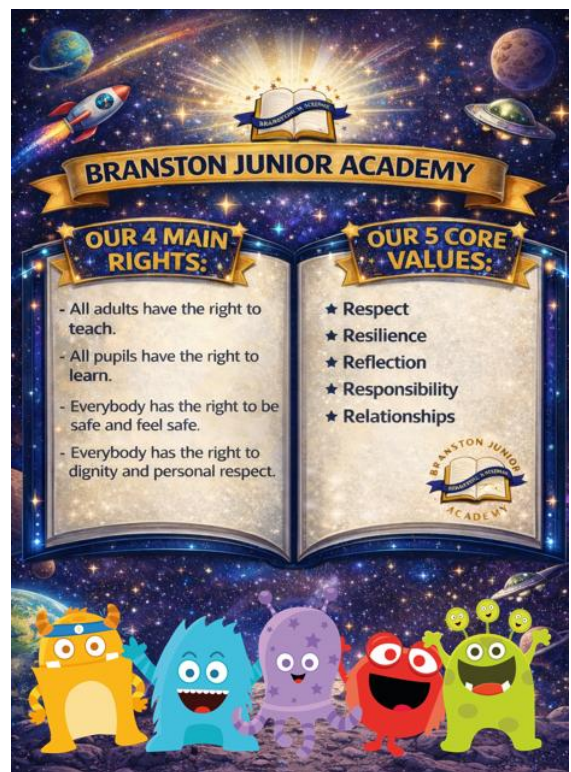
## Branston Bulletin

20.03.26

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

### Our School Week

As you move around Branston Juniors you may see posters around the school which look like this. We all know that our 5Rs of Responsibility, Respect, Relationships, Resilience, Reflection, which underpin everything we do here at BJA are well embedded in our school's culture. In addition to this and to support the smooth running of our school and support the high expectations we have of all members of our school community; we have introduced the children to our '4 Rights'. These are fundamental rights that each person within our community has. The children have taken part in several assemblies to discuss what a 'right' is, what these rights mean and what the actions are that demonstrate these rights in action across lessons, playtimes, lunch and in our community. You may see your child beginning to come home with Merit certificates that show your child has been making great efforts to follow actions that support these rights to happen. ([Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#), [Resilience](#), [Reflection](#))



### October Half Term 2026

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the consult on the future make up of the October half term holiday here at BJA. The response was overwhelmingly positive and therefore a letter was sent out to families earlier this week with the new academic calendar for the academic year 2026-2027 which now includes a two-week October Half Term. Please refer to the letter for details but if any families have any questions, then please do contact school via enquiries.

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

Reminder that parents evening takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. You should now have received your appointment times and we are looking forward to seeing you there! ([Relationships](#))

## Energy Usage

You may recall that over summer 2025 the school underwent some big changes to the fabric of the building. As part of this change new doors were fitted across the school and new walls were built in certain areas. We also removed all lighting in the school and replaced these with LED lights. Apart from being a visual improvement, I am pleased to report that one of the very positive consequences has been that despite a long, dark and damp winter we have seen our energy costs and energy consumption reduce significantly. Not only is this a very positive outcome for the environment it also means we have more finance available to support teaching and learning in the school. Thank you to Mrs Houlden our School Business Manager and our Governors for enabling this to happen. ([Responsibility](#))



## Football match

On Monday the school football team played against St. John's Primary Academy at Bracebridge Heath. Previously we had attended this fixture and come away with a heavy loss. However, due to the fantastic work Mr Gray and the children have been putting in over the winter this time the children showed great progress and determination and came away with a narrow 1-0 loss. The children represented BJA fantastically well and we were proud of their effort and commitment in a tight match. ([Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Resilience](#))



## Non Uniform for Chocolate Raffle

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March our non uniform day took place with children coming in football kits, jazzy outfits or even comfortable clothing for the chocolate raffle. From next week children can begin to buy raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle. Tickets cost 20p each, or £1.00 a strip The chocolate raffle itself will take place nearer the end of this term. ([Relationships](#))

## Plant Sale

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March there will be a plant sale after school led by our Gardening Club.



**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**

## Attendance

In analysing our attendance, I have noticed an upward trend in the overall school attendance. Thank you very much for supporting your child to come to school and build resilience to life's smaller ailments. Below is a handy NHS chart and QR code to support you with your decision making regarding attendance. ([Responsibility, Respect, Resilience](#))



# Should I keep my child off school?



Yes	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Barry Thornton  
Headteacher

### Diary dates 2025-2026:



- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – WOW Day (Dinosaur Day)
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Plant Sale (Front Playground at 3.30pm)
- **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*

### 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'

#### **How to support your child's online wellbeing - Podcasts from Lincs. Mental Health Support Team**

For this week's tip, a shout-out to Lincolnshire's Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who have produced a series of podcasts to promote positive mental health for children and young people. These are available on several platforms including Spotify and Google Podcasts. The #MHSTpodcast includes useful hints, tips and activities.

In podcast #10, the team are joined by special guest Dan to consider how best to **support your child's online wellbeing**. They cover topics such as technology's impact on our wellbeing; popular social media apps; AI and provide parents with some top tips for support their child's online wellbeing.

The home page for all the podcasts can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/pjld4w3t>

