



## Branston Bulletin

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

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### **Our Week**

Welcome back to the Summer Term here at BJA. The sunshine has been ordered and we are looking forward to what is always a busy and exciting term in school.

Our week started with an assembly welcoming child back to school but also introducing the children to our new concentration kits which are now in every classroom. Concentrating is a hard skill, but we all have ways to support our focus. For some of us we might like some music for others it might be fiddling with a pen as we listen. There are many ways children concentrate and stay focused too. For some children it is a skill that comes easily to them whilst others are finding their way. Our concentration kits are a box within each classroom where the children, with the agreement of the teacher, can take out an item to help them focus, concentrate or regulate. These items will support children in their wellbeing, resilience and maintain strong focus in class. ([Resilience](#), [Reflection](#), [Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#))

### **100% Attendance**



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**Attendance Certificate**

This week our awards went out to children who had 100% attendance in Term 4. 33 children achieved this over last term and we celebrated their commitment and resilience in order to come to school. We of course know that illness happens and that is why our 100% attendance award resets at the start of every term. I'm looking forward to handing out the awards for this term in a few weeks time. Excellent attendance supports best progress in school. ([Resilience](#), [Responsibility](#), [Respect](#))

### **Clubs**

We know how many of the children love the clubs that we run for the children here at BJA. These will re-start next week. Please check the finish times of the clubs so that you are able to collect your children promptly.

## **Cricket Day – 18<sup>th</sup> May**

We are thrilled to announce that we have secured the services of top coaches from Lincolnshire County Cricket for the day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. All children will have the opportunity to play and experience cricket.



We are all looking forward to this and look out for more details about this in future bulletins.

(Respect, Relationships)

## **School Website**



Just a reminder that BJA has a fantastic website where you find all the latest information such as term dates and previous bulletins but also has class page links where you can see what the children will be learning about. This is in addition to our termly overviews which come out to you for your interest each term. Find the BJA website here [Home - Branston Junior School](#)

## **Learning is not just for children!**

As a school, we are constantly looking at ways we can evolve to better the offer we can provide to your children. This week we welcomed the MathsHub to BJA. Experts in the teaching of Maths joined with teachers from across Lincolnshire to discuss best practice and see some of this in action in our school.

(Reflection, Responsibility, Relationships)

## **Our Pupil Voice**

What have been the highlights for our children this week?

**Y3 Logan** – ‘I really enjoyed my Art work.’

**Y4 Annie** – ‘I have enjoyed Maths this week. We were taking away and adding fractions.’

**Y5 Brooke** – ‘I have really enjoyed starting athletics and doing running.’

Looks like the return of the sunshine has helped our children to really enjoy their learning in PE.

## **Car Parking at drop off and pick up**

We have noticed a number of cars are continuing to use the drive for parking both in the morning and at pick up time. This is particularly dangerous around the top of the school drive with children and families walking by. Please can I remind everyone not to use the end of the school drive for parking, turning or dropping off. We all want children to be able to move around the school in the safest environment possible. Thank you for your help with this.

Barry Thornton  
Headteacher

### Diary dates 2025-2026:



- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Yr 6 SATs Week (Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>)
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Cricket Day
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Year 2's Visit BJA
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Summer Term 1 Ends
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Summer Term 2 Starts

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' -

#### **Balancing Screen Time - Online Safety Focus for the Summer Term 1**

Dear Families; Welcome back from Easter Break and welcome to the Summer Term.

This week's online safety 'top tip' is our Online Safety focus for this term: **Balancing Screen Time**. How much screentime children feel they 'need' is a perennial conversation (flashpoint?) between themselves and their parents/carers. We know that connected devices support learning, creativity and social connection when used well, but young people do best with a balance of online and offline activities.

2025 Research from Ofcom shows children use screens daily for 3 hours on average whilst professional guidance from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) emphasises the importance of quality, context and routine rather than fixed time limits (Ofcom: <https://tinyurl.com/3e5kzamb>, RCPCH: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/screen-time-online-harms-resources-members> )

**Simple, practical steps help families find balance:** agree a family screen plan with clear screen-free zones and bedtime habits, co-view and talk about online content, encourage active play and hobbies, and use parental controls where helpful.

Peterborough City Council have a fabulous and up-to-date webpage with plenty of advice and resources to help support you in finding that balance (even if your child feels that they've not got enough time in front of their screen!):

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfffze2>



As always, I'm more than happy for parents & carers to make an appointment to see me for any further advice, guidance, or just a chat about any of my weekly Online Safety Top Tips.

Take care, Mr. Pyburn

