



Branston Bulletin

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

Our Week

Our week began with an assembly looking at [Resilience](#).

Over the next few weeks there are going to be even more opportunities where we might have to show some resilience. From SATs to the results of Sports Day and other sporting achievements we talked about how we may come across situations that are tricky or we might end up with sporting results not going the way we hoped. We spoke about what this feels like inside, and how we can best manage our emotions. Children are learning to improve academically but we also need to support our children to recognise emotions, how this makes them feel, and then how best to deal with this emotion. This will support children with their mental health and wellbeing. ([Resilience](#), [Reflection](#), [Responsibility](#), [Respect](#), [Relationships](#))

Swimming Gala Y3/4

On Thursday Y3/4 children attended a swimming gala at Branston Community Academy. We were super proud of how they performed using a range of strokes and for many this was their first gala. Our children competed very well and represented BJA fantastically! Well done to everyone who took part!



Netball

On Monday our BJA children took part in their latest Netball fixture against Washingborough Academy. The children played and competed very well. I'm pleased to report that BJA won both fixtures 6-4 and 7-0!



Our Pupil Voice

What have been the highlights for our children this week?

Tommy Y3 – 'I have enjoyed spelling this week and using the new board.'

Griffin Y4 – 'I liked learning about Nouns and Verbs this week because the activity we did was fun.'

Holly Y6 – 'I really liked the way Maths has challenged me this week. We were completing reasoning and arithmetic'

Finnian Y6 – 'I liked using the tablets to show my Active spelling learning.'

It looks like Spelling has been enjoyable and fun across the school this week!

Football for 26-27

We are super thankful to Mr Gray who dedicates his time to run our school football team. It is so much fun that we would love to extend our offer to more children. However, in order to do this we are on the look out for anyone who might be willing to volunteer some time to support Mr Gray in taking the children's football club. If you or someone you know might be interested in this then do let school know at enquiries@branstoncommunityacademy.co.uk and we can arrange a chat about what we are looking for.

SATs

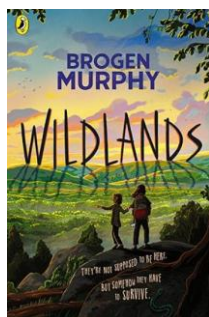
Our Y6 children have been working hard to be ready demonstrate the fantastic learning they have undertaken across the junior age range showing resilience as they consolidate key knowledge. Families can support children simply at home by ensuring a consistent bedtime so pupils get enough sleep, keeping mornings relaxed and punctual, providing breakfast and avoiding discussion about results or pressure — instead praising effort and fantastic progress made. Please reassure your child that BJA values their wellbeing above scores so they can do their best without worry.

May Bank Holiday

This week the children have worked so hard I've decided to give them a day off on Monday!! Joking aside please remember that next week we start back on Tuesday 5th May.

Mr Thornton's Book Corner

This book challenges children to think about what the future might look like in a gripping way!



Twenty-five years into the future, no humans are allowed in the Wildlands – a vast area in Britain where wolves, lynx and bison roam free. The only exception is a high-speed train line between London and Glasgow that crosses right through the heart of the project. Thirteen-year-old Astrid and her little sister, Indie, are onboard when their train slows to a brief, unexpected stop ... and they find themselves accidentally left behind. Stranded in this place of astonishing natural wonders and terrible dangers, they have only a rucksack, a phone without signal – and each other. As every wrong turn takes them deeper into the Wildlands, do they have the ingenuity and determination to survive?

Car

Parking at drop off and pick up

Last week I sent a message out to ask families not to park or drop off at the end of our drive. Unfortunately, some families have carried on and this has led to an incident involving another road user. Can I please ask you to not use the top of the drive way for parking and dropping off purposes. The safety of all of our community is my paramount concern. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe.

Barry Thornton
Headteacher

Diary dates 2025-2026:



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

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' -

✦ Online Safety Webinar for Primary Aged Parents ✦

Dear Families

I've received an email from the excellent Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership about an online safety webinar that they'll be hosting on Teams to help families learn about apps, games, social media and online risks – plus practical ways to keep our children safe.

- ✓ Understand what your child experiences online
- ✓ Use parental controls effectively
- ✓ Navigate age-appropriate apps, games, and social media
- ✓ Ask your burning questions about online trends and risks

📅 Wed 20 May | ⌚ 18:00–19:30

💻 Microsoft Teams

✦ Feel confident keeping your child safe while they explore the online world. ✦

👉 Register via the link below. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2160048>

<https://tinyurl.com/4xwx7cuz>

