



Branston Bulletin

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

Our week in school

This week has been a very busy week in school. In our last week in school before the half term break BJA has been a hive of activity.



Cricket Day

On Monday, and in typical cricketing weather of sunshine and downpours, the whole school was excited to take part in Cricket Day. We were joined by Sascha who inspired children who were not familiar with the game of cricket to engage with a new sport and the children had lots of fun. We now have cricket being played outside at lunchtimes! For children who had experienced cricket before, Sascha was able to support them to refine their skills and we all learned a lot across the whole day.

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Year 2 visit BJA

On Thursday we welcomed the Y2 children who are coming to BJA in September for their first experience of being at BJA. The children had a fun time seeing friends previously known at Branston Infant school and taking part in exciting learning across the day. They got to experience lunch times and play times and the current BJA children were very kind and helpful to our new pupils. As the first Y2 child left to meet their family they shouted 'I've had the best day ever!'. It just goes to show what a lovely school we have here and how our strong links with BJA support successful transition.

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Reading Cafe

This week saw children attend our Reading Café. They were very excited to share books and take advantage of some refreshments at the same time. Research shows that children enjoying their reading time supports progress in all areas of the curriculum. (Resilience, Reflection, Responsibility, Relationships)

Swimming Gala

On Thursday our Y5/6 children attended the BCA Swimming Gala. They took part in a range of swimming races and competed in Teams. We had some individual winners and our three teams all placed in the top six with one team coming second. Well done to all the children who took part. ([Resilience](#))



Children's University

The children's university graduation takes place this July. If you have not already added any credits to your children's university account, then please do so as these will be added to the overall award. ([Responsibility, Relationships](#))

Knife Crime Workshop



This week is knife crime awareness week across the UK. Worryingly there is an upturn of young people across the country carrying knives. The reasons young people carry knives is varied but largely revolves around perceived self-protection, self-presentation for greater self-esteem and using knives as an item of intimidation. Clearly this is not ok, and we were

proud of our Y5/6 children who took part in our first knife crime workshop and handled this with such maturity. Our thanks also go to the Police Youth Engagement service who led our children through their thinking about this complex issue in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner. ([Responsibility, Respect, Relationships](#))

Half Term and onwards

Next week will be the half-term break. We hope you have a lovely week and enjoy the sunshine. As sunshine is finally starting to make an appearance could I request that, for after the holiday, children do come to school, when needed, with sun cream applied and sun hats provided. Please continue to put names in all children's clothes.

([Relationships](#))



Barry Thornton
Headteacher

Diary dates 2025-2026:



- **Friday 22nd May** – Summer Term 1 Ends
- **Monday 1st June** – Summer Term 2 Starts
- **Thursday 4th June** – RSE Parent Meeting (15:35)
- **Thursday 11th June** – Yr 6 PGL Parent Meeting (15:35)
- **Friday 12th June** – Sports Day (Parents Invited 13:30)
- **Weds 17th – 19th June** – Outdoor Activity/Yr 6 PGL
- **Monday 22nd June** – Magna School Visit
- **Friday 26th June** – Reports out to Parents
- **Thursday 2nd July** – Parents Evening Drop in Session (Information to follow)
- **Tuesday 7th July** – Year 5/6 Performance
- **Thursday 9th July** – Year 5/6 Performance
- **Thursday 16th July** – Year 6 Leavers Event (Information to follow)
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Summer Term 2 Ends
- **Wednesday 2nd September** – Autumn Term 1 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' -

Supporting children at different ages with their use of technology

We all know that as our children grow older, so too does their level of responsibility. This increasing responsibility means that we, as their parents and carers, can grant greater levels of freedom and independence to our children. This is equally true with technology, particularly with mobile phone ownership. **The NSPCC understands that we wouldn't just give a phone to our children without discussing the dangers and levels of responsibility;** they have created an 'age appropriate' guide to help you determine what is right for your child in terms of tech ownership and usage throughout their childhood.

It can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/22nmj5au>

