



## Branston Bulletin

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

### Our week in school

It's hard to believe that we are welcoming the children back to school for the final term of this school year. I hope you managed to enjoy some of the sunshine we had over the half-term break. The children have returned to school with smiles on their faces looking forward to what is a jam-packed final term. Just look at some of the events coming up this term!

- MAGNA School Trip
- Y5/6 End of Year Production
- Online Safety Workshops from Stay Safe
- Booknic with children from BIA
- Y6 Leavers Event and Assembly
- Internal Sports Day
- Sports Day with families
- Changeover Day
- Outdoor Activity Week
- Y6 Residential

### Football

On Wednesday Mr Gray led the BJA football team in matches against Waddington Redwood Primary Academy. In two matches we drew the first 0-0 and the second match BJA won 2-1. The children were proud of their achievements and as a team they have come on such a long way this year. Well done to everyone involved.

(Resilience, Reflection, Respect, Relationships)



### Internal Sports Day

Our internal sports day is taking place at the time this newsletter was being written. The children have been working hard practicing some of their sporting events to gain team points for their houses. We will update you soon with how the day has gone! These results will feed into the outcome of Sports Day itself.

(Resilience, Responsibility, Respect, Relationships)

### Sports Day

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families of BJA children to our Sports Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. Please wait outside the main reception where we will let you in to the school grounds. Please feel free to bring a blanket or chair to sit on as we enjoy watching our children take part in a wide variety of events. As always, we will be keeping a keen eye on the weather and if the unfortunate decision was needed to be made to cancel, we will let you know on the morning of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. We would also confirm the date and time of our final reserve Sports Day. However, we look forward in hope that the sunshine will come and we can enjoy this event together.

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## 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)

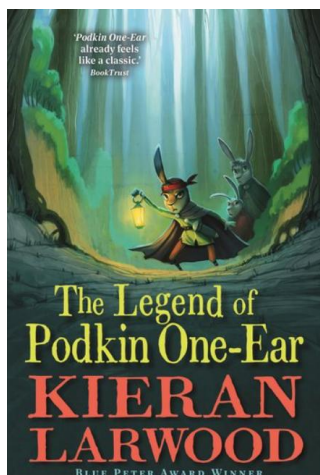
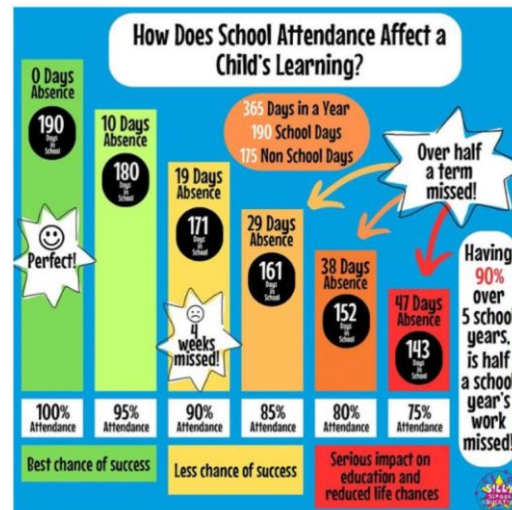


## Attendance

We are coming up to the time of year where families may decide to take holidays. Government guidance means that we cannot authorise any holidays taken in term time. However, we do want to hear genuine reasons for absence as this helps us to relay families thoughts and feelings.

## Mr Thornton's Book Corner

Today's offering is a fantastic adventure story which is a recently released book that combines flavours of 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'Watership Down'. A fantastic read.



*Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee.*

*The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.*

## Weather

We continue to live in hope that some settled summer weather arrives. Please remember to administer sun cream to your children on sunny days and if children can bring a hat with them to school this will be very helpful as we like to make the most of our grounds whilst we can.

(Relationships)



Barry Thornton  
Headteacher

### Diary dates 2025-2026:

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

#### Upcoming Free Parent Webinar

Dear Families,

I've been asked by the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership to share the following information with you about this upcoming free parent webinar suitable for families with Year 6 children, or with older (teenage) children at home:

#### **Free 'Navigating Teen Relationships' Webinar for Parents**

Lincolnshire County Council DA Stay Safe Officer is hosting a free Microsoft Teams session to help parents support their teens with relationships.

Learn about:

- Signs of unhealthy relationships
- Coercive control & love bombing
- Red flags and where to get support
- **Monday 29th June | 6:30–7:30pm**
- Book your place:



Although this isn't strictly 'just' an online safety aspect, we know that connected devices form an integral part of how (many) young people conduct their relationships. As a parent & teacher, I felt that it may be of interest to parents of children who are fast approaching their teenage years.

Mr. Pyburn