



This week's events...

Another fantastic week at Branston Juniors, with a dress rehearsal of the Year 3/4 production performed to the Year 5 and 6 children, plus the Year 2 children from Branston Infant Academy. We then had four fantastic performances to parents – two in the afternoon and two in the evening of Tuesday and Thursday.

A letter also went out this week to all parents, from the Chair of Governors, to announce that the new headteacher will be Mr Barry Thornton. He is very excited to be undertaking the role and will be visiting BJA each week during the Spring Term 1, to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. He also came to the last Y3/4 performance on the Thursday evening, which was lovely. I did forget to mention (at the Thursday evening performance) that the reason we hadn't used the new microphone system in the Y3/4 production was because we had discovered a glitch whereby when backing music was used, the microphones cut out. We have got the wonderful 'microphone people' coming back to BJA to let us know if there is a button we should press etc!

Also had a lovely donation this week, from the Thompson family, of two cricket sets for use at break times – thank you! Most appreciated.



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.

This page:

<https://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk/local%20events.asp> has information on a whole range of local events.

Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Christmas Party** – Monday 16th December (afternoon). **A letter has already been sent out to parents.**
- **Autumn Term ends** – Thursday 19th December (**Toy Day** – see letter already sent out to parents).
- **Spring Term starts** – Monday 6th January 2025
- **Year 6 Parents Info session on SATS** – Thursday 23rd January 2025, straight after school.
- **Bingo! Fundraising event (pupils only)** – Thursday 13th February 2025. 3.30-5pm. *More information will be sent out nearer to the time.*
- **End of Spring Term 1** – Friday 14th February 2025
- **Start of Spring Term 2** – Monday 24th February 2025

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - Branston Junior](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) ([branstonjunioracademy.co.uk](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk)) to find dates of all events.

Other items to note:

Mr Pyburn's E-Safety tips! - Talking to your children about their online life

We all know how important and essential it is to talk to our children about their online life; it's highly unlikely that we gave our children a mobile phone, or games console without first having had some sort of chat with our child(ren) about keeping safe online.

Internetmatters.org has a great set of resources for taking those conversations further whilst keeping them age-appropriate, including a great 'conversation starter tips' sheet that can be downloaded: <https://tinyurl.com/54ypwu2s>

