



This week's events...

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday!

Just before the half term holidays we had a demonstration of a fantastic microphone system which we want to buy so the children can use it during their performances. The company which came were linked to a parent of one of our pupils, so a huge thankyou to them for answering my plea for help. All monies raised this academic year, from events such as this week's film night and our forthcoming Christmas Fair, will be used to purchase the microphone system. We hope that our current Year 3 and Year 4 children will be the first ones to use it, in their productions on 10th and 12th December 2024.



Whilst the school was shut, there were various repairs and maintenance tasks carried out. We also had a pergola built near to our back playground, courtesy of a parent who nominated us to their place of work – Cargill. A huge huge thankyou to them, as the pergola looks fantastic and I am sure will be used by children, staff and parents for many years to come.

This term has started with lots of exciting learning activities, a hugely successful film night and some of Year 5 children went on a superb sports tournament. Our House Captains started selling poppies and poppy-related items – they will be selling them every morning up to, and including 11th November.

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:

- **Book Fair at BJA** - Tuesday 19th to Saturday 23rd November.
- **BJA Christmas Fair** – Saturday 23rd November. 10am – 2pm.
- **Parents Evening** – Thursday 28th November.
- **'The Deep' School Visit** – Thursday 5th December
- **Carol Service at All Saints Church (2pm start)** – Friday 6th December (parents invited to attend *PLUS, any help from adults to help us walk to/from the church, gratefully appreciated*)
- **Year 3/4 Production** – Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December. Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
- **Christmas Party** – Monday 16th December (afternoon)
- **Autumn Term ends** – Thursday 19th December
- **Spring Term starts** – Monday 6th January 2025

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior](#) (branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find dates of all events.

Other items to note:

The Film Night this week raised a whopping £284.70!! That is a superb start to raising money for the microphone system that we want to buy.

Mr Pyburn's E-Safety tips!

If group chats were real?

Welcome back; I hope you all had a safe Half Term break. In this week's tech tip, Dan from Lincolnshire's 'Stay Safe Partnership' explores whether we'd talk to other people on group chats in the same way if we were sat right next to them?

A video worth watching with your child, especially if your child is a little older and participating in gaming group chats.

<https://tinyurl.com/526y44zu>

