



## This week's events...

Welcome / welcome back to Branston Junior Academy (BJA). I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and the weather was kind to you wherever you were.

We have all come back raring to go for another exciting academic year at BJA! The term started for staff, with First Aid training on Monday and internal training and preparation on the Tuesday. However, it was lovely to have the school full of children on the Wednesday.

Classes have been getting to know the routines for their class and we've also held our usual start-of-year Fire Evacuation practice. The Year 6 children with 'positions of responsibility' have started their jobs off with great enthusiasm – setting out chairs for assemblies, organising the hall laptop for assemblies, looking after PE equipment and break-time equipment etc. So all in all, it's been a busy, but lovely start to the 24/25 academic year.

## 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.

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

## Diary dates 2024-2025:

- **Individual photos** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September
- **Cairn Ceremony** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. *All new children asked to decorate a rock/stone to put on our Cairn. More info will follow nearer to time.*
- **Parent Info session "Helping your child with their learning"** – 3.40-5pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- **Year 3 Parent drop-in to see how settled etc** - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm
- **Harvest Festival at All Saints Church (2pm start)** - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (parents invited to attend **PLUS, any help from adults to help us walk to/from the church, gratefully appreciated – info to follow**)
- **Autumn Term 1 ends** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Children start back after half term holiday** – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Please do look on our website and scroll down to the 'Forthcoming Dates' section [Diary - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk) to find

## Other items to note:

### Teaching Assistant position available

A position has become available at BJA, for a Teaching Assistant (20 hours per week). All information can be found on our website: [Job Vacancies - BranstonJunior \(branstonjunioracademy.co.uk\)](http://www.branstonjunioracademy.co.uk)

If you know anyone who would be interested, feel free to point them in the right direction! 😊 We will be happy to answer any questions from interested candidates. Closing date 12noon 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### Could you, or someone you know, possibly help us?

Every academic year we like to have something in mind which we fundraise for – using, for example, all the money we raise from our popular Christmas Fair. This year we would like to fundraise for some sort of microphone system which the children could use when they perform their Christmas productions (Year 3/4) and end of year productions (Year 5 /6) and, if it is a system which can easily be transported, perhaps when the children lead sessions at the church etc. However, I know nothing about 'microphone systems' and whether they would integrate easily with the current technology we have in the school hall.

Do YOU, or someone you know, have any experience in such matters and could potentially advise us on which systems to look for / avoid etc? It would be extremely useful to have the above guidance, so we can then choose and price-up a system, to then know how much money we would need to raise etc.

If you can help in any way, please contact us at school.