

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## We are a Caring, Celebratory, Courageous, Christ-inspired Community, rooted in love.



Dear All,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you all had a wonderful Easter break, with time to relax and unwind. It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back, and I would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to the families who have joined our school community this term.

We now have 231 children on roll at BJS - the highest number for a few years - which is fantastic to see. This is a real reflection of the strength and continued growth of our school community.

Although the weather has been rather chilly at times this week, it has been lovely to see the children making the most of the outdoor spaces and enjoying the fields during breaktimes. A reminder that our first Stay & Play session takes place today after school - families are warmly invited to join us, spend time playing outside with their children, and experience our playtimes at BJS. It's a great opportunity to explore the activities on offer and enjoy a relaxed time together as a community. Further details can be found on Dojo.

### Staffing

As well as welcoming new children and families to BJS, we are also pleased to welcome two new members of staff. We extend a warm welcome to Miss Goldsmith and Miss Riley, who are currently supporting in Years 4 and 5 respectively. It is wonderful to have you with us, and we hope you will enjoy working alongside our fantastic children.

**SENCO update:** We are delighted to share that we have successfully interviewed and appointed a new SENCO this week. Once they are in post, they will introduce themselves to you and are very much looking forward to working with our families here.

### Email Addresses

As part of our recent transition between communication systems, we have identified that some email addresses were unfortunately not carried over during the migration process. This issue was not caused by the school, and we have not been given a clear explanation as to why certain addresses were not transferred. If you are not currently receiving school communications, such as newsletters, please contact the school office so we can update your details and ensure you stay informed.

## School Trips

Learning has certainly been taken beyond the classroom over the past two weeks, with Year 4 enjoying a deliciously memorable visit to Cadbury World and Year 5 experiencing the unique charm of Sulgrave Manor only yesterday. Organising these opportunities requires significant time and dedication from staff for which I am very grateful, and they are carefully planned to enrich the children's learning and deepen their understanding through first-hand experiences.




## Tesco Grants Programme

We are pleased to share that our school's application to the Tesco Grants Programme has been successful! Our project, *the sensory garden*, will now go forward to a public vote in local Tesco stores.

Voting will take place from Tuesday 28th April to the end of July 2026. The project aims to create a sensory garden to support our children's mental health and wellbeing through calming, multisensory experiences.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the community getting involved!

## School Attendance:

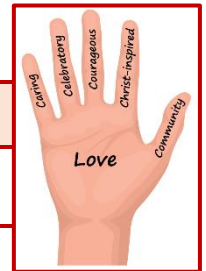
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3M	98.94 %	. . . currently stands at 95.40%. <b>We are just above national expectation.</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">The national expectation is <b>95%</b>.</div>	
3P	89.50 %		
4M	95.49 %		
4WE	94.10 %		
5FG	92.91 %		
5PR	98.72 %		
6S	98.14 %		
6W	94.95 %		

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

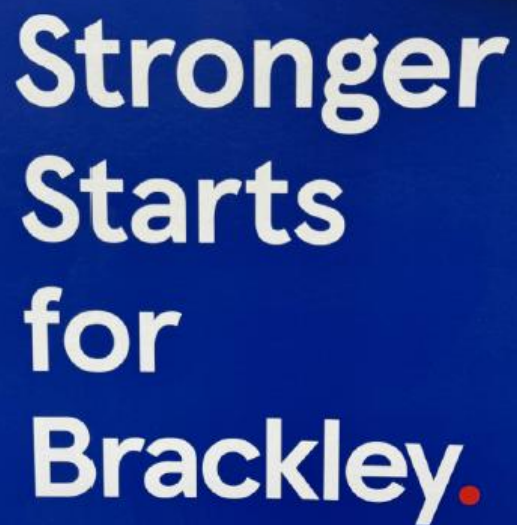
Mrs Akers  
Headteacher

# BJS Values Awards

A mighty well done to . . .



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Year 3	Abel, Oliver, Peter & Rosie	Manan, Lilla, Laura & James
Year 4	School trip	Evelyn, Ruby, Beverly, Quinton, Max H. & Riley
Year 5	Harrison, Lexie, Jessica G. & Kitty	Lenny, Cesca, Jax & Logan
Year 6	Lexi, Freddie S., Evie S. & Edward	Evie L., Rocco, Hope & Harry C.



**Stronger  
Starts  
for  
Brackley.**

# **Brackley Junior School is going to be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts votes!**

In store from Tuesday 28th April 2026 until  
the end of July 2026.

**Look out for us and cast your blue  
token!**

**Creating a sensory garden to enhance our  
children's mental health by offering calming,  
multisensory experiences that support  
wellbeing and growth.**