

Friday 31st January 2025

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Community, rooted in love.**



Dear All,

Staffing News

Today, we have bid a most fond farewell to our wonderful Mrs Helen Timms who is retiring after twelve years of dedicated service to our school community. During Helen's time at BJS, she has worked tirelessly to support the children, families and staff in several roles and was certainly a 'life saver' to myself whilst I was settling into BJS life at the start of the Autumn term. Helen has been an invaluable asset to our school, always willing to go above and beyond; always willing to help anyone in need; always ready to put the school first. We all wish you every happiness in your retirement Helen and look forward to hearing of the progress with your DIY projects and your newfound skills! You will be greatly missed.

We also bid a temporary farewell to Mrs Feiven as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for this wonderful new chapter in Lucy and Oscar's life and wish them all the best as they prepare to welcome their little one and have their lives turned upside down in the most wonderful of ways. We can't wait to hear the happy news and look forward to seeing mother and baby soon.

Home Learning Parent Survey

A huge thank you to those of you who have already responded to this survey. If you still wish to do, it is not too late as the link is still available for the rest of today. The perspective and opinions of parents from all year groups are hugely important and will help inform our future practice. As always, I shall inform you of the outcomes in due course.

Pupil Progress Consultations

Next week, you will receive an email regarding the Spring term meetings. These will continue to be **online** using our SchoolCloud system. We would ask that all parents make an appointment to see their child's class teacher **within the week specified** as these are the weeks that teachers are allocated the time to hold these meetings.

Church – Candlemas

Wednesday 5th February will be our Candlemas Service in church. Once again, it would be wonderful to see you there if you are able to join us. The service begins at 9:30a.m. and will last approximately thirty to forty minutes.

Samantha Dow's Fundraiser for Little Princess Trust

Our very own Lily in Year 6, has decided to get her very first haircut and has decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions such as Alopecia. Incredibly, it costs £700 to make just one wig and Lily would love to be able to raise the money to provide one for a child. The charity is one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK and relies solely on the generosity of supporters. If you feel that you can support Lily in this wonderful fundraising cause, please do click on the link below. Thank you.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/samantha-dow-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL




Reminders:

- As per our uniform policy, black footwear is to be worn to school at all times and not trainers.
- No bikes or scooters are to be ridden on the playground at any time.
- In response to some parents' queries: chocolate/ sweets can be brought in to give out at the end of the school day if you wish on birthdays but **absolutely no lollies**, please.

Thank you.

School Attendance:

| CLASS | SINCE 4 TH SEPT. | WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ... | CONGRATULATIONS TO ... |
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| 3JE | 94.90 % | ... currently stands at 95.41%. We are just above national expectation. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">The national expectation is 95%.</div> |  |
| 3EG | 94.74 % | | |
| 4LF | 95.08 % | | |
| 4AW | 94.61 % | | |
| 5MM | 95.60 % | | |
| 5PR | 94.52 % | | |
| 5BFG | 95.99 % | | |
| 6KW | 95.47 % | | |
| 6LS | 97.05 % | | |

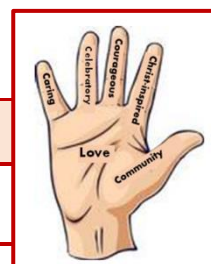
Attached to this newsletter, you will find NHS guidance which you may find useful, as it refers to common illnesses and when children should/ should not return to school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

Our BJS Stars of the Week

A mighty well done to . . .



| Date | 24.01.25 | 31.01.25 |
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| Year 3 | Ozkar, Anna, Harry & Georgina | Teddy, Matilda, Dylan & Riley |
| Year 4 | Zeco, Ryan, Dave & Alice | Magnus, Robyn, Lenny & Daniel |
| Year 5 | Joseph, Mila, Asher, Chloe, Jack & Freddie | Felix, Thomas, Neeve, Lewis, Talia & Harry |
| Year 6 | Noah, Molly, Millie & Reuben | Rowan, Gemma, Sam & Mia |

| UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Date | Event | Where | Time |
| 5 th February | Candlemas Service | St. Peter's Church | 9:30 am |
| 11 th February | Open Classroom Afternoon | School | 2:20 pm – 3:00 pm |
| 14 th February | Last day of term 3 | | 3:10 pm |
| 24 th February | Term 4 begins for children | School | 8:30 am |
| Week beginning 3 rd March | Online Pupil Progress Consultations (not 4LF) | Online | TBC |
| Week beginning 10 th March | Online Pupil Progress Consultations for IEP reviews | Online | TBC |
| 6 th March | World Book Day | School | All day |
| 26 th March | Open Classroom Afternoon | School | 2:20 pm – 3:00 pm |
| 2 nd April | Easter Service | St. Peter's Church | 9:30 am |
| 4 th April | Last day of term 4 | | 3:10 pm |