

Friday 17th January 2025

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



Dear All,

The new term is very much underway at BJS, with several education professionals being welcomed to the school this week, all in different capacities. On Monday of this week, we welcomed an Education Consultant to the school with whom I worked for the morning. BJS is not a school she had visited before and it's fair to say that we made a very good impression! The SLT regularly carry out learning walks across the school, focusing on different aspects of the School Development Plan and our visitor joined me in doing so on Monday. The first thing she said to me on completion was, "Wow!" She was amazed by the calmness and purposefulness of the school environment. Every classroom, without exception, had children calmly focused on their learning, listening respectfully to teachers and (what I love to see) enjoying themselves in the process. She said she could "feel the calmness" and the behaviour was settled and productive. We also had a visit from our LA School Improvement Partner (which every school has) who also commented on the same qualities. We looked carefully at our current attendance data and systems and, as is the nature with schools, discussed what we can do to keep improving attendance and ensure children have every chance possible to learn. Lastly, but by no means least, we had a Safeguarding Governor visit, monitoring our safeguarding systems, processes and documentation. This showed that we are compliant and have effective systems in place. A most positive way to kick-start our term.

Sports Events – Ms Gough

On Thursday 9th January, a team of 26 Year 3 and Year 4 pupils visited Daventry Leisure Centre to take part in Sports Hall Athletics. This included track and field events such as relays, vertical jumps and speed jumps. They showed great perseverance and tactically planned their events after observing others compete. We were very impressed with how they jumped the incredibly high hurdles without knocking any over! We look forward to children from Year 5 and Year 6 also competing in a couple of weeks.


Reminders:

- Please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Staff are spending time sourcing cups and getting drinks when they should be working with children.
- Only studs are to be worn in ears please.

Thank you.



School Attendance:

CLASS	SINCE 4 TH SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3JE	94.89 %	<p>. . . currently stands at 95.37%.</p> <p>We are perilously close to dropping below national expectation.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The national expectation is 95%.</p> </div>	
3EG	94.76 %		
4LF	95.29 %		
4AW	94.89 %		
5MM	95.60 %		
5PR	94.26 %		
5BFG	96.00 %		
6KW	95.42 %		
6LS	97.07 %		

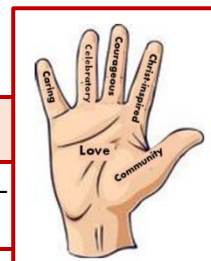
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

Our BJS Stars of the Week

A mighty well done to . . .

Date	10.01.25	17.01.25
Year 3	Alfie, Effie, Roux & Dottie	Beverly, Isabelle, Jeresa & Millie-Mae
Year 4	Callum, Martha, Jack & Chloe	Sophie, Isla, Cesca & Fraser
Year 5	Lexi, Phoebe, Nuria, Leo, Myla & Evie	Scania, Jace, Lily, Caleb, Harry & Rocco
Year 6	Noah, Lily, Logan & Leila	Annabel, Joseph, Ellie & Ethan



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
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