

Friday 5th September 2025

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



Dear All,

Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope you enjoyed a restful summer and are feeling refreshed for the productive year ahead.

A very warm welcome must be extended to our new Year 3 children as they begin their journey in the juniors, and to the children and families joining us in Years 4 and 5. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you and work with you over the coming months.

We are also pleased to welcome new members of staff to BJS:

- **Miss Willow Pothecary**, teaching in Year 3
- **Miss Hayley Bodily**, supporting in Year 3
- **Miss Amber Mitchell**, supporting in Year 6

We hope they will soon feel at home and enjoy being part of our committed team.

The start of a new term always brings a wonderful sense of excitement, and we are looking forward to a year filled with learning, fun, challenge, and success.

A quick reminder for parents:

- Each morning, you are welcome to pass on messages at your child's cloakroom door. An adult will ensure these are shared with the class teacher.
- For urgent matters, please contact the school office by email.
- To email your child's teacher, please send your message via the school office. Teachers aim to respond within two school days.

You will also find attached our **Communication Pathway**, which outlines how best to raise any matters you would like to discuss in school.

Safeguarding – children walking to and from school

To keep children safe on the way to and from school we expect all children in Year 3 and 4 to be accompanied to and from school by a responsible adult who will wait and supervise their child/children until the gates are opened. At home time, children in Year 3 and 4 will be handed over to their parent or designated adult on the playground. Year 5 and 6 children are allowed more independence and may walk home from school once we receive written parental permission.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

I would like to remind those of you who were with us last year and inform those of you who are new to BJS, of our Senior Leadership Team as of this academic year. This has been significantly restructured to further strengthen the support we offer all our pupils. As part of this, the two new roles of **Pupil Premium Lead** and **Data & Assessment Lead** have been introduced.

The **Pupil Premium Lead** will focus on ensuring every child in receipt of pupil premium, receives the support they need to thrive, particularly those who may face barriers to learning. Meanwhile, the **Data & Assessment Lead** will help us better understand how our children are progressing, so we can tailor our teaching and support to meet their individual needs.

These changes are designed to help **every** child feel supported, make great progress, and continue our drive to help all children reach their full potential. We are excited about the positive impact this will have across our school community.

I would also like to inform you that Mrs Dwyer, our Pastoral & Family Support Manager, is now the **Designated Safeguarding Lead for BJS**. This was always the intention for our newly appointed Pastoral & Family Support Manager to become our DSL, as the roles are intrinsically linked.

The SLT for September 2025 onwards will therefore consist of:

STAFF MEMBER	STRATEGIC ROLE
Mrs Akers	Headteacher
Mrs Eaton	Deputy Headteacher Curriculum, Teaching & Learning Lead
Mrs Kerry Dwyer	Designated Safeguarding Lead Pastoral & Family Support Manager
Mrs Broadaway	SENCO
Mr Faulkner-Gant	Pupil Premium Lead
Mrs Sheppard	Data & Assessment Lead
Mrs Nyali	Bursar

School Office Hours

The school office is open 8:15am to 4:15pm Monday to Friday. Communication with the office between 12pm and 1pm may not be as prompt as other times during the day as this is obviously lunchtime and staff are supervising the children.

Home School Agreements

Thank you to those of you who have already returned these. If you have not yet done so, please return it to school next week.



S4A

Below is a reminder of the link to use, if you wish to book your child into after school provision. No child can be accepted into after school club provision unless you have booked them in first.

<https://bit.ly/S4AatBrackleyJuniors>

Polite reminders:

- Bikes or scooters are not to be ridden on the playground at any time.
- Morning break snacks may be any of the following: fruit, vegetables, cereal bar (nut free), breadsticks or cheese.
- All children need a named water bottle with them in school each day.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

BJS Values Awards

A mighty well done to . . .

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Year 3	All of 3M and 3P!
Year 4	Charlie, Esa, Tyson & Rory
Year 5	Lily W., Zoe R., Daniel, Kitty & Christopher
Year 6	Myla, Leo, Freddie S., Evie J., Damien & Asher



 UPCOMING DATES FOR THIS TERM 			
Date	Event	Where	Time
8 th October	Harvest Service (Please note the date has changed from the previous newsletter.)	St. Peter's Church	09:30am
23 rd October	Last day of term 1		3:10pm
24 th October	INSET DAY – Staff only		

3 rd November	Start of term 2	School	08:30am
3 rd Nov. – 7 th Nov.	Pupil Progress Consultation Week	SchoolCloud – online	TBC
10 th Nov. – 14 th Nov.	Autumn IEP Reviews	SchoolCloud – online	TBC
19 th November	Open Classroom Morning	School – classrooms	08:30 – 09:15
17 th December	Christmas Service	St. Peter's Church	09:30am