

Friday 18th July 2025

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



Dear All,

Well, here we are. Another academic year is at an end, and what an eventful journey it has been – as is so often the case for school life! As we reflect on the months gone by, we feel incredibly proud of all our pupils for their hard work, growth, achievements and resilience. From exciting classroom projects and school trips to enhance learning, cluster sports events and wonderful year group performances, it has been a year full of learning, laughter and lasting memories.

Our Year 6 Leavers

As we prepare to say goodbye for the summer, we must take a special moment to talk about our departing Year 6 children, who are now ready to take their next big step into secondary school. This group has been a vibrant mix of lively personalities. Whether supporting younger pupils, representing the school in sports and events, or simply being thoughtful friends, they have made a lasting impact on our school community. We are so proud of everything they have achieved, and whilst they will be missed, we know they are ready for the exciting challenges ahead. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin this new chapter.


As well as saying goodbye to our Year 6 children, we also say a fond farewell to Miss Joels today, one of our committed Teaching Assistants who has been a fantastic member of the team, always willing to be flexible and go above and beyond what is required. Josie is leaving us to begin her teacher training and we all wish her every happiness and success as she does so.

As my first year as headteacher here ends, I consider myself to be incredibly fortunate to have arrived at such a warm, welcoming, and inspiring school community. From the moment I stepped through the doors, I was struck by the dedication of our talented and caring BJS staff, the support of our governors, and the sincere willingness from everyone to want to develop a more community feel to the school for our wonderful children, as well as working much more closely in partnership with you. I honestly cannot recall how many visitors to BJS – both professionals and parents – have commented on the calm and engaging learning environment this year. It has been a privilege to work alongside such committed staff, all focused on giving our children the very best opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you all for making this first year such a positive and rewarding experience for myself and for ‘delivering’ day in and day out.

Looking back on the year, there is much to celebrate. We have made significant strides in strengthening the school in ways that will have a lasting impact. This includes enhancing our pastoral support by appointing our very own Pastoral and Family Support Manager; bringing back a full calendar of sporting events for the children and restructuring our Senior Leadership Team to be better able to support and enhance teaching and learning. We have established a robust, high-quality phonics programme, improved our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) results, and developed clearer systems for reporting both academic and pastoral progress to parents. Parental feedback has played a key role this year, informing decisions taken within

school. Together with the Ethos Committee, we have also revised our school mission statement and streamlined our values to reflect our shared vision more clearly; more about this will follow in the autumn term. Above all, we have worked hard to improve the openness of the school, ensuring that parents and carers feel more connected and involved in the life of our school community – we very much hope that this is the case.

School Attendance:

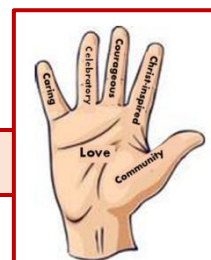
CLASS	SINCE 4 TH SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3JE	94.81 %	<p>. . . currently stands at 95.11%.</p> <p>We are just above national expectation.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The national expectation is 95%.</p> </div>	
3EG	93.86 %		
4LF	93.13 %		
4AW	93.60 %		
5MM	95.59 %		
5PR	94.31 %		
5BFG	95.17 %		
6KW	96.05 %		
6LS	97.03 %		

We wish you all a wonderful summer break – stay safe and we look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:30am.

Mrs Akers
Headteacher

BJS Values Awards

A mighty well done to . . .



	11.07.25	18.07.25
Year 3	Rory, Alfie, Mia & Ruben	Jeresa, Remi, Eva & Isabelle
Year 4	Jack, Alessia, Stanley & Amelia	Martha, Alice, Joshua & Ethaniel
Year 5	Harry, Phoebe, Caleb, Mason, Nuria & Emily	Lois, Eleanor, Daisy, Juan, Anastasia & Ruby
Year 6	Bella, Demi, Liam & Alice	Gemma, Milania, Percy & Will



UPCOMING DATES FOR NEXT TERM



Date	Event	Where	Time
18 th July	Last day of the academic year		3:10pm
1 st September	INSET DAY – Staff only		
2 nd September	INSET DAY – Staff only		
3 rd September	Start of academic year	School	8:30am
15 th October	Harvest Service	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