

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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



Dear All,

There is really only one way to begin this newsletter . . . **Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fayre such a tremendous success. To all who came along, to the staff who stayed to support, to Mr Dunn for his help with setting up, and to our fantastic Year 6 helpers who ran the stalls with such enthusiasm – we are truly grateful. We also extend our thanks for the generous donations from families, which helped make the stalls possible, as well as the wonderful hamper donated by the riding club.

A special mention must, of course, go to Charlotte and the team – our incredible PTFA – for their commitment, organisation and hard work in bringing together such a splendid event. Thank you, ladies and gent, for your brilliant and ongoing support.

And last, but by no means least, thank you to our brilliant BJS choir, whose wonderful singing set the festive tone beautifully from the very start. Not even the wind and light rain could dampen the spirit!

We are delighted to share that the event raised a fantastic **£1,891**, which will, of course, be put to excellent use to benefit our children. An incredible community effort.

**Our lucky hamper prize winners are:**

Red Hamper 1 – Ellie D (Year 5)

Red Hamper 2 – Lewis K (Year 6)

Yellow Hamper – Ivy C (Year 4)

Green Hamper – Sybelle A (Year 3)

Blue Hamper – Freddie N (Year 4)

TESCO Hamper – Kaelen W (Year 4)

Guess the name of the teddy - 'Twinkle' won by Rory F (Year 4)

Guess the number of sweets in the jar - 205 - won by Maya (Year 3)



**Sports News – Miss Gough**

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December, a group of Year 3 pupils attended the cluster gymnastics event at Brackley Leisure Centre. They children were coached by our very own Year 6 Sports Leader, Evie, on different skills such as handstands, forward rolls and the splits. She encouraged the team to have confidence when removing the mats that initially helped them to balance and cheered them on as they increased the height they jumped from. A huge well done to all who participated.

**Illnesses**

We have experienced a noticeably high number of absences among both children and staff this week. While school attendance is always a top priority, we understand that illnesses do occur, and some children have

understandably needed to stay home. The most commonly reported symptoms include sore throats, chesty coughs, and temperatures above 39°C.

### **KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE SANTA FUN RUN**

A reminder about our festive fundraiser for this wonderful cause. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per child. Please make all donations using the link below rather than sending cash into school. Thank you for your support.



[https://www.justgiving.com/page/brackley-junior-school-santa-fun-run?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/brackley-junior-school-santa-fun-run?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### **Christmas Church Service**

As the next newsletter will be on the last day of term, please can I take this opportunity to remind you of our church service on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am**. It will be great to see you there if you are able to join us, however, please be aware that it may well be standing room only for parents and families.

### **School Attendance:**

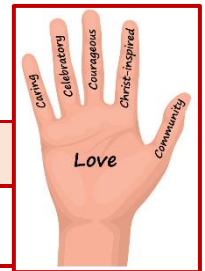
CLASS	SINCE 3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ...	CONGRATULATIONS TO ...
3M	95.80 %	<p>... currently stands at 95.49%.</p> <p><b>We are above national expectation.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The national expectation is <b>95%</b>.</p> </div>	
3P	95.78 %		
4M	94.86 %		
4WE	93.89 %		
5FG	91.83 %		
5PR	97.67 %		
6G	95.44 %		
6S	97.54 %		
6W	96.67 %		

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers  
Headteacher

# BJS Values Awards

A mighty well done to . . .



	28.11.25	05.12.25
Year 3	Chloe, Ivy, Rosie & Winnie	Aimee, Jamie, Perri & James
Year 4	Dylan, Gram, George & Albert	Ozkar, Freddie, Seren & Georgina
Year 5	Cesca, Fraser, Martha & Taylor	Lily W., Chloe, Tre & Magnus
Year 6	Daisy, Evie, Max, Anastasia, Henry & Olivia H.	Isaac, Darcie, Asher, Talia, Eleanor & Harry C.

<b>UPCOMING DATES FOR THIS TERM AND NEXT</b>			
Date	Event	Where	Time
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Fun Run	School	
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service	St. Peter's Church	09:30am
	Christmas Jumper Day	School	
	Christmas Dinner Day	School	12pm – 1pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2		3:10pm
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Start of term 3		8:30am

## Term 2 Christmas Plans

Christmas is obviously an exciting time of year for many and at BJS, we want to ensure that the children have a wonderful build-up to the festive period, whilst managing excitement levels and ensuring that quality learning continues until the end of term 2.



Date & Time	Event/ Details	Cost
15 <sup>th</sup> December	 <p><b>Katharine House Hospice Santa Fun Run</b> Children can come to school wearing their festive running gear and/ or headwear. Children <b>must</b> bring a change of footwear and bag for after the running has taken place as children will need to change their muddy trainers.</p>	Minimum donation of £1 to be made online using the Just Giving link above.
17 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Christmas Church Service</b> 9:30-10:30</li> <li>▪ <b>Christmas jumper/ festive-wear day</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Christmas dinner</b> – all children can book for this. We will have music playing and festive headwear and jumpers can be worn.</li> </ul>	Collection during the service for the church.  School dinners cost £2.65
At some point during the last week of term, to be arranged by class teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every child will make a Christmas decoration.</li> <li>▪ Every class will have a festive afternoon with games and crafts.</li> <li>▪ Every child will have a festive-film afternoon.</li> </ul>	
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term at 3:10pm	