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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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



Dear All,

This term (so far!) has been filled with a wonderful sense of energy and engagement across the school. In recent weeks, we've been delighted to welcome a variety of visitors to BJS, including education professionals and prospective parents. Each has commented on the warm, welcoming nature of our pupils and the impressive focus they show in their learning across every class. Such positive feedback is a true reflection of the caring and nurturing environment that our whole school community works so hard to create.

This week, we had one Collective Worship led by our Pupil Parliament and another from children in 4M. It's always inspiring to see pupils step up to speak confidently in front of a hall full of 224 children - and equally heartening to see how respectful and attentive their audience is throughout.

### **Girls On Track UK Event**

On Tuesday, 10 Year 5 and 6 girls got the opportunity to go to Mercedes-AMG Petronas for the day. This is what they had to say about their experience: 'We had an amazing day full of exciting activities and opportunities! We got to see a real F1 race car up close, built a moving Lego car using an iPad to control it, and even made a video about how George Russell won seven races. To finish off the day, we took part in a fun reflex test that challenged our speed and coordination. It was such a fun and memorable experience for everyone!'



### **Sporting events – Miss Gough**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, nine year 3 and 4 pupils attended a tag rugby tournament at Brackley Rugby Club. Most of the team had participated in a coaching session with Mr Ruff from the club earlier in the week, so were confident on the pitch. They demonstrated persistence in chasing down their opponents, not giving up even when they had a lead. Huge respect was shown when returning tags and congratulating the opposition on tries. In total the team scored 19 tries, with their teamwork shining through.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> a team of nine year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a carousel of activities to practise throwing, dribbling and dodging skills at the TRC for the Invasion Values Festival. They were respectful listening to the rules from sports leaders and learnt new games to replicate on the playground. Thank you for all the parents in support and attendance so this was possible.

*"Life in all its fullness"*

## Autumn Pupil Progress Meetings

Bookings for the Autumn Term Pupil Progress Meetings are now live. We encourage all parents and carers to schedule an online meeting with their child's class teacher to stay informed about their child's academic progress and social development in class. Please ensure that you book an appointment **within the allocated week**, as teachers have ongoing commitments and may not be available after school outside this period.



### Harvest Donations

**THANK YOU!** Once again, your collective generosity has enabled us to fill our shopping trolley with a wonderful selection of food items that will now be making their way to the Brackley Foodbank and go towards helping many families.



### School Attendance:

CLASS	SINCE 3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3M	94.98 %	<p>. . . currently stands at 96.14%.</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	96.10 %		
4M	95.42 %		
4WE	96.60 %		
5FG	92.29 %		
5PR	98.17 %		
6G	96.21 %		
6S	98.14 %		
6W	96.74 %		

Please do remember that the last day of term 1 for the children is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. You will receive information next week regarding the collection of your child following Hollywood & Hotdogs, if you have chosen for them to attend.

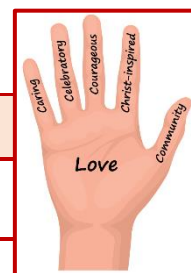
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – and school break, when it comes.



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# BJS Values Awards

A mighty well done to . . .

	10.10.25	17.10.25
Year 3	Ayla, Jan, Thomas H., & Deci	Walter, Elsie, Karina & Mylo
Year 4	Bella, Max H., Joe & Millie-Mae	Anna, Effie, David & Natalie
Year 5	Josh, Skyla, Isla & Jessica G.	Jax, Molly, Lenny & Freya
Year 6	Edward, Ella, Olivia H., Neeve, Georgina & Rocco	Leo, Lottie, Chloe, Mila, Lexi & Felix



 <b>UPCOMING DATES FOR NEXT TERM</b> 			
Date	Event	Where	Time
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	KT'S Photography for Individual & Sibling Photos	School hall	All day
	Last day of term 1		3:10pm
	Hollywood & Hotdogs	Classrooms & School hall	3:30pm – 5:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET DAY</b> – Staff only		
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Start of term 2	School	08:30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. – 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Pupil Progress Consultation Week	SchoolCloud – online	TBC
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Autumn IEP Reviews	SchoolCloud – online	TBC
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Open session for Y2 WIS Parents	School	10:50-12pm
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Mufti Day (a bottle of something)		
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Classroom Morning	School – classrooms	08:30 – 09:15
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Mufti Day (sweets or chocolate)	School	
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre	School	3:30pm-5:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service	St. Peter's Church	09:30am

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19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2		3:10pm
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Start of term 3		8:30am