

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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



Dear All,

A very warm welcome back to Term 6! I hope you all had the chance to enjoy a restful and refreshing break over the half-term holiday. Whether you spent time with family and friends, travelled, or simply enjoyed a quieter pace for a few days, I hope it helped you recharge your batteries. It's hard to believe, but we are now entering the final stretch of the academic year — just six weeks remain. As always, this last term promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with learning, celebration, and reflection.

**Partnership Cross Country Event**

During the last week of term, BJS played host to eight schools in our annual event. It was a wonderful occasion thanks to the incredible organisation and planning on Ms Gough's part (which took some considerable time) and the children's enthusiasm and support for each other. Sincere thanks must also go to the MCS students who supported the children in so many ways: as pacesetters, cheerleaders and role-models. It was so wonderful to see them take it upon themselves to decide to run alongside a child who needed a boost whilst running and run with them until the end. **Caring, Celebratory** and **Community** all in action – wonderful!

In terms of overall results, Bracken Leas were 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by Radstone in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Helmdon in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There were some incredible standout performances from the BJS children however . . .

**Albert** came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all the Year 3 boys.

**Connie** came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all the Year 2 girls.

**Arthur** came 10<sup>th</sup> out of all the Year 4 boys.

**Amelia** came 8<sup>th</sup> out of all the Year 4 girls.

**Sam** came 5<sup>th</sup> out of all the Year 5 boys.

**Chloe M.** and **Darcie** came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively out of all the Year 5 girls.

**Remy, Adam** and **Asher** came 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively out of all the Year 6 boys.

**Annabel** and **Ellie** came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively out of all the Year 6 girls.

**Staffing updates**

There are quite a few! So here goes . . .

Today, we say a fond farewell to our wonderful Miss Isabella Arnold. Thank you, Isabella, for your kindness, care, and unwavering support this academic year. You've made a lasting impact on the children by always putting them first, and your presence, calmness and compassion will be deeply missed by both the children and us. We wish you all the very best in your new professional chapter!


As one chapter ends at BJS for a member of staff, another one begins for someone else! I am delighted to inform you that BJS now has its very own, full time **Pastoral & Family Support Manager**, Mrs Kerry Dwyer. Kerry began her chapter at BJS on Monday of this week and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise which will benefit so many children and families at our school. She has already been busy getting to know and working with individual children this week and also touched base with some families. This provision, which I have been desperate to bring to BJS since starting in September, will be developed by Kerry, Mrs Broadaway and the SLT over the coming weeks and months and will enable us to provide quality social, emotional and pastoral support to our school community. If you feel that you would like to contact Mrs Dwyer yourself, please do get in touch with the school office.

Another chapter also begins for some existing members of staff at BJS. Miss Murphy, who many of you know as one our committed HLTAs will be one of our class teachers for at least half of next academic year. Miss Murphy is a qualified teacher who has been at BJS for 9 years and will understandably step into this new role seamlessly. Thank you, Miss Murphy, and welcome to your 'new' role!

Following Mrs Broadaway's return to BJS after Easter, she has made the difficult decision to relinquish her Deputy Headteacher role and focus solely on her SENCo role on a part-time basis of three days a week. Still having Mrs Broadaway in school with her expertise and dedication is excellent news for us. The exact days are yet to be confirmed but we will let you know what they are once they have been.

And last, but certainly by no means least, Mrs Eaton – our current Assistant Headteacher - will become our Deputy Headteacher as of September 2025. Mrs Eaton will still have class teacher responsibilities but increase her time out of class in order to be able to fulfil her DHT duties.

**School Attendance:**

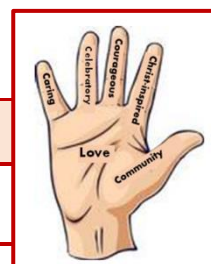
CLASS	SINCE 4 <sup>TH</sup> SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3JE	94.85 %	<p>. . . currently stands at 95.04%.</p> <p><b>We are just above national expectation.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The national expectation is <b>95%</b>.</p> </div>	
3EG	93.76 %		
4LF	93.70 %		
4AW	93.51 %		
5MM	95.76 %		
5PR	94.13 %		
5BFG	95.11 %		
6KW	95.74 %		
6LS	96.76 %		

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers  
Headteacher

# Our BJS Stars of the Week

A mighty well done to . . .



Date	23.05.25	06.06.25
Year 3	Dexter, Leila, Rupert & Eleanor	Riley, Esa, Matilda & Oliver W.
Year 4	Martha, Niall, Jofaz & Ellie	Callum, Alice, Arthur & Poppy
Year 5	Rocco, Lexi, Thomas, Lois, Lottie & Myla	Olivia I., Conor, Darcie, Freddie C., Marc & Isaac
Year 6	Milania, Lily, Chay & Jane	Edlyn, Frankie, Molly & Ellie

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM			
Date	Event	Where	Time
2 <sup>nd</sup> June – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks	In class	
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day Bring a Sweet Treat in exchange.		
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee & Catch Up (details emailed 04.06.25)	School hall	2pm – 3pm
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day Bring a bottle in exchange.		
	Summer Fete	School field	3:15pm – 5pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Classroom Morning	Classrooms	8:30 – 9:15am
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Week to MCS		
7 <sup>th</sup> July – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bikeability	School playground	
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports home		
11 <sup>th</sup> July	BJS Summer Sports Event	School field	9:15am – 11:45am
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Report 'drop in'	Classrooms	3:30pm – 4:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Service – families of Year 6 children only	St Peter's Church	9:30am
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the academic year		3:10pm