

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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



Dear All,

In contrast to the quieter fortnight reflected on in my last newsletter, the past two weeks have been much busier. All children have been busy completing assessments to help us understand how they are progressing in their learning. Amongst these assessments, Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Living Rainforest, where they were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, while Year 6 have been taking part in valuable water safety sessions at the pool. Some staff have also been busy developing their learning, taking part in *Sensory Circuits* training, which we are working hard to introduce in school, to further support children with a range of needs. Alongside all of this, we welcomed a visit from the Local Authority just yesterday, who once again commented on the school's, "wonderfully calm and purposeful feel" and praised how polite and welcoming our children are. It is always pleasing when visitors recognise what we see every day.

### **KS2 Target Games Event - Thursday 15th January**

A group of our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently took part in the KS2 Target Games event, where they competed in curling, archery and boccia. The children represented our school brilliantly throughout the day, showing enthusiasm, determination and excellent behaviour at all times. Most importantly, they had lots of fun while trying out new activities and developing their skills. Their sportsmanship was outstanding, and a special congratulations goes to Arthur, who was awarded the *Spirit of the Games* award for his positive attitude and encouragement of others. Well done to everyone involved!

### **Staffing**

Mrs Craske, our School Office Assistant, will be leaving us at the end of February to take up the position of Attendance Officer at another school. We would like to thank Kirsty for her hard work, dedication and the positive contribution she has made to our school community and wish her every success in her new role.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Feiven back from her maternity leave which she started in February of last year. Mrs Feiven will be assuming class responsibility of 4M, following a handover week with Miss Jessett next week. Miss Jessett will leave us a week today and we are extremely grateful to her for providing 4M with the crucial stability children need since the start of this term.

### **The carpark**

We understand the difficulties many families face during drop-off and pick-up times due to the limited space available in the carpark, particularly on wet or busy days and recognise that these times can be stressful.

It is important to note (as many of you already know) that the car park is not owned by the school and, as shared last academic year, we are unable to open a second entrance due to police advice and ongoing

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difficulties with traffic along Manor Road. The proximity to the main junction and roundabout means that any additional entry point would pose a significant safety risk for our families and the wider community.

I have spoken with the council on more than one occasion since starting at BJS to request improvements to this space and have contacted them again this week to report recent incidents and reinforce the urgent need for action to be taken or at least considered to help safeguard our children and adults.


Unfortunately, we have recently received reports of aggressive behaviour and the use of inappropriate language between adults around children at the end of the school day, which is concerning from a safeguarding perspective, given that we all have a responsibility to model respectful and considerate behaviour and uphold our school's values.

We kindly ask that all parents and carers show patience and understanding with each other and avoid blocking entrances, exits, or pathways, park considerately and refrain from offensive language or aggressive behaviour. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Candlemas Service**

If you are able to join us, it would be great to see you at the church for our service – details below.

**School Attendance:**

CLASS	SINCE 3 <sup>rd</sup> SEPT.	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE . . .	CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .
3M	95.50 %	<p>. . . currently stands at 94.84%.</p> <p><b>We are below national expectation.</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>The national expectation is <b>95%</b>.</p> </div>	
3P	94.72 %		
4M	93.97 %		
4WE	93.79 %		
5FG	91.27 %		
5PR	96.66 %		
6S	96.70 %		
6W	95.14%		

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Akers  
Headteacher

# BJS Values Awards

A mighty well done to . . .

	23.01.26	30.01.26
Year 3	Ronnie, Ayla, Theo & Viyon	Immanuel, Oscar, Walter & Daniel
Year 4	Anna, Oliver, Bonnie & Chloe	Remi, Georgina, Scott & Connie
Year 5	Josh, Freya, Rigby & Jessica J-T	Arthur, Robyn, Sophie & Skyla
Year 6	Seb, Anastasia, Mila & Aiden	Shelby, Mason, Rocco & Myla

