

It's difficult to believe another whole year has passed and we are saying goodbye to our fantastic Year 6! Their Leavers' Play was brilliant and it was great to see how much their confidence, speaking and singing skills have developed in the last four years; we are so proud of them.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who filled in our parent and carer survey; the feedback was overwhelmingly positive with some useful feedback too. It is clear that having all the event dates for the year ahead is really useful to you, so we are planning to do the same in September and will get the dates to you as soon as we can. In the meantime, please see below the term dates for the next academic year.

We are also very grateful for all your support. We have so many family members who give their time to help us in school with swimming runs, school trips (sometimes planned and sometimes last minute!) reading, discos and being part of the PTFA. Thank you to you all. I would also like to thank our whole school staff for all their amazing hard work this year; I feel very fortunate to lead such a fabulous team who make BJS the special place it is.

I hope you have a lovely, restful summer. We wish our Year 6 the best of luck in their new schools and we look forward to seeing the rest of the children back and welcoming the new Year 3s on Friday 5th September.

Term dates 2025 – 2026		
	Term Starts:	Term Ends:
Term 1	(INSET—Thursday 4 September 2025) Friday 5 September 2025	Thursday 23 October 2025 (INSET – Friday 24 October 2025)
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	(INSET – Monday 5 January 2026) Tuesday 6 January 2026	Thursday 12 February 2026 (INSET – Friday 13 February 2026)
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Term 5	Monday 13 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	(INSET - Monday 1 June 2026) Tuesday 2 June 2026	Thursday 23 July 2026

SAVE THE DATE

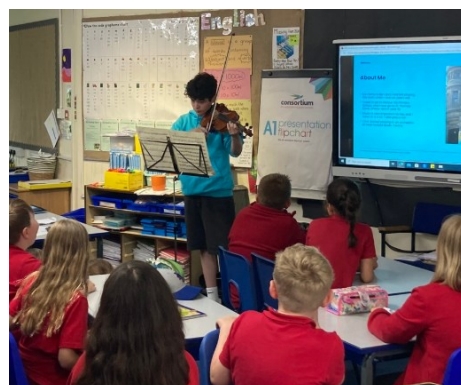
Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust are hosting a fabulous event for Buxton families on Friday 24th October (our INSET day so school will be closed). The event will take place around town and in The Assembly Room. Please save the date and go along as I'm sure it will be a brilliant day.

Free Event for Families and Schools
Friday 24th October 10am to 3pm



All the children in Year 3 and 4 and the string players in Year 5 and 6 were treated to an amazing violin performance and presentation from Ben Giliker, a local 15-year-old who plays with the National Youth Orchestra. Our children were completely captivated by his performance and were definitely inspired.

All the children have benefitted from some assemblies this term to help give them the skills to stay safe over the summer. Buxton Swimming Pool came in and led a session on water safety, Tarmac sent two members of staff to talk to the children about quarry safety, and we have talked regularly to the children in assemblies and in lessons about staying safe online and staying safe in the sun. The messages are all common sense to adults but might be new to children. Please do contact school if you would like further information.



Online Safety



SAVE THE DATE—Meeting on Monday 22nd September at 6pm — Keeping our children safe online.

As requested by our parent and carer community during our smartphone meeting, we have organised a meeting in school to help support you with keeping your children safe online. It will be run by the local PCSOs and should hopefully give lots of up-to-date handy tips and ideas, and you will have plenty of opportunity to ask questions too.

The meeting will be on Monday 22nd September at 6pm in school and all are welcome.

Artificial Intelligence

I am sure you will have seen all that the media is full of information about AI at the moment, which has both benefits and risks for everyone. There are a few handy 5-minute read guides which might prove useful if you are keen to inform yourself more about this complex topic.

- [AI parenting guide to AI](#)
- [The benefits of AI for families](#)
- [Should you worry if your child has an AI friend?](#)

Our Year 5s were lucky enough to spend an afternoon with two beautiful guide dogs in training. Frances and Mike Sussex brought them in and the children had a good chance for a stroke whilst they found out all about the intensive training that guide dogs have to go through.



The Year 4s were treated to an incredible concert at St John's Church with the pupils from Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. The concert was just for our school and it was a real privilege for our children to hear such talented young musicians. The staff said the children were blown away by the sound of the orchestra.

Our Year 4s also then treated their parents and carers to their own brilliant violin concert in school. They performed a number of pieces and songs and we were all really impressed by how much they have come on this year. Some of our Year 5s, who have continued with their strings lessons, performed as well and it was great to see how much their skills have developed.



Years 4, 5 and 6 were amazed by a great performance of The Tempest from the drama youth group based at Buxton Opera House. The show was really professional and as we had already read them a condensed version of the plot, they were familiar with the story so enjoyed it even more.



Some of our very well deserved winners from Year 3 in this year's Sports Morning.



The cost of Breakfast Club will be going up to £4.00 per session in September which we hope you will agree remains good value for money.

Breakfast Club is from 7.45am to 8.45am. Please do not drop your child off before then. The gates will be open at this time so you can come onto site and bring your child to the hall door, there is no need to book.