



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, we would like to take a moment to extend our warmest wishes to each and every one of you. Easter is a time of reflection, renewal, and rejoicing, and it brings with it a sense of hope and new beginnings.

BJR has had another great term filled with countless achievements, memorable experiences, and moments of growth. From academic milestones to creative endeavours, our pupils have continued to impress us with their dedication and enthusiasm for learning.

Our assessment week went really well, and many of our pupils made considerable progress towards their end of year expectations. It was lovely to see you all during our Parents' Evenings and share your children's successes and next steps with you.

We had many highlights this term. Our school choir competing in the Gonville and Caius South London Choral Award. Our choir was one of three primary schools selected to compete out of over one hundred schools in South London and we came second! We had a very successful World Book Day celebration, with so many pupils and staff embodying their favourite literary characters and our School Parliament led a fundraiser to raise money for Battersea Cats and Dogs Home.

As we pause to celebrate Easter and spend time with loved ones, let us not forget the importance of kindness, compassion, and empathy. Easter is a time to extend a helping hand to those in need, to cherish the bonds of friendship and family, and to reflect on the values that unite us as a community.

As we head into the summer term, and hopefully the warmer and sunnier weather, we look forward to many house competitions, celebration events (and assessments) intertwined with our transition activities to help pupils prepare for the new school year.

From all staff at BJR, we wish you all a joyous Easter filled with love, laughter, and blessings and may this special time bring you closer together and renew your spirits for the term ahead.

Sarah Biney

Assistant Headteacher

## School Vision

**Be the best we can;**

**Join in Learning, Play and Prayer;**

**Remember God's Word**



**Bishop John Robinson**  
Church of England Primary School

"Jesus is the  
Anchor of my Soul"  
Hebrews 6:19



### Dates for your diary

28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School closes at 1:40pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children Return & Clubs Start
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Photographer in school -Whole Class Group Photo
17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	New Nursery Pupils starting
23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	House Mini Marathon
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 4 begin Swimming lessons
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 2 Leading Worship @ 2:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last Day of Term (3:10pm finish)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Inset Day - School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Children Return
24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Last Day of Term (1:40pm finish)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Pupils return

### Our School Online

[www.bishopjohnrobinsonprimary.co.uk](http://www.bishopjohnrobinsonprimary.co.uk)

Please follow us @BJRSchool



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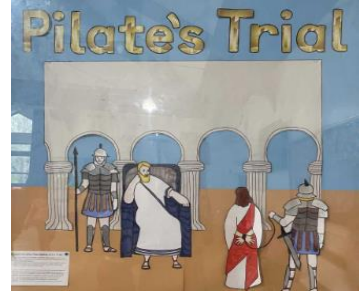
### Contact the School Office

0208 310 9160

[admin@bjr.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bjr.greenwich.sch.uk)

## Easter is Here!

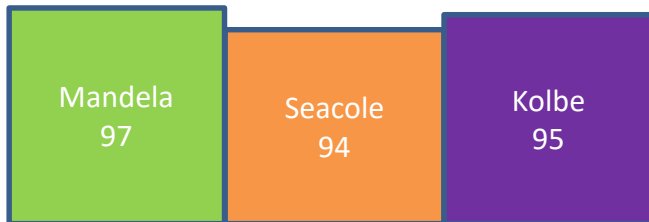
As we embrace the spirit of Easter and the arrival of spring, our hall has been transformed into a colourful tapestry of joy and renewal. Each one of our vibrant displays captures the essence of this special season.



“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!”  
Luke 19:38

### House Competition Update

Two-terms done, but with plenty of events still to go:



### Homework for the Easter Holidays

As with all of our longer breaks, teachers will not be setting homework for pupils – we all need some time to rest and relax from the hard work during term time. All pupils still have full access to Mathletics, Reading Eggs and the Maths Frame (timestable tests).

If you would like to support your child with revising their Maths learning, or to continue to develop their reading comprehension skills and phonics knowledge, please encourage them to log onto these learning platforms.

### Year 4 Swimming

Following the huge success of reintroducing swimming lessons this year, we are pleased to inform parents that we have secured regular swimming sessions for our pupils. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons so far, and we are really pleased with the progress many children have made, and more importantly, the increase in their confidence around water. We are keen to continue building on this in coming years, ensuring all of our pupils leave able to swim.

We have been able to book fortnightly swimming sessions for our Year 4 pupils, so that the children can either begin or continue to develop their skills and stamina. The swimming instructors assess pupils during lessons, and group the children accordingly.

The dates for the Year 4 Swimming Sessions (all Wednesdays) are: 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July. Swimming lessons will start at 2pm and end at 3pm.

Please ensure your child has the correct swim kit for their sessions.





## Prayer Requests

As a Church of England school, we are proud to continue to use our Prayer Request page within our school website (under the "Our Faith" tab). Parents, carers and members of our local community can submit prayer requests, which will be included in the prayers of the school staff, fellowship at St Paul's Thamesmead and the wider diocesan prayer team.

## Parking outside School

Please kindly respect our neighbours and the community and do not park across their driveways, on the double yellow lines, zigzag lines or double park outside the school.



It is very important that we park considerately when bringing and collecting our children. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## Polite Reminders

**Maintenance Fund** – Each year, we have to pay a maintenance contribution to the diocese for their support with our Church of England status. We ask for parents to contribute £10 per term to help cover this cost. If you have not yet paid, please contact the office to arrange payment.

**PE Kits** – Children in Years 1-6 should come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE day. PE kits should be grey or black jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and a grey or black jumper. Children can also wear their House colour for PE or House events.



We are continuing to offer all children the chance to learn piano during school hours. Lessons are open to all year groups and are arranged by PianoFunClub.

Piano lessons are taught by a visiting professional tutor, with all teaching material provided. For more information and to book please contact PianoFunClub directly:

<https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/>

[admin@pianofunclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@pianofunclub.co.uk)

Tel: 07575 530 304

## Our School Improvements

Our school improvement priorities for the 2023-2024 academic year are:

1. Increase the consistency of teaching and learning across the curriculum
2. Further extend opportunities for Greater Depth throughout and across the curriculum
3. Strategic use of data to inform teaching and learning
4. Increase outcomes in Literacy and Maths in EYFS
5. Embed and consolidate Success for All Phonics scheme
6. To further develop middle leader capacity to drive subjects forward and strengthen consistency and outcomes across the curriculum

## PE Days Reminder

Monday	Tuesday	Wed
Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 6	Year 4* and Year 5*

\* Swimming each fortnight

## Uniform Bank

Our Uniform Bank is in need of additional donations. If you have spare school clothing in good condition, please consider donating it to the uniform bank, via the school office. If you need some extra school uniform for your child, we have lots of good quality clothing. Please visit the Community tab on the school website to place your order!