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| Dates for your diary-please see the website for additional dates such as Parents Evenings and other events in the Spring term | | | |
| **November** | 29th | Whole school | INSET |
| **December** | 9th | Whole school | EBAs week-see explanation below |
|  | 11th | Whole school | Parents are invited in to see their children’s work 2.45 – 3.15 pm |
|  | 16th | Whole school | Christmas lunch |
|  | 17th | Years 3 and 4 | Christmas Production 2pm |
|  | 18th | Years 3 and 4 | Christmas Production 2pm |
|  | 19th | Whole school | Christmas Carol Service 10 am- The Sacred Heart Catholic Church |
|  | 20th | Whole school | End of term |
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| **January 2020** | 6th | Whole school | INSET |
|  | 7th | Whole school | Start of term |

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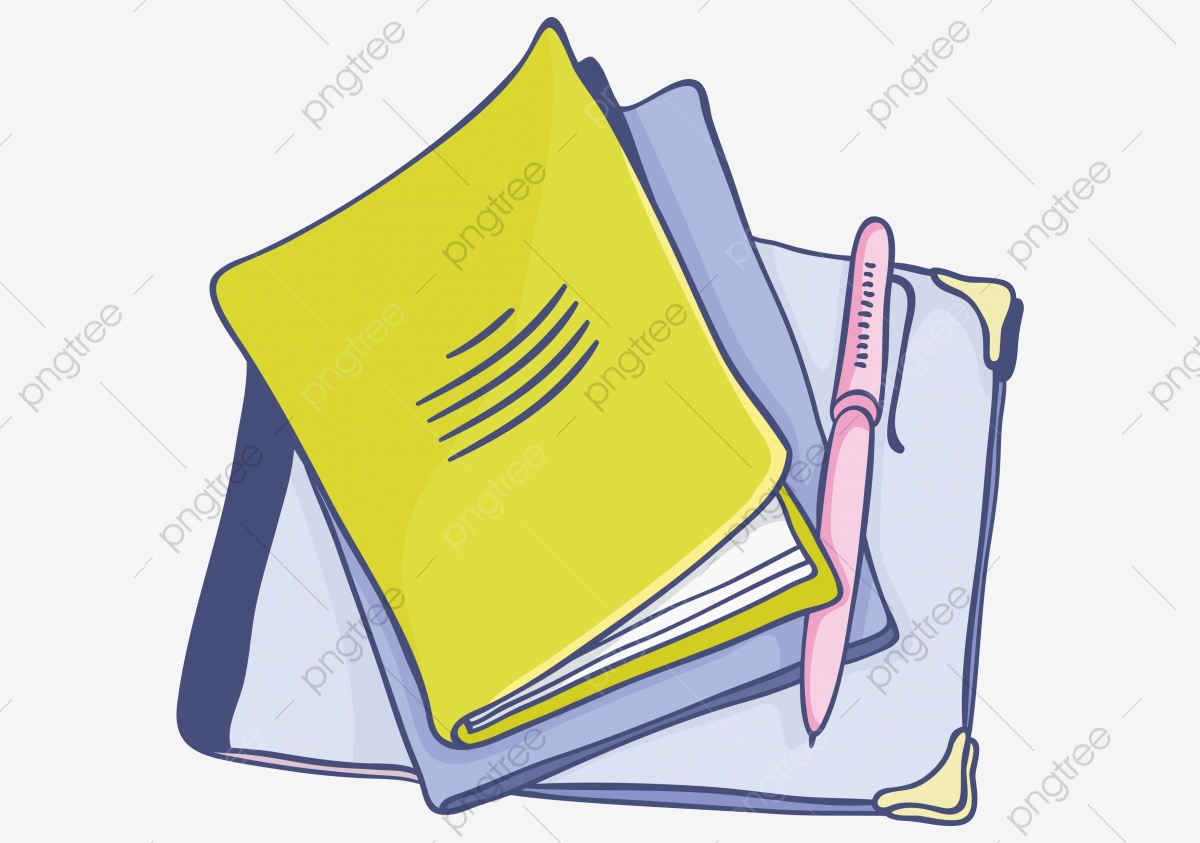
What are EBAs?

You may have heard your children talk about EBAs (Evidence Based Assessments) and not known what they are.

Every term, the class teachers gather information about your child to give them a clear picture of how they are doing in Maths and English. They make this judgement using a combination of factors including standardised tests, observations in class and a review of the child’s work. The summary of this information is shared with parents just before every Parents Evening.

Come in and see the work that your children have been doing this term.

On **Wednesday 11th December**, the school will be open from 2.45pm for parents to join their children in class and have a look at their books.





Carol Service

We would like to invite you to join us at our Carol Service on 19th December at 10am. There will be a mixture of readings and carols which will get you in the festive spirit.

This is usually a popular event so expect standing room only.

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| Teaching Reading at BJS  Our aim when teaching reading is for all children to learn to read and become a lover of books. We hold reading at the centre of our curriculum as it is the foundation of everything the children learn.  We have worked hard to build a reading community within the school where every child and adult sees themselves as readers. The library is a warm, friendly place where the children feel comfortable and welcome. The books, both in the library and in the classrooms, are regularly re-stocked and any suggestions for books made by children are acted upon. Outside of every classroom, the class teacher has displayed what they are currently reading highlighting that they too are readers and see the benefit.  Children are taught to read and enjoy a range of texts through daily guided reading sessions. In these lessons, the children read and explore a variety of texts and engage in discussions about the themes, language and author’s intent. As they move up the school, these discussions become increasingly sophisticated and in-depth.  Here at BJS, we also follow a text-led English curriculum meaning every unit of work (or learning journey) is based around a key text driver, increasing children’s knowledge and exposure to quality texts. In years 5 and 6, the children may be given a copy of the text and asked to read it in preparation for the lesson. Each class also has a class book which is read to them at the end of each day.  There are a few simple ways in which families and carers can help their children read and enjoy books.  · read with your child – this could be a mixture of them reading to you and you listening to them  · join the local library to explore the range of books there  · discuss what they are reading with them  · use audiobooks (these are also available at the library) |

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks for all your support-we raised an amazing £159.32 this year!



Charity Fund Raising at BJS

Our ethos is that the children are actively involved in supporting a charity by bringing in items to sell and money to buy these. We will not ask for contributions for any other charity fund raising this year with the exception of FoBS events.

Our Young Governors voted for the charity they would like to support and we will be donating any money raised to Cancer Research this year.

We have been really impressed with the children’s efforts to raise money this term. Each month, we hold a charity market and so far, we have raised an impressive £216 in the October and November charity markets.

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