



World Mental Health Day (October 10th)

The academy celebrated World Mental Health Day (on Friday 9th) with passion and in a very PROUD fashion! It is fantastic that wellbeing and mental health is a priority in our communities and that the 'stigma' once associated with it is viewed very differently. The Brunts community celebrates positive mental health and signposts self help, supporting all students and staff to manage their own wellbeing, but also to get the right support if and when required.

This year's theme was:

"Lived experiences heard, real voices, real change"

Our wonderful sixth form students led many activities through their social enterprise projects, we had assemblies, tutor activities where we set up opportunities to **listen** to each other and to **talk** openly about mental health. And a treasure hunt!

Students wore yellow wristbands and ribbons and there was an enormous bake sale, which raised funds for **Young Minds**. Our **strong** systems of care, guidance and support mean young people are always able to access help, internal and external, at the right level for them :)



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Safeguarding is:

.P roviding early help to children as soon as problems emerge

.P rotecting children from abuse

.P reventing harm to children's development

.P roviding safe and effective care

.P romoting the best outcomes for children

Emergency Contacts:

Police: 999—101

NSPCC: 08088005000

Childline: 0800-1111

MASH: 0300-5008090

EDT: 0300-4564546

CAMHS Crisis: 08081963779

#WellbeingFirst

#StrongerTogether

#StaySafe



Be Proud Be Respectful Be Resilient Be Ambitious



Bath Lane Drive...

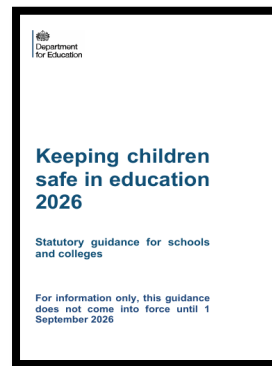
Are you in a rush to get to work each morning? Traffic ridiculous? Stopped at every light? Have to drop other children off? Roadworks—again!?

Please help us to keep children safe by remembering that the speed limit on the drive is active in the morning and the afternoon. **10MPH** #ChildSafetyFirst

Keeping Children Safe In Education 2026: Staff training

All staff in the academy have now completed their annual training updates. This year, for the first time, ALL members of staff have had to read **part one of KCSIE** and sign to say they have done so. Additionally, we now have updated policies and a new allergy policy which is mandatory as a result of Benedict's Law.

Our staff have all completed training in serious allergies. We have 12 young people in the academy with anaphylaxis and one member of staff. These young people and adults are all well known and each have a health care plan to protect them in the event of an incident that requires medical attention and/or an emergency response. One of our students will be leading raising awareness events in the academy next half term, which is excellent!



Autumn safety

As we approach the end of October/early November, will your child be safe in the community? Halloween and Bonfire Night can be wonderful events to spend with family and friends creating life long memories, **BUT**, is your child staying safe if 'trick or treating'? Is there a chance that they may be involved in unauthorised use of fireworks, lighting fires or anti-social behaviour? The best way to enjoy these events is often with parental supervision and/or attending organised, safe events.

Almost **1000 children** under the age of sixteen in the UK are treated in A&E departments in the 4 week period up to 5th November with burns or serious injuries.

#StaySafeThisAutumn



What does family mean to you?

A family today can take many forms, but at its core, it is defined by love, support, respect, and connection. Families no longer fit a single mould such as the traditional 2.4 children. Families with two parents and children are now just one of many types. Modern families include single parents, blended families with step-siblings, same-sex couples, grandparents raising children, and chosen families of close friends who act as family.

People are marrying later or choosing not to marry, and mixed heritage and multicultural families are increasingly common. The key is that family is defined by the relationships and care shared among its members, not just legal or biological ties.

Young Carers

In some families the children and young people may help to care for parents or siblings with physical illness, mental health illness, a learning difficulty, a history of substance misuse, or are elderly and frail.

These children are known as Young Carers.

Young carers are those up to 18 years of age, we try to support those that we know about in school.

If you think that your child is a Young Carer please get in touch with us for a chat about how we can help.

The Young Carers Advocate at Brunts is **Jayne Kirkland – Deputy DSL**

External support such as Tu Vida or Adult Social Care can be referred into by school or any adult involved with the child. **Tu Vida** - 0115 824 8824 nottinghamshirehub@tuvida.org

Kinship Care

Sometimes things happen in families and the children are unable to live with their parents, they may live with family members such as grandparents or an Aunty/Uncle

Nottinghamshire County Council's Kinship Support Service offers dedicated help, advice, and resources for kinship carers — including grandparents, aunts/uncles, siblings, friends, and other connected persons.

Arrangements can be informal, private fostering, child arrangement orders- CAO), or special guardianship orders (SGO), The Kinship Care Team can help with telephone and email advice from social workers, welfare rights officers, and family workers. They can help to review SGO support plans when circumstances change.

Education support via the Virtual School and educational psychology service can be arranged and important "Life story work" can be completed for children in kinship care.

Financial advice on kinship allowances, benefits, and entitlements can also be requested

School can help with referrals into Kinship Care Team or you can self- refer via the contact details below

Phone: 01158 041407 **Email:** kinshippupport@nottsc.gov.uk

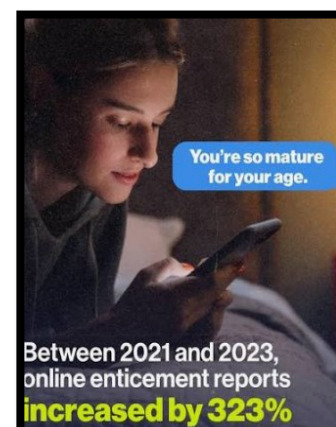
Website: [Nottinghamshire County Council – Kinship Support Service](#) [Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Indecent images of children and sextortion

Despite extensive coverage of the dangers of sharing indecent images of themselves, we still have young people who are persuaded, coerced or simply decide to share indecent images of themselves. It goes without saying that this is extremely dangerous and worrying. Aside of being a criminal offence to store, send, share indecent images of children, the risk factors are huge. Please talk to your child about the inherent dangers involved including the longer term impact. Sometimes, young people can be groomed online and lulled into a false sense of security because they want to be liked. This need for approval can lead to them making decisions that are extremely dangerous.

This guide for parents at Childline is helpful: [Sexting and nudes | Childline](#)

We are also sending a National College guide about sexting with this newsletter...



Academy attendance #AttendanceMatters #AmbitiousAttendance

We were VERY proud of our achievement in improving attendance further in 2025/26. **When children are in school, they are safe, they are learning and developing their character, securing the best employability skills for the future.**

Ofsted evaluated our attendance as '**strong standard**' meaning our attendance processes and systems are highly effective to support high and improving attendance with great attendance for students with different characteristics.

This month, we have been the PROUD recipient of not one, but FIVE NATIONAL AWARDS (Yes five!)

National Annual Award 2025-26 Top 10% most improved secondaries

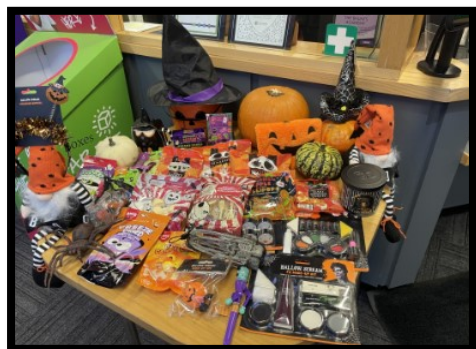
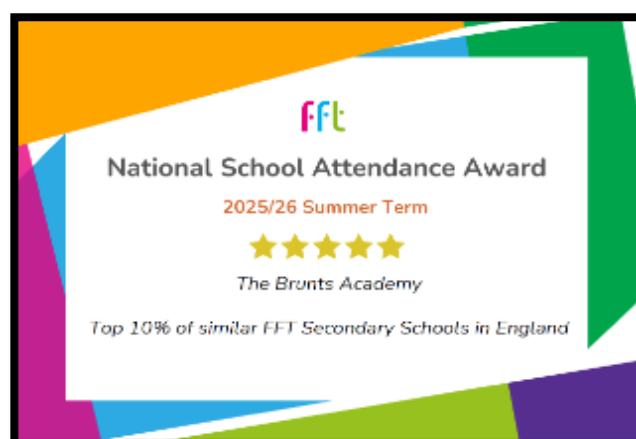
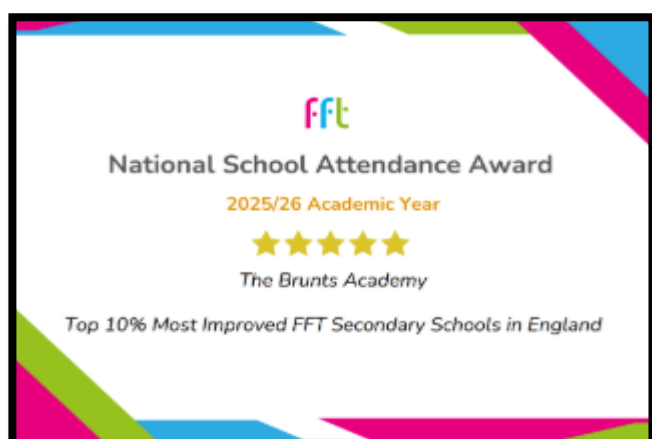
National Annual Award 2025-26 Top 25% of all secondaries

National Annual Award 2025-26 Top 25% of similar secondaries

National Summer Term Award 25-26 Top 25% of all secondaries

National Summer Term Award 25-26 Top 10% of similar secondaries

We are, of course, delighted with these, but in particular the two that place us in the **top 10% of** around 3000 secondary schools in England. Thank-you to YOU, our parents and carers, for your outstanding support in securing the very best attendance for all our students, your children!



We now have **55 Student Attendance Ambassadors** who play a key role in the further development of attendance as student leaders. They are supporting other young people and their Tutor, meet with the core attendance team and promote improved attendance across the academy community. They are brilliant!

We've had a very positive start to 2026/7 with **attendance already significantly above the national average.**

We continue to go from strength to strength and our rewards support this, including our **Halloween MEGA draw today!**

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In the next volume... Our child friendly safeguarding policy :)