

Welcome to the new school year 2025 – 2026, I hope you have enjoyed quality time together over the summer holidays.

A particularly big welcome to our new Reception children. They have all made a great start and it has been wonderful to get to know them individually over the past three days. Thank you and well done to our year 6 children who have been brilliant 'Buddies' to our Reception group, a role they have been looking forward to for a long time.

We have also welcomed Mr Euan Stevenson and Mrs Dawn Cothier to our staff team this week. Mr Stevenson has been working with Reception and Classes 3 and 4 this week and Mrs Cothier has enjoyed joining Mrs Lewis in the lunchtime team.

After school clubs will make a start next week, with the exception of Hot Shots which starts on Thursday 18th Sept. The following are currently available:

Monday – Forest School with Mrs Lyons (book directly SLyo3685@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk)

Monday – Club with Mrs Lewis until 4.10pm (book on Arbor)

Wednesday – Football with Ben (book on Arbor), Club with Mrs Lewis until 4.10pm (book on Arbor)

Thursday – This will be Hot Shots from 18th Sept.

We are looking to try some other club options and will keep you posted. Don't forget we also have a fantastic link with Dashwood after school club, based in Banbury behind the St.John's catholic church.

If you are having trouble booking on Arbor, please give the office a call on Monday or send an email office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk.

Please do take a moment to read through the reminders at the end of the newsletter, including start and finish time, as well as a polite request regarding parking.

There have been various updates to catch up on regarding the return to school this week, including messages to class teachers from yourselves. Just a reminder that we have the blue form to complete about different pick up arrangements or a specific message to staff. If you are requiring a conversation with a class teacher, it is better to do this at pick up time as staff are prioritising the children coming into school at drop off. Our office team will always pass on messages.

This afternoon I was delighted to meet with Alan Wolstencroft from Banbury Rotary Club and the founder of 'Alan's Africa' www.alansafrica.co.uk. Over the summer, I cleared out a large quantity of unused sports kit, including team strips and got in touch with Alan about donating them to his charity; He was delighted and collected it all this afternoon. Alan will be in touch over the next couple of months with news on how our donation is being used.

Please do take note of the dates in the calendar, these may be updated on a weekly basis as new events arise.

It's great to be back, have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

Stars of the Week

A great start to the new school year: ALL of Reception – Aria, Nilde, Bella, Zariah, Sophia, Jessie, Jack, Charlie, James & Kai

Harriet

Tate

Francesco

Harper

Emma

Maisy

Values – Thankfulness:

Tilly

Theo Be

Indigo

Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2025/2026

Weds 10 th Sept	Hotshots taster – in school time
Fri 12 th Sept	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited Village quiz 7.45pm
Mon 15 th September	FOBCS meeting 6pm
Thurs 18 th Sept	1 st Hotshots session 3.10 – 4pm
Fri 26 th September	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Tues 30 th	Governors 1
Fri 3 rd Oct	Class 1 and Year 6 – Broughton Grounds Farm Harvest visit – details TBC HARVEST FESTIVAL – from 2.40pm – families invited (donation info to follow)
Mon 13 th Oct	Flu vaccinations -PM (info to follow)
W/B 20 th Oct	Parent Evening consultations – details to follow
Fri 24 th Oct	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited Spooky DISCO – details to follow End of term 1
Mon 3 rd Nov	Start of term 2
Thurs 6 th Nov	Year 5 mental health workshop wk1 (in school time)
Fri 7 th Nov	Photos – portraits and siblings
Tues 11 th Nov	Children singing for children - St Marys - Class 3
Thurs 13 th Nov	Michael Rosen Poetry Day – TBC
Fri 14 th Nov	Children in Need 2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Tues 18 th Nov	Open Day for prospective parents - September 2026 entry
Tues 25 th Nov	Governors 2
Fri 28 th Nov	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Thurs 4 th Dec	Open morning for prospective parents - September 2026 entry
Tues 9 th Dec	Whole school trip to the PANTO (oh yes it is!) - OXFORD playhouse
Fri 12 th Dec	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Mon 15 th Dec	Class 1 and 2 Nativity performance – PM & Eve
Weds 17 th Dec	Class 3 and 4 Christmas performance – PM only
Fri 19 th Dec	Christingle at Broughton church – 1pm start, pick up from church at 2pm
Friday 22 nd May	Spring Festival
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day

Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

Staff List

Mrs Stevenson	Headteacher
Mrs Barron	Class 1 (Reception) Teacher
Mrs Trembl	Class 2 (Year 1 and 2) Teacher, SENCO
Mrs Cooley	Class 3 (Year 3 and 4) Teacher
Miss Elliott	Class 4 (Year 5 and 6) Teacher
Mrs England	Class 2 Teaching assistant
Mrs Lyons	Class 2 Teaching assistant, Forest School lead
Mrs Hutchins	Class 3 Teaching assistant
Mrs Deane	Class 4 Teaching assistant
Mr Stevenson	Class 1 and KS 2 Teaching assistant (Temp)
Mrs Gardner	PE Mentor
Mrs Bentley	Office administrator
Mrs Moseley	Office administrator
Mrs Lewis	Breakfast Club and lunchtime supervisor
Mrs Froggatt	Breakfast Club supervisor
Mrs Cothier	Lunchtime supervisor

*******TERM DATES 2025-2026*******

TERM 1

Inset Day Monday 1st September 2025

Inset Day Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Start of Term 1 – Wednesday 3rd September 2025

End of Term 1 - Friday 24th October 2025

TERM 2

Start of Term 2 - Monday 3rd November 2025

End of Term 2 - Friday 19th December 2025

(TBC Friday 19th Dec – Christingle service, early finish, 2pm pick up)

TERM 3

Inset Day Monday 5th January 2026

Start of Term 3 – Tuesday 6th January 2026

End of Term 3 - Friday 13th February 2026

TERM 4

Start of Term 4 – Monday 23rd February 2026

End of Term 4 - Friday 27th March 2026

TERM 5

Start of Term 5 – Monday 13th April 2026

End of Term 5 – Friday 22nd May 2026

Bank Holiday (term time) – Monday 4th May 2026

TERM 6

Inset Day Monday 1st June 2026

Start of Term 6 – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

End of Term 6 – Friday 17th July 2026

(Friday 17th July – Leavers service at 11 am, family picnic afterwards, 1.15pm finish)

Inset Day Monday 20th July 2025

REMINDERS/NOTICES

- When waiting for the doors to be opened in the morning please remind children who are running about that the patio slabs are a little uneven in places. I also ask that they do not jump across the gaps at the top of the steps – Thanks
- Please ensure you drive down School Lane towards school slowly, there are quite often children and their families walking down the road to school too.
- [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
- Please use the office email office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk should you need to make any enquiries, I will ensure they are addressed as appropriate. This email address is checked by me, daily. I respectfully request that emails **are not sent to staff after 7pm during the week or over the weekend,** unless it is an urgent query/update. Most email accounts allow you to 'schedule' send emails rather than send instantly.
- Parking 1 – the playground is priority parking for class 1 and 2 parents in the afternoon, also disabled drivers and the taxi.
- Parking 2 - When parking in the village at drop off and pick up, please ensure you are not blocking driveways (including either side of gateways) and not using grass verges. There is additional parking along the road further up the village and it's just a short walk down. **Please avoid arriving at school too early as this also blocks the road and residents can't get off their drives,** gates will open at 3pm.
- It is lovely to meet your 'furry' friends but I politely insist that dogs are not brought (walked) onto the school site. Thank you for your cooperation with this.
- WMAT vacancies link

[Vacancies - Warriner Multi-Academy Trust \(warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk\)](https://warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk)

- Punctuality - Our school doors open at 8.30am and our learning day begins at 8.45am. We have a lot to pack into our day and week, and want all of our children to start at the same time. We are unable to start our RWI phonics programme (delivered Mon-Thurs) until all children are in school, so please make a positive effort to arrive punctually in the morning. Similarly at the end of the day, pick up time is 3.10pm, there are an increasing number of families arriving late (sometimes unavoidably), often past 3.20pm. Staff also have things to do, places to be at the end of their working day and have sometimes been delayed. Thank you for your support and cooperation.
- Water bottles – We have a small supply of paper cups for children to use when they require a drink of water. Please ensure your child comes to school equipped with a water bottle every day. Keeping hydrated is vital for their health and well-being, having a water bottle encourages good habits. Thank you.
- Just a gentle reminder that a Healthy snack can be included for your child to have at breaktime, this should not include sweets, chocolate, pepperami sticks, this also applies to packed lunches, in terms of aiming for a balance of healthy choices. There are some suggestions on this website: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#). We do provide a fruit/veg snack for KS1 children for their afternoon break, we are also a nut free school.

- Parking – Parking on the playground can look quite chaotic at the end of the day. If you are in a rush, it may also mean that you are not fully concentrating, creating a risk of not noticing if a child/adult pedestrian is around. Please be mindful of making a sensible choice of where to park, this includes when parking in the village. Thank you.
- Please do not allow children to go onto the field and on the equipment after school at pick up time. There are many cars on the playground and often children are running off the bank straight onto the car park , without looking. Thank you.



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

In being rooted in knowing we are all loved by God, we are then able to be more aware of our God given wings to fly and to flourish, to bear fruit in our lives, fruit of the Holy Spirit, fruit that will last. (John 15 v16)