



Yesterday we hosted the local election polling station and welcomed voters throughout the day, efficiently managed by the Presiding Officer and his team. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to class 1 polling station and were interested to learn about the process.

Meanwhile, Mrs Trembl and Mrs Barron organised for their classes to be off site and they had a trip to the beautiful Compton Verney in Warwickshire. Class 1 enjoyed a forest school session and nature walk, whilst class 2 explored the amazing sculptures in the grounds, followed by their own sculpture making inside the house. They had a fantastic day, and even had a picnic under a large spider!!

Next Friday afternoon we will celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day with a small tea party with the children, this will coincide with our usual celebration assembly. You will have seen from the Arbor mail sent yesterday that I have asked the children to wear red, white and blue for the non-uniform (all or a top of one of the colours).

This afternoon, oldest and only siblings have brought raffle tickets home, please try your best to sell these before the spring fair on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The draw will take place towards the end of the afternoon. If you require additional books, they are available from the office.

Have a nice weekend, best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

### Stars of the Week

#### Teamwork:

Archer

Alec

Arthur

Pippa

Carys

Alfie

Tegan

#### Values - Courage:

Cooper

Evie

Grace

Alicia

## House Point Totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
2787	2780	2827	2851

**Dates for your diary** (updated regularly)

**2024/2025**

### **Term 4**

Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills – AM at the Warriner in school time, no spectators
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Non uniform – bottle stall donations for the Spring Fayre
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Spring festival – from 1.30pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos & Whole School photo
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day stall
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS 2 Quad Kids – AM at Warriner
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – from 1.15pm
Mon & Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June/1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Induction Day(s) at Warriner / BGN / NOA / Wykham Park
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 4 play – 1.30pm & 6pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year DISCOs
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of term – Leavers service at 11am , followed by picnic at 12, finish at 1pm

We will continue to invite families to join us for Friday afternoon celebration assemblies, usually fortnightly

Class 1 & 2 trip to Compton Verney – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025



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## **FoBCS Updated**

### **Dates for the diary:**

#### **FoBCS**

Our next event is the Spring Fayre, the main fundraiser of the year, which is being held on Friday 23rd May this year.

During the Fayre we hold a raffle, where you can win some amazing prizes.

We are now in the process of contacting local businesses for prize donations, and are looking for 3 top prizes to be printed on the raffle tickets. If anyone knows of any businesses who can support, please speak to a member of the FoBCS team. Thank you.

Finally, could we ask that you please bear us in mind if you are having a spring clean over Easter and have any unwanted teddies, as these could make great gifts for our 'Adopt a Teddy' stall at the Spring Fayre.

### **Dates for the diary:**

23rd May - Spring Fayre

11th June - Father's Day Stall

27th June - Sports Day Refreshment Stall

18th July - End of School Year Disco

Ice Pop Friday and Tuck Shop Friday to be organised accordingly.



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# **TERM DATES 2024-2025 – FINAL**

## **TERM 1**

**Inset Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Inset Day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

Start of Term 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

End of Term 1 - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Inset Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

## **TERM 2**

Start of Term 2 - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

End of Term 2 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

(TBC Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christingle service, early finish, 2pm)

## **TERM 3**

**Inset Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Start of Term 3 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

End of Term 3 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **TERM 4**

Start of Term 4 – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

End of Term 4 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## **TERM 5**

Start of Term 5 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

End of Term 5 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**Bank Holidays – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

## **TERM 6**

**Inset Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Start of Term 6 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

End of Term 6 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

(Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Leavers service at 11 am, family picnic afterwards, 1.15pm finish)



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

**TERM 1**

**Inset Day      Monday 1st September 2025**

**Inset Day      Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

Start of Term 1 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

End of Term 1 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**TERM 2**

Start of Term 2 - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

End of Term 2 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

**TERM 3**

**Inset Day      Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Start of Term 3 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

End of Term 3 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**TERM 4**

Start of Term 4 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

End of Term 4 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**TERM 5**

Start of Term 5 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

End of Term 5 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Bank Holiday (term time) – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**TERM 6**

**Inset Day      Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

Start of Term 6 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

End of Term 6 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

(Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Leavers service at 11 am, family picnic afterwards, 1.15pm finish)

**Inset Day      Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

## 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](mailto: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 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)***