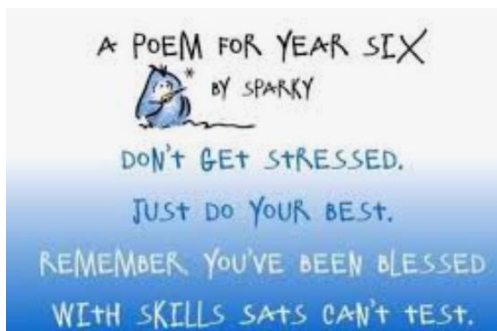


It has been lovely to have the red, white and blue bunting up this week as we spent time talking to the children about the significance of VE Day. A number of children have also shared their family stories about involvement in WW2, including some photographs, thank you for sending them in. Class 4 studied WW2 earlier in the year and had an unforgettable trip to the Imperial War museum, so our discussions have been fascinating and they have made some great links to information shared about VE Day this week. This afternoon we had an exciting tea party out on the playground, all sat on tables put out in a long line. Each child was provided with cake, biscuits, crisps and juice laid out on their union jack napkin. We also did our weekly certificates, a lovely afternoon. Thank you to our fabulous FOBCS team for sponsoring the refreshments.

Yesterday morning, class 2 enjoyed their 'Multi-skills' morning at the Warriner. It was a little bit chilly on the muga (multi use games area), but the children were so active the whole time, they didn't notice. Each group took part in a carousel of different activities involving ball skills, sprinting, balancing etc. Mrs Trembl reported back that everyone tried their best and did very well.

Thank you for the tombola prizes and teddy bears that have been pouring in this week, all of these donations will be great for the stalls. Year 6 are also planning their own games and will run these for a small charge at the spring fair. Please do your best to sell your raffle tickets, more are available from the school office. A reminder that there will be no parking on the playground when we have the Spring Fair (1.30pm start), parking will be on the upper field.

Another milestone approaches us for year 6 next week as they embark on their SATS. These will take place Monday to Thursday with some interruption to timings during the morning and rooming for class 1. We know they will do their best and that's all we ask of them... good luck to you all xx



Have a nice weekend, best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

Ps as last week, thank to the FOBCS team for the ice pop sale this afternoon.

### Stars of the Week

#### Creative Learning:

Kai	Teddy B	Drew
Tilly	Emma	Alice
		Lily M

#### Values - Courage:

Effie	Frankie	Theo W	Aura
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## House Point Totals

<b>Ospreys</b>	<b>Hawks</b>	<b>Falcons</b>	<b>Eagles</b>
2787	2780	2827	2851

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

### **2024/2025**

#### **Term 5**

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

**VE Day Celebration Tea Party – Friday 9<sup>th</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 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)***