



Our week began with some excellent sporting news, our BCS 'Hotshotters' took part in an Inter School competition in Northampton and won the tournament! This brilliant achievement puts them through to a finals competition in a few weeks' time (see report in the newsletter).

The School Council organised a non-uniform day on Monday and we all brought in a donation for 'The Lunchbox Company' in Banbury. Our huge donation was delivered to Prabhu on Monday afternoon and will be distributed over the Easter holidays. Thank you for your generosity. On Tuesday afternoon we hosted our Spring IROCK concert. We have 4 bands now, including musicians from Reception, each band performed a different song which they have been practicing since January. They were all fantastic and well led by our band coach, Leighton. Thank you to staff for hosting Parent Consultations this week either in person or online. If you were unable to make an appointment and would like some feedback, please speak to your child's class teacher after the Easter holidays.

'Curse of the Pharoahs'....'Stunning' 'Amazing' 'Brilliant', just some of the comments made following the Class 3 performances yesterday. We had singing, dancing and acting from everyone and they were word perfect! It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves so much and their hard work paying off. The props were so effective, as were the costumes, thank you to everyone who helped. Huge well done and thanks to Mrs Cooley and Mrs Hitchins. So, so proud of everyone in Class 3!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Easter service this afternoon, well done to the worship team for leading it.

Have a lovely Easter holiday

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

An Easter prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the hope of Easter, and for the love you've shown us through Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. May our hearts be filled with joy and our spirits renewed, as we celebrate this day with family and friends. Amen

Stars of the Week

<u>Teamwork:</u>	ALL of Class 3	Charlie H	India P	Francesco
	Oliver V	Elias		
<u>Values - Generosity:</u>	Theo D	Phoebe	Siena	

House Point Totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
2706	2673	2682	2795

Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2024/2025

Term 4

Tues 22 nd April	Start of Term 5
Thurs 24 th April	Year 5 bench ball competition at Warriner – 4.30pm finish Year 5 Open evening at The Warriner
Friday 2 nd May	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Thurs 8 th May	Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills – AM at the Warriner
Friday 9 th May	Non uniform – bottle stall donations for the Spring Fayre
w/b 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 16 th May	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Friday 23 rd May	Spring festival – from 1.30pm
Mon 9 th June	Class photos & Whole School photo
Weds 11 th June	Father's Day stall
Thurs 12 th June	KS 2 Quad Kids – AM at Warriner
Friday 13 th June	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day – from 1.15pm
Mon & Tues 30 th June/1 st Jul	Induction Days at Warriner / BGN / NOA / Wykham Park
Friday 11 th July	Celebration assembly – families welcome, 2.45pm
Thurs 17 th July	Class 4 play – 1.30pm & 6pm
Fri 18 th July	End of year DISCOs
Tues 22 nd 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



BASKETBALL Success



On a sunny Mothering Sunday Afternoon, BCS was represented by; Jack, Oliver G, Sebastian, Ethan, Oliver V and Alfie at the Hot Shots Inter School Basketball Tournament at Danes Camp Leisure Centre in Northampton. Having previously twice come second at similar tournaments hopes were high of a good result. Their first game was a tightly fought one against Middleton Cheney School and a single basket from Oliver V separating the two schools. The second game was equally close and 2 baskets from Jack saw them draw 4 points all against Nicholas Hawksmoor. The final game was the tournament decider against St Thomas More, who had won their previous 2 games. An early basket from St Thomas More put them in the lead at half time, but two baskets from Jack in the second half meant BCS won the game and topped the points leaderboard and win automatic qualification for the County Tournament. The team showed real courage and great teamwork receiving praise from the Hot Shots Coaches and the proud supporters (parents and siblings). – report from Mr Voigt



Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

IROCK – April 2025



Easter donation for The Lunch Box Project, Banbury



Class 3 'Curse of the Pharoah'



Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

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.



Family Learning Online Workshops
April - May 2025

Workshops are held online using Teams.

These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself. You will gain insight into how to strengthen your family's self-esteem and resilience; and practise strategies to encourage positive behaviour.

CODE	COURSE TITLE	START DATE	TIME
TCZV213P	Emotional Regulation	Tue, 29/4/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV207P	Developing Resilience	Tue, 6/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV209P	Positive Discipline	Tue, 13/5/25	13:00 - 14:30
TCZV211P	Setting Expectations and Routines	Tue, 20/5/25	13:00 - 14:30

Mystified by maths? Homework a nightmare? These workshops explain the current teaching methods used to help you feel more confident in supporting your child.

TCZV215P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Multiples and Factors	Mon, 28/4/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV218P	Year 5 and 6 Maths Long Division	Mon, 12/5/25	19:00 - 20:30
TCZV220P	Year 5 and 6 Maths - Division with remainders expressed as a fraction or a decimal	Mon, 19/5/25	19:00 - 20:30

To enroll, contact Oxfordshire Adult Learning by phone.

01235 216 278

Visit the website and search 'Family Learning'

www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk



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@ BANBURY TENNIS CLUB

Saturday 26th April

2-4PM

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Banbury Lawn Tennis Club



FarmED Family activity Back for 2025

Minibeast SAFARI

Join us at FarmED for a fun-filled bug hunt!
Discover your inner bug hunter... Sweep, scoop, and identify all of your favourite colourful critters!

Running on multiple dates throughout the easter & summer holidays.
Tickets: £5 per child (adults go free).
Time: 10:45am ready to set off at 11am (the bug hunt will be around an hour).
Our Cafe will be open for refreshments.

Find us at:
FarmED, Station Road,
Shipton-under-Wychwood,
Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire, OX7 6BJ

To book your Minibeast Safari please visit:
www.farm-ed.co.uk
or scan the QR code.

Easter with Eggbert

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2025 • 10AM TO 6PM

PAUL GUSTAFSON INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR AND WHSMITH OXFORD PRESENT **EASTER WITH EGGBERT**

PAUL WILL BE READING AND SIGNING COPIES OF THE **EGGBERTS ADVENTURES** BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

FREE COLOUR AND DESIGN AND EGGBERT CHARACTER

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TERM DATES 2024-2025 – FINAL

TERM 1

Inset Day Monday 2nd September 2024

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Start of Term 1 – Wednesday 4th September 2024

End of Term 1 - Thursday 24th October 2024

Inset Day Friday 25th October 2024

TERM 2

Start of Term 2 - Monday 4th November 2024

End of Term 2 - Friday 20th December 2024

(TBC Friday 20th Dec – Christingle service, early finish, 2pm)

TERM 3

Inset Day Monday 6th January 2025

Start of Term 3 – Tuesday 7th January 2025

End of Term 3 - Friday 14th February 2025

TERM 4

Start of Term 4 – Monday 24th February 2025

End of Term 4 - Friday 4th April 2025

TERM 5

Start of Term 5 – Tuesday 22nd April 2025

End of Term 5 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays – Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

TERM 6

Inset Day Monday 2nd June 2025

Start of Term 6 – Tuesday 3rd June 2025

End of Term 6 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025

(Tuesday 22nd – 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 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 June – Leavers service at 11 am, family picnic afterwards, 1.15pm finish)

Inset Day Monday 20th 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 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)