



Class 2 started the week with a trip to Oxford to the Botanical Gardens, this supported their 'Rainforest' theme for the term. The children enjoyed exploring and investigating the various plant species and they were fascinated by the size of the huge leaves. Ezra, in year 1, told me all about his favourite discovery of the trip...the 'Venus Fly trap plant!', it was a shame that it was closed up, because he would have liked to see it open. Thank you to Mrs Trembl for organising the trip and to the volunteers who went along to help too.

Yesterday, Class 4 represented BCS at the T1 rugby festival at the Warriner. A chilly morning but this didn't prevent our players from scoring tries and tagging attackers. Thanks to Dan Hart volunteering with coaching, we were able to take two teams. A relatively new approach to rugby with lots to remember, all players were fantastic, particularly in supporting each other. The 'Awesome' squad came a very close 3rd in their pool and the 'Brilliant' squad came 5th. Well done to Oak (Captain), Ricky, Ella, Lily, Oliver V, Auora (Captain), Jack, Alicia, Chloe, Samuel, Oliver G, Rose, Indigo, Tegan, Elias, Mark and Henry.

Thank you to Mrs Lara Kelly (Governor) for coming in to do a science monitoring visit this morning. She spent time looking at books and talking to children and was very impressed with their scientific knowledge and understanding. All of the children, from Reception to year 6, were able to talk about their varied science topics with enthusiasm and accurate description.

You will see on page 3 an update message from our Fabulous FOBCS team. This includes a list of dates where your support is appreciated either in person or in the form of a donation. The box will be in the entrance for Mother's Day donations after half term and the team are also looking for raffle prizes for the Spring Fayre.

As we come to the end of the first half of the school year, I would just like to say a big thank you for your support, and also thank staff for their hard work

Have a lovely half term

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

A reminder that we have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor if you know anyone who is interested and has an hour and half available every day or a few days during the week.

Stars of the Week

Kindness to others:

Buddy Tate Theo Be

Brooke Albie Siena Ella

Values - Comapassion:

Charlie Kylie Louis Alicia

House Point Totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
2100	1976	2048	2038

Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2024/2025

Term 4

Mon 24 th Feb	Start of term 4
Weds 5 th March	Reception & Year 6 height & weight check
Fri 7 th March	2.45pm Celebration assembly, families welcome
Fri 21 st March	2.45pm Celebration assembly, families welcome
Weds 26 th March	Mother's Day stall
Fri 28 th March	Class 1 lambing visit – Broughton Grounds Farm – details to follow
Weds 2 nd April	Parent consultation
Thurs 3 rd April	1.30pm & 6pm Class 3 play
Fri 4 th April	Easter assembly from 2.35pm – families welcome
	End of 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
w/b 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 23 rd May	Spring festival – from 1.30pm
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day – from 1.15pm
Thurs 17 th July	Class 4 play – 1.30pm & 6pm

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

FOBCS Update

Dates for the diary:

3rd March - FoBCS Meeting @ 6:00pm in school (this is open to everyone)

26th March - Mother's Day Stall

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.

Mother's Day Stall

We are running our lovely Mother's Day stall again this year on Wednesday 26th March in school.

For those of you who are new to the school the idea for the Mother's Day stall is that we ask parents to donate items, such as unwanted toiletry gifts, candles, chocolate or anything else suitable for Mum, Grandmas, Aunts, Godmothers...unlimited options!

We then sort through the donations and pretty them up.

The children bring in a £1 donation on the day and they get to choose any gift from the stall, this is then wrapped in tissue paper for them to take home ready for Mother's Day.

We will ensure that we have enough gifts for every child in the school.

This event is only successful if we get enough donations, so if you have anything we could use then please leave it in the box in the school entrance sometime between now and Monday 24th March.

All donations are gratefully received and all proceeds go directly to support the children.

Spring Fayre

This is our 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 will shortly be 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.

Oxford Botanical Gardens – Monday 10th February



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Freddie's Futures

We are still collecting stamps!

Here is a message from Nicole, Mum of Stanley in year 2:

'Stanley is in year 2 at the school, and has a big brother called Freddie who is 10 years old. Freddie is a bit of a hero and has been through way more than any child ever should. At just 6 years old he was diagnosed with a type of bone cancer called Ewing sarcoma. He spent 9 months going through the gruelling treatment attached to this awful childhood cancer.

You can read his full story here www.bcrt.org.uk/freddiesfuture

We started our charity - Freddie's Future (part of the Bone Cancer Research Trust) once treatment was over as we couldn't believe how little funding there was, and have been fundraising to better treatment for children like Freddie ever since.

As part of our fundraising, we have various stamp collection points for people to put their used stamps in, which can then be sold to raise funds. We are very grateful to Bishop Carpenter for volunteering to be a collection point for us, and hope we get some nice full boxes very soon!

So, next time you have a letter in the post (or your neighbours and other family do) pop the stamp into the box in the foyer at school and, together, we can do our little bit to help Stanley's family raise funds for his big brother's charity.

Thank you, Mrs Stevenson

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

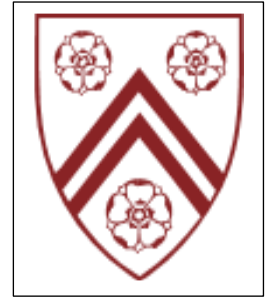
End of Term 6 – Friday 17th July 2026

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

Inset Day Monday 20th July 2026



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Headteacher: Mrs Nichola Stevenson

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor to join our Lunchtime team. This is a permanent position for 7.5hrs per week, Mon-Fri 11.45am to 1.15pm each day, term time only. The position will be Grade 2 Point 2 £23,656 Pro Rata. Actual Salary £4,009

What we are looking for someone who has:

- Motivation and a true passion for education
- High expectations of themselves and the children
- Initiative, dedication, and energy
- Good communication skills and the ability to work as part of a Team

What we offer:

- happy, well-behaved children, who are keen to learn and enjoy school
- the support of highly motivated and supportive team of colleagues
- supportive parents, directors and governors
- A clear staff well-being strategy package that includes our confidential Employee Assistance Programme with access for all staff to Face to Face Counselling, Stress Management, 24/7 GP access, Physiotherapy, Menopause Counselling and Support, Men's Mental Health Wellness, Bereavement Support, Nurse Support Service, Maternity & Paternity Support and Financial Wellbeing Support

Application Procedure

A job description and application form is available from our website: [Vacancies - Warriner Multi-Academy Trust \(warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk\)](https://warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk) or via email recruitment.4007@warriner.oxon.sch.uk

If you would like to discuss the role or find out more, please contact Nikki Stevenson, Headteacher on

Head.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk

Please note we can only accept CVs as supporting documentation when submitted along with a fully completed school application form.

Closing date: Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 1pm

We may interview and appoint a suitable candidate before the closing date

All schools within the Warriner Multi Academy Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share and demonstrate this commitment. The successful candidate will have to meet the requirements of the person specification and will be subject to pre-employment checks including an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references. Please be aware that, we may carry out an online search, on shortlisted candidates only, in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education in order identify any incidents or concerns which are publicly available online. The Warriner Multi Academy Trust is an equal opportunities employer. It is an offence to apply for certain roles within schools if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974).

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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
- A reminder not to wait for children out on the road at the end of school
- 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.
- 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.
- **We have been given notice by both North Newington parish council and 'Gigaclear' that roadworks in the village could cause some disruption over the next few weeks. The first disruption will take**

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place along Park Lane from 13th Feb – 26th March, please take note of the information in the letter on page 3. We also understand there will be further disruption on School Lane later on too, once I know more I will share plans with 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)