# BCS NEWS

# 24th October 2025



Gosh, we are at the end of term...time flies when you are having fun!

We started our week with a visit from Steph Lovett, our Director of School Improvement and Clare Law, a fellow Headteacher from within our WMAT, to conduct a Peer Review alongside myself. This happens across all of our schools and I am looking forward to visiting another school after half term. I am delighted with the feedback, particularly with regards to the pupil engagement 'Learning behaviours in the school are very good. Children engage positively with their learning and understand the expectations and routines in their lessons. They share their work and their thinking confidently and enthusiastically and are rightly proud of their work.' As is expected with this monitoring we also have very constructive next steps to consider which already line up with our School Improvement Plan. Thank you to all staff for their continued hard work and, of course, to our BCS children.

I have been asked by the school council to draw your attention to the calendar dates and, in particular, the 14<sup>th</sup> November which will be our 'Children in Need' day. The school council are asking everyone to wear something 'spotty' with a suggested donation of a £1. We will let you know if there are other activities happening on the day.

A reminder to Class 3 families that 'Children singing for children' (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November) tickets are available from the office. We are really looking forward to this lovely event and have 2 wonderful songs to share.

Thank you to everyone who attended a parent consultation slot this week, if you were unable to attend or make an appointment, please get in touch with class teachers after half term.

Our Panto trip is booked for after half term...oh yes it is!— thank you to FOBCS for covering the coach cost— we are not attending Chipping Norton this year as they were unable to allocate us a suitable date. ALL pupils will need a packed lunch provided from home on this day, as our school provider is unable to due to the time we are departing and returning. We will share further details after half term.

It's DISCO time so I'm off to throw some shapes around the hall! Thank you to our fabulous FOBCS for organising it.

Have a lovely half term, Best wishes Mrs Stevenson

#### \*\*\*\* OPEN DAYS - Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 4th December AM \*\*\*\*

#### House point totals

Ospreys	<mark>Hawks</mark>	Falcons	<b>Eagles</b>
914	1098	912	927

### Stars of the Week

<u>Consistent effort this term:</u> Jack D Rose H Archer Charlie V

Tallia Lily SL Izzy Siena

<u>Values – Thankfulness</u>: Sophia India Mc Austin Sebastian

# Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2025/2026

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Start of term 2

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 5 mental health workshop wk1 (in school time)

Year 5/6 girls and boys football at Warriner 1.30 – 4pm – pick up from Warriner

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Photos – portraits and siblings

Tues 11th Nov Children singing for children - St Marys - Class 3

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Michael Rosen Poetry Day – TBC

KS1 cross country – TBC at Tudor Hall in school time

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Children in Need

2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited

Tues 18th Nov Open Day for prospective parents - September 2026 entry

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 1 and 2 Dance workshop at Warriner AM (in school time) – no spectators

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Governors 2

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 3/4 dodgeball 9 – 11am – in school time – no spectators

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov AM – visit from Sean Woodcock MP with Class 4 and KS 2 School council

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov NON UNIFORM DAY – donations for the festive favre

2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited

Thurs 4th Dec Open morning for prospective parents - September 2026 entry

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec FESTIVE FAYRE – 2.45 – 4.00pm – details to follow

Tues 9th Dec Whole school trip to the PANTO (oh yes it is!) - OXFORD playhouse

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Class 1 and 2 Nativity performance – PM & Eve

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec IROCK concert – PM – time TBC

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas lunch

Class 3 and 4 Christmas performance – PM only

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Christingle at Broughton church – 1pm start, pick up from church at 2pm

End of term 2

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan INSET

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Children return to school

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Junior citizens – Year 6 – AM

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Sports Hall athletics – year 5/6 – pick up from Warriner at 5pm

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day stall

### Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

w/b 16<sup>th</sup> March Class 4 Residential – Yenworthy (Mon-Fri)

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April Year 5 Benchball festival 2 – 4 .30pm (pick up from Warriner)

Year 5 Open Evening at Warriner

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May Non uniform – donations for the Spring festival

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May Class 3 Residential

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May Year 1 and 2 multi skills at Warriner – AM in school time – no spectators

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Spring Festival

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June Quad kids – year 3 / 4, year 5/6 – pick up from Warriner at 3.30pm

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> June Father's Day stall

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June Cricket festival- class 4 – details TBC

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July End of school year – Leavers service, Broughton church 11am

Class 1 enjoying their delicious home made bread rolls and soup -Master chefs in the making!







## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*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 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  $5 - Friday 22^{nd}$  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**

- 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)
- Please use the office email <u>office.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk</u> 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 <u>Vacancies Warriner Multi-Academy Trust (warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk)</u>
- 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: <a href="Healthier snacks Food facts Healthier Families NHS">Healthier Families NHS</a>. We do provide a fruit/veg snack for KS1 children for their afternoon break, we are also a nut free school.

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)