



Thank you for your cooperation following the reminder about our NUT FREE status last week and also regarding the break time snack options. There is a helpful link in the reminders/notice section of the newsletter that gives advice about healthy snack options.

This week we have been delighted to welcome Miss Mitchell into Class 1. Miss Mitchell is completing a four week teacher training placement with us in Early Years, as well as looking at teaching strategies across key stage 1. So far, she is really enjoying her experience and our children have been very welcoming.

We held our first Governor Academy committee meeting on Tuesday evening. It was a productive meeting with data scrutiny, school improvement planning and academy updates. Thank you to everyone who volunteers for this role, your time and contributions are valued by us all. Our chair for the this year continues to be Mr Chris Hutchins, with Mrs Kat Jones the vice-chair, we also welcomed our newest governor to her first meeting, Mrs Sarah Mutuma.

As you will be aware we heavily invest in Read Write Inc (RWI) for our phonics scheme. This involves training for staff and lots of resources. All children in classes 1 and 2, along with some from year 3, are following the programme with daily input either in small groups or 1:1. The programme is most effective when the 'book bag books' (bbbs) are used at home too. Each child on the programme will come home with 2 bbbs and we ask that you sit with your child and go through them. There are some helpful guidelines at the start of each book to follow. If you have any questions please have a chat with your child's class teacher.

Class 1 and Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Broughton Grounds Farm this morning and a refreshing walk back to school. Everyone was a little damp when they returned but certainly not in spirit, they had a great time and excitedly told me about their potato picking and chicken feeding...they even returned with a bag of potatoes each. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for accompanying the trip and to the Taylor family for hosting.

Thank you so much for your generous donations...our Harvest festival offering was overflowing with a range of goodies, from toothpaste to pasta. Also, thank you to Tom from TESCO bakery for our amazing wheatsheaf. Prabhu Natarajan, who runs 'The Lunch Box Project' in Banbury was delighted and thanks everyone, he explained that many families in our area will benefit from our donation. Well done to the year 6 team for leading our assembly and also to each class who shared pictures, songs and a play... a great team effort all round!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

This is the link for the DISCO booking: <https://forms.office.com/e/LxuL2XkLfq>

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

House point totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
382	432	373	425

Stars of the Week (presented on Thursday)

Whizzy Writing:

Jessie

Charlie H

Charlie P

Kylie

Pippa

Lily G

Rose W

Values – Thankfulness:

James S-L

Oscar

Arthur

Alice K



Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2025/2026

Thurs 9 th Oct	Yr 5/6 netball at Warriner – 4pm pick up from Warriner (2 teams)
Mon 13 th Oct	Flu vaccinations -PM (info to follow)
Thurs 16 th Oct	Football (5 a side) – Year 3/4 girls and boys – numbers and details TBC – 4pm pick up from Warriner (spectators from 3.15pm)
W/B 20 th Oct	Parent consultations – details to follow
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Year 3/4 and year 5/6 mixed T1 rugby – 9am – 12pm at Warriner – in school time – at Warriner – no spectators
Fri 24 th Oct	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited FOBCS DISCO – details to follow End of term 1
Mon 3 rd Nov	Start of term 2
Thurs 6 th 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 th Nov	Photos – portraits and siblings
Tues 11 th Nov	Children singing for children - St Marys - Class 3
Thurs 13 th Nov	Michael Rosen Poetry Day – TBC KS1 cross country – TBC at Tudor Hall in school time
Fri 14 th Nov	Children in Need 2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Tues 18 th Nov	Open Day for prospective parents - September 2026 entry
Thurs 20 th Nov	Year 1 and 2 Dance workshop at Warriner AM (in school time) – no spectators
Tues 25 th Nov	Governors 2
Thurs 27 th Nov	Year 3/4 dodgeball 9 – 11am – in school time – no spectators
Fri 28 th Nov	NON UNIFORM DAY – donations for the festive fayre 2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Thurs 4 th Dec	Open morning for prospective parents - September 2026 entry
Friday 5 th Dec	FESTIVE FAYRE – 2.45 – 4.00pm – details to follow
Tues 9 th Dec	Whole school trip to the PANTO (oh yes it is!) - OXFORD playhouse
Fri 12 th Dec	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Mon 15 th Dec	Class 1 and 2 Nativity performance – PM & Eve
Tues 16 th Dec	IROCK concert – PM – time TBC

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Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch Class 3 and 4 Christmas performance – PM only
Fri 19 th Dec	Christingle at Broughton church – 1pm start, pick up from church at 2pm End of term 2
Mon 5 th Jan	INSET
Tues 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Weds 14 th Jan	Junior citizens – Year 6 – AM
Thurs 22 nd Jan	Sports Hall athletics – year 5/6 – pick up from Warriner at 5pm
Weds 11 th March	Mother's Day stall
w/b 16 th March	Class 4 Residential – Yenworthy (Mon-Fri)
Thurs 23 rd April	Year 5 Benchball festival 2 – 4 .30pm (pick up from Warriner) Year 5 Open Evening at Warriner
Fri 1 st May	Non uniform – donations for the Spring festival
Weds 7 th – Fri 8 th May	Class 3 Residential
Thurs 7 th May	Year 1 and 2 multi skills at Warriner – AM in school time – no spectators
Friday 22 nd May	Spring Festival
Thurs 11 th June	Quad kids – year 3 / 4, year 5/6 – pick up from Warriner at 3.30pm
Weds 17 th June	Father's Day stall
Thurs 18 th June	Cricket festival- class 4 – details TBC
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	End of school year – Leavers service, Broughton church 11am



Message from FOBCS

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term FoBCS are excited to announce our first event of the school year, our Autumn discos. These will be held on Friday 24th October in the school hall, and timings are as follows...

5:00 - 6:00pm for Key Stage 1 (class 1 & 2)

6:15 - 7:15pm for Key Stage 2 (class 3 & 4)

Entertainment will be provided by Pulsation Roadshow (to include games and prizes).

Entry fee will be £3.00 per child (payable on Arbor) and this will include a drink and snack.

Only parent helpers (agreed beforehand) will be permitted in the hall during the discos.

This is the link <https://forms.office.com/e/LxuL2XkLfq>

Deadline for booking will be Friday 17th October.

Many thanks,
FoBCS Team

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Down on the farm – Reception and their Year 6 buddies at Broughton Grounds Farm having a real life harvest experience



Our Harvest Festival with our special guest Prabhu from the lunchbox project in Banbury



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JUNIOR SATURDAY ART CLUB FOR 8 - 11 YEAR OLDS

Junior Saturday Art Club welcomes all young creative 8–11-year-olds to enjoy a mixture of art, design, and craft in our specialist art workshops!

You will have the opportunity to experience a range of fun, inspiring and challenging activities in our art studios

Our art studios and facilities are second to none and will provide an inspiring and creative environment for you to explore all sorts of creative disciplines. Come and have fun!

All abilities will be catered for. Activities are varied each series to accommodate returning students.

- Fee: £85 - all materials are included. Parents are very welcome to come along with their child, without extra costs.
- Timing: Series of 5 Saturday mornings 10am–12pm
- Date: See website for start date options
- Location: Banbury and Bicester College, Broughton Road, Banbury, OX16 9QA

For full course information and to enrol visit:
adult.activatelearning.ac.uk/ban-jr-art-club

GIRLS ALL AGES

Friday 3rd Oct
 Bring a friend and give Rugby the Try!
 19:00 start
 18:45 Registration

Banbury Rugby Club
 The OAA UK Stadium
 Bicester Park
 OX10 4AE

PITCH UP & PLAY

If you've never played or already love the game come along for Fun, Training and Questions.

FREE

Q & A with Pro Rugby Superstar Caity Mattinson!

WOMENSRUGBY@BANBURYRUGC.CO.UK

VINTAGE PLOUGHING MATCH & OPEN FARM

Warriner School Farm Trust

4TH OCTOBER, 10 AM – 3PM
 THE WARRINER SCHOOL FARM, BLOXHAM

FREE ENTRY, DONATIONS WELCOME

COWS, GOATS, PIGS, SHEEP, DONKEYS, POULTRY, RABBITS,
 GUINEA PIGS & REPTILES

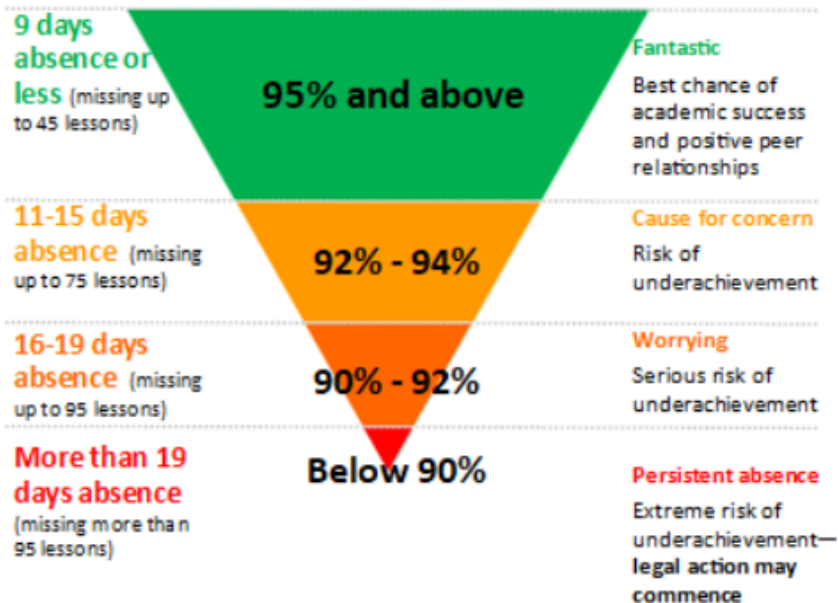
PLOUGHING 10 AM – 2PM

BBQ
 TEA & CAKES,
 TRACTOR & TRAILER RIDES,
 GAMES & TUPPING TOMBOLA

Your attendance & learning matters



190 school days each year/950 lessons



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

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*******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 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](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.

There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.

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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)