



Great to have more lovely sunshine this week, it does mean that jumpers and cardigans sometimes get left behind after playtime, so please make sure names are on all items so they can be quickly returned. We have lots of unnamed lost property and preloved uniform in great condition if you are looking for additional items or the next size up. Please do come and have a look and help yourselves, Zena Taylor also has uniform with logos if you are looking for sweatshirts, polo tops or cardigans.

Our FOBCS team met this week to finalise dates and make arrangements for events. We are collecting for the Mother's Day stall at the moment and, alongside this, looking for prizes for the Spring Fayre raffle in May. Thank you to Louise and the team for their continued commitment to FOBCS.

Yesterday, we had a lovely time celebrating World Book Day. Each class made great efforts to celebrate their class theme with everything from soldiers to butterflies to sloths and explorers. There was story telling and writing and even an observation walk. Class 3 tuned into the BBC live read which was good fun too. Thank you for your support with the day.

Our lunch company, 'Fresh Start' donated some books for prizes and I was delighted to present them this afternoon, thank you to Kerrie Froggatt for coordinating this.

Reading progress books for Elsie H and Lucy.

'World Book Day enthusiasm' books for Rose H, Phoebe, Theo W and Oliver V.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson



### Stars of the Week

#### Contributions to class discussion:

Harry

Frankie

Theo Br

Harper

Blake

Indigo

Tegan

#### Values - Generosity:

Elsie H

Stanley

Lily S-L

Samuel

## House Point Totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
2351	2167	2394	2370

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

### 2024/2025

#### Term 4

Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2.45pm Celebration assembly, families welcome
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day stall
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 lambing visit – Broughton Grounds Farm – details to follow
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent consultation
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	1.30pm & 6pm Class 3 play
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter assembly from 2.35pm – families welcome
	End of term 4
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 bench ball competition at Warriner – 4.30pm finish
	Year 5 Open evening at The Warriner
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Spring festival – from 1.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – from 1.15pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 4 play –1.30pm & 6pm

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

# World Book Day Gallery



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**Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous**

## **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.



# SEND TOGETHER

A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS  
TO CONNECT, SHARE AND  
LEARN

- ✔ Workshops and Information Sessions
- ✔ Panel Discussion and Q&A
- ✔ SEND Advice Clinics
- ✔ SEND Marketplace

THURSDAY  
13TH MARCH  
9AM - 3PM  
THE KINGS CENTRE,  
OX2 0ES

FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFO: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER)

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**\*\*\*\*\*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 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.
- 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 place along Park Lane from 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 26<sup>th</sup> 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)***