

Our first full week back seems to have flown!

It's great to see the classes back into full swing, forest school was a big hit with class 1 and 2 yesterday (moved to a Thursday from a Tuesday), everyone has been enjoying some story time in our new, wonderful library space, and music lessons with IROCK and Mrs Wragg also began.

This afternoon, it was great to see so many of you join us for a celebration assembly, please check the calendar for other opportunities to come along, usually fortnightly. A reminder that we are keen to share and celebrate awards, certificates, trophies and mentions related to activities the children take part in outside of school. These will only be presented in a Friday assembly.

The UK government's guidance for the 2025 school year emphasises improving **attendance**, with parents expected to ensure children attend regularly, and schools and local authorities having clear responsibilities to identify and support pupils with attendance issues. If your child(ren) are absent from school, please contact the school office by 9am (a message can be left on the answering machine), alternatively, you can email the office, clearly stating the reason for absence. The "48 hour rule" requires a child to stay home from school for **48 hours (two days) after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting**. This policy helps prevent the spread of infectious illnesses in school settings. If your child vomits or has diarrhoea at school, they must be collected and cannot return for at least 48 hours after their final episode.

All requests for an extended period of time out of school must be made in writing (email included) to me at least 4 weeks before. Holiday requests will be deemed as unauthorised and a referral for a penalty notice may be considered and enforced.

In addition to the attendance information, please do ensure your child(ren) arrive to school on time. Children can start their day quite unsettled when they are late to school, and often feel self-conscious about walking into the class much later than their friends.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The weather continues to be up and down, please make sure a coat is brought into school so your child(ren) can go outside if it is not raining too heavily.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

Ps the calendar has been updated again this week

Stars of the Week

Being a good friend to others:

Aria-Rose

Harry

Matilda

Tallia

Brooke

Grace

Ethan S

Values – Thankfulness:

Jack D

Buddy

Lucy

Alfie

Dates for your diary (updated regularly)

2025/2026

Fri 12 th Sept	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited Village quiz 7.45pm
Mon 15 th September	FOBCS meeting 6pm
Thurs 18 th Sept	1 st Hotshots session 3.10 – 4pm
Fri 26 th September	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Tues 30 th	Governors 1
Fri 3 rd Oct	Class 1 and Year 6 – Broughton Grounds Farm Harvest visit – details TBC HARVEST FESTIVAL – from 2.40pm – families invited (donation info to follow)
Mon 13 th Oct	Flu vaccinations -PM (info to follow)
W/B 20 th Oct	Parent consultations – details to follow
Fri 24 th Oct	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited Spooky 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)
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
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
Tues 25 th Nov	Governors 2
Fri 28 th Nov	2.45pm Celebration assembly – families invited
Thurs 4 th Dec	Open morning for prospective parents - September 2026 entry
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
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

Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

Tues 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Weds 14 th Jan	Junior citizens – Year 6 – AM
w/b 16 th March	Class 4 Residential – Yenworthy (Mon-Fri)
Weds 7 th – Fri 8 th May	Class 3 Residential
Friday 22 nd May	Spring Festival
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	End of school year – Leavers service, Broughton church 11am



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)

*******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.
- 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.