



What a week of mixed weather! In assembly this afternoon we spoke about being prepared for all eventualities, particularly related to weather and they were reminded to continue bringing coats into school. We have ventured up onto the grass this week, much to the delight of the children, apologies for a little extra mud but having the additional space makes a great difference.

Alice started in year 5 this week and has enjoyed making new friends, thank you to everyone in class 4 for making her very welcome.

A reminder that the FOBCS team are collecting items for the Mother's Day stall. There is a box in the entrance and information in the FOBCS section of the newsletter. The team are meeting on Monday to discuss arrangements for the second half of the year, if anyone is interested in coming along. The Mother's Day stall is on Wednesday 26th March.

You will have noticed the planned roadworks edging towards the village! This may cause some disruption to drop off and pick ups but if we all have some patience and a common sense approach (in terms of parking), then it will be over before we know it.

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.

Class 3 PE change from next week – you will revert to PE on a Friday with me now that your gymnastics sessions have finished.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

All children are invited to dress up in the following themes, which are based on their class topics:

Class 1 Insects & Flowers
Class 2 Rainforest
Class 3 Explorers
Class 4 World War II

There is no obligation to be in full costumes, a gesture to the theme accompanied by comfortable clothes will also be fine. The day will include storytelling, class story creations and illustrations.

Have a lovely half term

Best wishes

Mrs Stevenson

Happy St. David's Day for tomorrow



Stars of the Week

Making us smile:

Effie Stanley Felicity

Jack H Izzy Rose W Mark

Values - Generosity:

India M Rose H Rex Lily G Ethan S Ella

House Point Totals

Ospreys	Hawks	Falcons	Eagles
2219	2073	2150	2266

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

Message from Mrs Barron

We have continued our development of the outdoor area in Class 1 and 2 as things were looking a little broken and sad after the many storms and bad weather we have had. We have had a brilliant response from Class 1 and 2 parents who have kindly donated things to help us. We have had log slices, bikes, see-saws, mud and sand kitchen resources. One lovely parent has also kindly reached out to local businesses to see if they could help. Orinoco donated us a HUGE selection of mud kitchen resources which we have been able to split between the mud kitchen, sand pit and enhance our messy play/play dough in class 1 too. John Nicholls of Banbury also kindly donated some pipe insulators which have already proved very popular.

Thank you all so much for your time and generous donations.

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.bcrct.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

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.



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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

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT



*******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

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://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 \(warrinermultiacademytrust.co.uk\)](http://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.
- **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.**

Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous

- 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 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)