



## Bloxham CE Primary School

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Dear Families

Welcome back, we hope you have all been able to enjoy the summer break and that the children have had the opportunity to rest and play.

A reminder that we will be running our **Meet the Teacher events Wednesday 11 September at 3:30 and 4:00pm**, for families to meet new class teachers and receive curriculum information for the term. Curriculum Maps and knowledge organisers for the Autumn term are already available on our website. Meetings will take place in classrooms, please enter the site via the playground.

### Clubs

Teacher led clubs will commence week beginning 16 September, in response to feedback, all teacher led clubs will end at 4:15. Please look out for an email next week to sign up for these. Clubs will be allocated on a first come first served basis. In addition to the teacher led clubs, there will also be clubs run by external providers, these may start and finish at alternative times.

Please see our calendar below for other events taking place this year, these dates will also be added to our website calendar.

| September |  |
|-----------|--|
| 11        | Meet the Teacher 3:30 and 4:00 pm                          |
| Wk bg 16  | Teacher led clubs commence                                 |
| 25        | 4S Class Assembly  |
| 27 TBC    | Harvest Festival Service children only                     |
|           |  |
| October   |  |
| 2         | 4C Class Assembly  |
| 9         | 2J Class Assembly  |
| 10        | Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day<br>Open Classrooms |
| 14-17     | School Cloud Parents' Evenings- Online                     |
| 16        | 2B Class Assembly  |
| 21-25     | Black History Week   |
| 25        | Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition begins              |

| <b>November</b> |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 4               | Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition Entries to be returned |
| 6               | 3W Class Assembly   |
| 11              | Remembrance Day   |
| 11-15           | Antibullying Week   |
| 13              | Odd Sock Day  |
| 13              | 3K Class Assembly   |
| 15              | Children In Need  |
| 18-22           | Road Safety Week  |
| 27              | 6H Class Assembly   |
| <b>December</b> |   |
| 2-20            | Reverse Advent Calendar                                       |
| 2               | Winter Fun Run in aid of Katherine House                      |
| 4               | 6B Class Assembly   |
| 12              | KS1 Nativity  |
| 13              | Christmas Parties   |
| 17              | Foundation Stage Nativity                                     |
| 20 TBC          | KS2 (Key Stage 2) Carol Service                               |
| 20              | School Closes 1:15pm  |
| <b>January</b>  |   |
| 6               | School Closed to Pupils INSET day                             |
| 15              | 6H Junior Citizen Trip  |
| 17              | 6B Junior Citizen Trip  |
| 22              | 5S Class Assembly   |
| 29              | 5D Class Assembly   |
| <b>February</b> |   |
| 5               | 1A Class Assembly   |
| 11              | Safer Internet Day Theatre company in school                  |
| 12              | 1B Class Assembly   |
| <b>March</b>    |   |
| 6               | World book day  |
| 10-14           | Science week  |
| 11              | Open Classrooms   |
| 17-19           | Year 5 Residential  |
| 21              | Red Nose Day  |
| 24-27           | School Cloud Parents' Evenings - Online                       |
| 24              | Easter Competition  |
| <b>April</b>    |   |
| 2               | Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes Assembly                               |
| 28-30           | Year 4 Residential  |
| <b>May</b>      |   |

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2           | School Closed to Pupils INSET day |
| 12-15       | KS2 SATs                          |
| 14          | Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Assembly   |
| 19-23       | KS1 SATs                          |
| <b>June</b> |                                   |
| 11          | F1A Class Assembly                |
| 18          | F1D Class Assembly                |
| 23-27       | Year 6 Residential                |
| 30          | Sports Day KS2 am KS1 and EYFS pm |
| <b>July</b> |                                   |
| 3           | Year 6 Kilvrough Assembly         |
| 16          | Year 6 Leavers Service            |
| 18          | School Closes 1:15pm              |

### Class Assemblies

Our class assemblies will continue to take place on Wednesdays 8:55 – 9:30 (approx), please see the table below for dates. In the absence of a hall, the assemblies will take a slightly different format, this will be communicated in advance of the assembly.

|              |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 25 September | 4S                     |
| 2 October    | 4C                     |
| 9 October    | 2J                     |
| 16 October   | 2B                     |
| 27 November  | 6H                     |
| 4 December   | 6B                     |
| 6 November   | 3W                     |
| 13 November  | 3K                     |
| 22 January   | 5S                     |
| 29 January   | 5D                     |
| 5 February   | 1A                     |
| 12 February  | 1B                     |
| 2 April      | Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes |
| 14 May       | Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes |
| 11 June      | F1A                    |
| 18 June      | F1D                    |
| 3 July       | Year 6 Kilvrough       |
| 16 July      | Year 6 Leavers         |

### Celebration Assemblies

**In the absence of the arrival of our temporary hall, we are unfortunately currently unable to include families in our celebration assemblies, we hope this will be a very temporary change.**

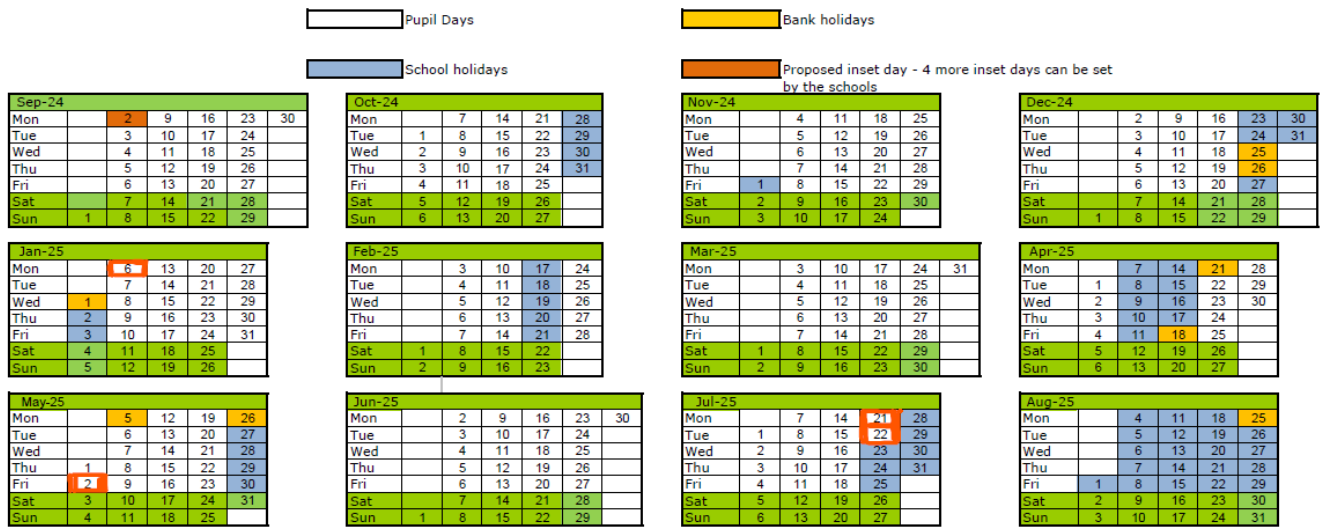
When the assemblies do resume both the Upper and Lower Phase Celebration assemblies will now take place on Mondays. Upper School will be held at 9:00am and Lower School at 2:40pm. Parents will be notified on the previous Thursday if their child is to receive an award. We recognise that for some families, there may continue to be a difficulty in gaining leave from work, however, to ensure awards are relevant to current achievement it is not possible to create a further

increased time-frame. Please do remember we invite you to extend this invitation to grandparents or other family and friends if you are unable to attend yourself.

## Start of day Procedures

We are aware that there have been some initial and temporary glitches with our new start of day procedures. We hope however you will have seen that the children are overall becoming increasingly confident in these and that we have been able to incorporate some of the feedback we have received. Despite the glitches, the start of the day has overall been much improved and calmer, with learning time starting promptly and all pupils having access to the same opportunities; the firm start has also provided us with virtually an additional hour of learning time. We will continue to tweak procedures with more support staff also on the playground from Monday, enabling those children who are having a wobbly morning to be quickly supported. Please remember you are still able to drop teachers a written note or leave a message via the office, and class teachers will continue to be available at the close of the day. Arrangements will be put in place for rainy days. Please do not feel that the children have to line up until the whistle blows, for some this will add to their anxiety. We want them to be able to enjoy the start of the day and have the opportunity to socialise and share a conversation. At 8:40 when the gates close the whistle will blow, this is the signal for the children to promptly go to class lines ready for the start of lessons.

Oxfordshire 2024/25 Academic Calendar



Students 190 days  
Teachers 195 days

Pupil days shown include four to be selected by schools as additional INSET days  
Teacher working days include five INSET days

Autumn Term : 74 Days  
Spring Term : 67 Days  
Summer Term : 53 Days

**Please note that school will close at 1:15pm on Friday 20 December 2024 and Friday 18 July 2025.**