

## **Parent Forum Feedback – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### ***General note to Burford families***

Thank you to those families who have taken the time to provide us with feedback. Overall, we had fewer responses across the school than last time, nevertheless, we have some lovely feedback about our amazing staff – thank you.

### **Themes**

#### ***Positive feedback – what is the school doing well***

Thank you for positive feedback around teaching and learning including the enrichment activities such as orienteering day, Young Voices and sporting fixtures. It was also delightful to read that the younger children are enjoying their reading homework.

#### ***Homework***

For children in EYFS, part from reading, we do not tend to set 'homework' as part of the play-based learning. For parents who would like some references to online platforms to support early literacy and maths skills, please speak to your class teacher.

#### ***Afternoon snacks in Reception***

The children have their lunch at 12pm and then nothing until they meet their parents or go to WC4U at 3:15. If the children eat all their lunch, they should be able to last the afternoon. If there is a particular individual on a growing spurt and needs an extra banana for example, please speak to your class teacher.

#### ***Uniform***

Consideration to changing school uniform from shirts and ties in KS2 to polo-shirts. The last time we considered this, we felt the change to shirts and ties prepared the children for when they went to secondary school and therefore, we have a compromise. Children in Years 3 and 4 can continue to wear polo-shirts and in Years 5 and 6, children will be expected to wear shirts and ties. A uniform letter will be sent out later this week.

#### ***Welcoming children into school***

Where possible, teachers will greet the children as they come into school in the mornings. Unfortunately, for teachers in upper KS2, this is not always possible as they need to be in the classroom to supervise the children as they come into the shared locker area and classrooms.

#### ***School calendar/communication***

Once we have joined the Marlow Education Trust (MET), we can ask their IT team if it is possible to have an interactive school calendar on our website which will detail all the events for the term.

### ***Swimming lessons***

We use Handy Cross for our Y3 swimming lessons, along with a lot of other primary schools in the area. When we are chosen to have our slot in the pool is down to luck and unfortunately, we do go swimming during the winter/early spring.

### ***Attendance cup***

The attendance cup has been well received by most classes. For those children who have long-term illnesses, we do not count their absence for that particular week so that the others in class are not penalised. Our overall attendance as a school this week, is above our target of 95% to 96% which is fantastic and worth celebrating.

### ***Parking***

We are working with our local PCSO, Chris Bis, to help families park more considerably. Chris will be returning to the school site soon and, where needed, will be issuing fines.

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Please be reminded that if you would like to raise a concern, please follow the school's escalation protocol:

1. Speak to your child's class teacher
2. Speak to your child's Assistant Headteacher (EYFS/KS1, Mrs Hyatt; KS2 (Y3-6), Mrs Puddephatt)
3. Raise a concern with the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Puddephatt
4. Raise a concern or complaint with me as Headteacher, Mrs Marshall

The next parent forum will be next year in the summer term, date to be confirmed. I will send a reminder nearer the date for parents to offer their views via the Google feedback form.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child thrive at Burford.

Mrs Marshall