



Burford School & Nursery

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Year 1

We really enjoyed meeting our new classes and are looking forward to welcoming your children into Year 1 in September! Please find photos and contact details of your child's class teacher and TA.

Oak Class



Miss Fowler Marsh
Tuesday - Friday

Teaching assistant: Miss Trott



Mrs Morrison
Monday

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Pine Class



Miss Doherty
Tuesday-Friday

Teaching assistant: Miss Gabb



Mrs Hyatt
Monday

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One exciting change for our academic year 2025-2026 is that the school will now be providing children with essential equipment for use in class. Every child will be provided with a personal pencil case which will include a pencil, writing pen, short ruler, whiteboard pen, glue stick and eraser. Classes will have pencil sharpeners which will be kept in the classrooms, as will class scissor sets.

This means that children will not be required to take pencil cases into school. This change takes place to encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings in school, supports the children's wellbeing in reducing the amount of property that the children are required to bring into school and should help keep the school tidy. Bags brought in only need to contain the following items:

- a reading book and reading journal
- a water bottle
- a waterproof coat (if appropriate for the season)

Uniform

All children are expected to wear Burford school uniform. A copy of the uniform policy and requirements can be found on the website. We will encourage each child to be responsible for their own uniform, but please help us and them by ensuring that all items are clearly labelled.



P.E.

On PE days, which will be confirmed in September, children should wear their school uniform and will get changed into their Burford PE kit and tracksuits at school. Their PE kits can stay in school until the end of the half term. All hair should be tied back and earrings should be covered if not removed.



Independence

In the morning, we would like the children to come into the cloakroom independently and hang up their coats before entering the classroom. Please make sure all lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class and these, along with water bottles will come home daily.

Items from home

Fidget tools should only be brought in by the children who have been approved to use in class to meet need. Children should not be bringing in toys, teddy bears or other items like personal diaries or felt pen kits or similar.

Home Reading

Your child will be given a Reading Record and 1 Reading Book. We know that all of your child's learning will not only benefit from the reading they do at school but through daily home reading too. This may be just a few pages. Make sure you encourage them to sound out, blend and read unfamiliar words. It will also really help your child to develop a greater understanding of reading by asking questions such as: what has happened in the story so far? What do you think will happen next? How is the character feeling? What did the character do....?

We will change books 3 times a week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



We will start forest school in the Autumn term and we will be sending out more details in September.



There will be no homework for the first few weeks while we settle the children back into school and teach them the new classroom routines. They will then receive phonics homework once a week along with 5 spellings on a Monday, which will need to be returned the following Monday.

Helping hands

If you would like to support Year 1 this year by coming in to help some afternoons and at Forest School, please let us know. We will be sending out a form to let you know what days we would like your help.

Over the summer feel free to use your local library, share books with your child and practice counting objects up to 20. If you spend a lovely day out together you could encourage your child to draw a picture and/or write a sentence about it.

We really hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to meeting you all again in September.

Kind regards,

Year 1 team.