



# Burford School & Nursery

## 'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children into Year 2 in September. Year 2 is an exciting year where children are able to learn about a variety of new topics and experience new opportunities. We will also be inviting you in for a welcome chat in September.

### **Back to School**

In Year 2, your child will continue to use their book bags which will be stored in boxes in their classroom. The children will need to bring a water bottle and coat each day. You will not need to send in a pencil case. In addition, we would also be really grateful if you could send in a box of tissues per term.

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, rubber and scissors.

If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, this should be in a separate bag to place on the lunch trolleys. PE kits should be kept in a separate PE bag. Fidget (or other learning) tools should only be brought in by the children who have been approved to use in class to meet need. Children must not be bringing in toys, teddy bears or other items like personal diaries or felt pen kits or similar.

For the first week, children will need to bring their PE kit in on the Monday and leave it on their pegs ready for the lessons that week. We will confirm PE days with you once timetables have been finalised.

Please refer to the information on the Burford School website to ensure that children have the correct uniform for September: <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>

The Year 2 block is opposite Year 1. The door will open at 8:30. Please do not allow your child/children to climb on the fence or go up the steps/slope before this time. Thank you.

### **Transition**

Should you want to support your child in the transition to Year 2 over the summer holidays, here are some suggested activities:

- Practise reading and spelling the Year 1 Common Exception Words. A copy of these, and the Year 2 set, has been attached. They can also be found in the middle of your child's Reading Record.

- Recap the books on Floppy Phonics up to **Book 26**. These will cover all the sounds the children have learnt in Reception and Year 1.
- Read and share a variety of books – fiction and non-fiction. Whilst reading, get your child to predict what happens next and answer questions about the text. See if they can find/retrieve the actual words that answer the question in the book.
- Write little and often; keep a diary / send a postcard to Year 2 about what you've been up to, etc. Post cards will be added to our geography display.
- Practise your number bonds, telling the time to o'clock and half past, handling money and giving change. Numbots can continue to be accessed over the summer break.
- Talk to your child about change and their emotions. Think about what to look forward to.

### Have a lot of fun!

We hope that you all have a relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Azam and Miss Tolmie

## Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

### Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

### Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	

