

BURFORD SCHOOL



# Burford School & Nursery

*'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'*

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Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children into Year 3 in September! Year 3 is an exciting year where children are able to learn about a variety of topics, such as the Stone Age and the Romans, and experience new opportunities.

The teaching staff for Year 3 in September will be as follows:

Beech Class – Miss Housden

Cedar Class – Mrs Gregg (Monday, Tuesday) and Miss Fulbrook (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

At the beginning of each day, children will enter school through the Year 3 cloakroom. We ask that parents do not enter the red gate outside the cloakroom as it can become easily crowded and we would like the children to become as independent as possible at organising their belongings for the school day. As your child is now in KS2, at the end of the school day they will stand with their teacher outside the red gate and wait for you to collect them.

In KS2, the children are required to wear slightly different school uniform. 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/>

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)
- a healthy snack

The children's lunch should be in a separate bag to place on the lunch trolleys. PE kits should be kept in a separate PE bag. 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.

Reading books will be issued within the first few weeks of the Autumn Term. These should be brought into school every day along with their reading records, as there are designated times for independent reading throughout the day.

The children will need to bring their PE kits on PE days to change in to. We will confirm PE days once timetables have been finalised.

If you would like to support your child during the summer holidays they/you could:

- Revise the Year 2 Common Exception Words (CEW), ensuring that children are able to apply these to their writing. (See attached sheet)
- Learn to read and spell the Year 3/4 CEW (see attached sheet)
- Keep a diary/send a postcard to Year 3 telling us about places that you have visited.
- Continue to practise key number facts (number bonds within 20, times tables, addition and subtraction) – on entering Year 3, children should be secure in 2, 5 and 10 times tables (both multiplication and division facts). Children can continue to use TTRS over the summer holidays.
- Practise telling the time and handling money e.g. using coins to pay for an amount and working out the correct amount of change.
- Continue to read and be read to from both fiction and non-fiction books over the summer holidays. Asking and answering questions about what they are reading is of equal importance.

### **Don't forget to have fun too!**

From September, we would love to invite some parent helpers in to school to hear the children read and generally support them in their learning. If this is something you think you would be able to volunteer your time to do, then please do get in touch with the school office and we can arrange a suitable weekly time.

We hope that you all have a relaxing summer and we look forward to working with you and your children in September.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 team

## Year 2 Common Exception Words

after  
again  
any  
bath  
beautiful  
because  
behind  
both  
break  
busy  
child  
children  
Christmas

class  
climb  
clothes  
could  
cold  
door  
even  
every  
everybody  
eye  
fast  
father  
find

floor  
gold  
grass  
great  
half  
hold  
hour  
improve  
kind  
last  
many  
mind  
money

most  
move  
Mr  
Mrs  
old  
only  
parents  
pass  
past  
path  
people  
plant  
poor

pretty  
prove  
should  
steak  
sugar  
sure  
told  
water  
whole  
who  
wild  
would



## New Curriculum Spelling List Years 3 and 4

accident  
accidentally  
actual  
actually  
address  
although  
answer  
appear  
arrive  
believe  
bicycle  
breath  
breathe  
build  
busy  
business  
calendar  
caught

centre  
century  
certain  
circle  
complete  
consider  
continue  
decide  
describe  
different  
difficult  
disappear  
early  
earth  
eight  
eighth  
enough  
exercise

experience  
experiment  
extreme  
famous  
favourite  
February  
forwards  
fruit  
grammar  
group  
guard  
guide  
heard  
heart  
height  
history  
imagine  
increase

important  
interest  
island  
knowledge  
learn  
length  
library  
material  
medicine  
mention  
minute  
natural  
naughty  
notice  
occasion  
occasionally  
often  
opposite

ordinary  
particular  
peculiar  
perhaps  
popular  
position  
possess  
possession  
possible  
potatoes  
pressure  
probably  
promise  
purpose  
quarter  
question  
recent  
regular

reign  
remember  
sentence  
separate  
special  
straight  
strange  
strength  
suppose  
surprise  
therefore  
though  
thought  
through  
various  
weight  
woman  
women

