



14th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really enjoyed meeting our new classes recently! We are looking forward to welcoming the children into Year 3 in September. Year 3 is an exciting year where the children transition from Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2. The children are able to learn about a variety of topics, such as the Stone Age and the Romans, and experience many new opportunities.

At the beginning of each day, children will enter school through red gate near the Year 3 cloakroom. We ask that parents do not enter the red gate 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.

Pencil Cases

The school is providing children with essential equipment for use in class. This means that children will not be required to bring any stationery into school.

Items to bring into school

In Key Stage 2, children require a rucksack to carry all of their belongings and help them to stay organised. Bags brought in only need to contain the following items:

- reading book and reading record
- water bottle (of a normal size – not too large as they take up a lot of space!)
- waterproof coat
- healthy snack in addition to their lunch (for breaktime)
- homework books (preferably in a plastic wallet to protect them)

Focus tools should only be brought into school by children who have been given prior approval by Mrs Marshall (where they are required to meet an identified need). Children should not bring Nee Dohs, teddy bears, or any other similar items into school.

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

Please ensure that all items are clearly named, this includes all uniform and PE kits.

Homework

It is important that your child completes their homework each week as this supports to consolidate the learning that we do in class. Homework books need to be brought back on a Monday and handed in. Please do support your children to practise their timetables regularly.

Uniform

It is a requirement that all children wear the expected school uniform (unless otherwise agreed by the school SENDCO) and school shoes. Our uniform guidance can be found on our website:

<https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>

PE

We will let you know which days your child will have PE as soon as our timetables are confirmed. On those days, children will need their PE kit, which they should bring into school to change into.

Curriculum Objectives Meeting

Our curriculum objectives meeting will be held in September. We have provisionally booked it in for Thursday 17th September. We will confirm this when we return from the summer holidays. It would be wonderful to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

Summer learning

If you would like to support your child during the summer holidays, please consider the following:

- 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 CEW (see attached sheet)
- [Revise the Year 2 spelling patterns \(www.spellingframe.co.uk\)](http://www.spellingframe.co.uk)
- 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.

If you are visiting family or looking for days out this year, the following places link to our learning in Year 3:

- The Roman Verulamium museum in St Albans
<https://www.stalbansmuseums.org.uk/visit/verulamium-museum>
- A Iron Age Hillfort which can be found in Medmenham
<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1013938>
- Stonehenge <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/>
- The Natural History Museum links to many of our topics including; fossils, rocks, earthquakes and volcanoes <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/>
- The Royal Observatory, Greenwich linking to our Geography topics
<https://www.rmg.co.uk/royal-observatory>
- Braywick Nature Reserve linking to our plants topic <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/nature-and-conservation/braywick-nature-centre>

We hope that you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you and your children next term! In the meantime, should you have any questions or queries about Year 3 then please send us an email.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Housden, Miss Fulbrook & Mrs Ashby-Harvey