



10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I say this every year, but I truly cannot believe how quickly this academic year has flown by.

Once again, the children have inspired us with their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. They have continued to persevere and demonstrate resilience when faced with new challenges and opportunities. From our youngest children at Burford - learning to read, write, count and, perhaps most challenging of all, to share - to those who have performed on stage in assemblies, school productions, BGT auditions, Young Voices and the Marlow Regatta, every child has achieved something to be proud of.

Our pupils have also excelled in a wide range of sporting events and proudly represented Burford School in numerous leagues and competitions, as well as events such as Science Oxford and the Spelling Bee. The list goes on and on. Throughout the year, your children have consistently demonstrated our school values of honesty and respect. Most importantly, they have shown kindness and responsibility towards one another, warmly welcoming new children and staff into the Burford family.

For all of these reasons, I, along with every member of staff, am incredibly proud of them. To those children leaving Burford School this year, including our Year 6 Burford Bodies, we wish you every success as you move on to your new schools. We hope you will visit us in the future and let us know how you are thriving in your new settings.

This year, it is not only some of our children who will be leaving us. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Jackie Martin, our wonderful Reception teacher, who has been part of Burford for many years. Her inspirational teaching and exceptional knowledge of maths mastery in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have enriched the learning of countless children, and she will be greatly missed in September. Our nursery apprentice, Mr Leigh Pankhurst, has successfully completed his apprenticeship and will be leaving us at the end of term in search for an exciting new Teaching Assistant role in another school.

We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Donna Branwhite, our School Bursar, and Mrs Gerry Hargreaves, our School Business Manager and member of the Senior Leadership Team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work and dedication behind the scenes over the past six years. Their contributions have been invaluable and are very much appreciated.

In addition, we have some other exciting news to announce. Over the summer, Mr Metter (PE Lead) and Miss Townsend (Burford's ELSA) will be getting married! We wish them every happiness on their wedding day and we look forward to welcoming Mr and Mrs Mettler back to school in September.

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank all members of Team Burford. Thank you to our staff, parents, children, governors and Friends of Burford for their continued support throughout the year.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer with your families when we break up on Wednesday 22nd July at 1.30pm.

Best wishes,

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher