



22nd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and pass on some essential information to help your children settle into Year 4.

This year, Juniper class will be taught by Mrs Pease and Willow class will be taught by Mrs Hollingsworth (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Ashby-Harvey (Friday). The teachers can be contacted on the following email addresses:

Mrs Pease: cpease@burfordschool.co.uk (please note there is a second initial in this email address!)

Mrs Hollingsworth: ahollingsworth@burfordschool.co.uk

Mrs Ashby-Harvey: lashby-harvey@burfordschool.co.uk

The children will also be supported by Miss Trott, Miss Amos and Mrs Hamburger.

Assessment

Children will be formally assessed at the end of each term. In addition to this, the children will take the statutory Multiplication Table Check in June 2027. There will be weekly multiplication checks in class along with weekly spelling tests.

Equipment

Pencil Cases

The school will be providing pencil cases containing all of the equipment that the children need. They will not need to bring any stationery in from home.

Bags brought in only need to contain the following items:

- reading book and reading record
- water bottle
- waterproof coat (if needed for the time of the year)
- a healthy snack – fresh fruit or vegetables please
- homework books (on a Monday)

The lockers aren't very big so please do not allow your child to bring any additional personal belongings to school. Focus tools should only be brought into school by children who have been given prior approval (where they are required to meet an identified need).

Lunch and PE kits should be brought into school in separate named bags. Lunch will be stored on the lunch trolley and PE kits in lockers.

Valuables

Children should not bring phones or any other valuables into school.

Homework

It is important that your child completes their homework and brings it in to school on time. Spelling, grammar and maths homework will be set on Google Classroom on a Monday to be returned for marking the following Monday. Children should also read for 15 to 20 minutes a night.

Reading

We will assess your child's reading level in the first week of the new term so they can access the school library. Please do not be alarmed if their range has dropped slightly. This is completely normal after a long break. Children will be given plenty of time to quiz as they finish their books using the AR system in school time and we would request that this is not done outside of the classroom.

Uniform

It is a requirement that all children wear the expected school uniform unless otherwise agreed by the school SENDCO. Children have the option to wear white polo shirts now but they should wear a tie if they are wearing a school shirt. Sensible school shoes must be worn and hair accessories should be discrete and school colours. Further information on the school uniform policy can be found on our website: <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>

PE

Our PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Children will need PE in school to change in to on these days.

School Trip

We are looking to change the destination of our school trip this year. We will confirm this as soon as our booking has been secured.

Curriculum Objectives Meeting

Save the date! Parents will be invited into school on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd September 2026 between 2:30pm and 3pm. Teachers will share information about what the children will be taught during Year 4 and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Summer Learning

Whilst it's important that your child rests over the summer break, please encourage them to read and continue to engage with Times Tables Rock Stars. We would hope that children are secure on their knowledge of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables by September. Don't worry if they aren't as we will be focusing on this when we return, but practising little and often will certainly help to provide them with a firm foundation to build upon in Year 4.

If your child would like to keep a diary over the summer to practise their writing, we'd love to read it! We would especially love to read any diary entries that include facts found on trips to museums, rivers and beaches, aquariums or nature reserves.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email. Please be aware that we will not be monitoring our email addresses until Tuesday 1st September.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing your children on Monday 7th September 2026.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pease, Mrs Hollingsworth and Mrs Ashby-Harvey.