

School NEWS

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Headteacher Awards

Well done to everyone who received a Headteacher's Award last week!

Pine – Safaa and Whole Class

Oak – Whole Class

Chestnut – Erin and Bertie

Elm – Nicole and Emily

Beech – Carys and Eesa

Cedar – Evie and Dot

Juniper – Juniper and Jessica

Willow – Florence, Christopher and Noah

Sequoia – Jenson and Ethan

Cherry – Zach and Nuriyah

Hawthorn – Mia and Henry

Ash – Henry

Millionaire Reader

Alina

Cameron B

Rupert

Henry H

2 million words

Felicity C

Henry C

Dear Burford families,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2025 and what a newsletter we have for you! Burford truly celebrates Christmas in style... we started the celebrations with every child in school hanging a decoration on the school Christmas tree. This is a tradition the children really enjoy!

Thank you for everyone who attended and supported our Christmas fayre last Saturday. It was a roaring success despite the rain and wind! **We made a fantastic amount of money for the school – a whopping £4111!** Congratulations to the competition winners from the fayre, including those of you who were lucky raffle ticket winners too.

On Wednesday, Year 1 put on an outstanding performance for their parents. The children's narration, singing and dancing was an absolute joy to see. Thank you to the Year 1 team for all their hard work. We are also looking forward to Reception's nativity and Nursery's sing-a-long over the next couple of weeks too. Thank you to the choir members who came to the Christmas Carol service at All Saints Church on Tuesday night. Their performance, supported by Mr Walker, blew away the audience and GMS students – we were super proud of you all! Speaking of GMS, a huge thank you to the DT Team at GMS for hosting our annual Christmas cake making and decorating sessions in Year 4. The cakes looked amazing! Thank you to everyone in Year 4 for making this happen.

In sporting news, well done to Burford's tag rugby team who participated in the Marlow Schools Rugby Tournament. I heard they put in a great performance! Thank you to Mr Mettler, who worked alongside the Headteacher from Frieth, who organised this event.

And finally, thank you to FoB for raising funds to pay for enrichment opportunities such as this week's s'mores with the children – we're having a ball!

Merry Christmas everyone! Mrs Marshall

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Burford Celebrates Christmas

Christmas has officially started at Burford!

On Monday 24th November, the Children were invited to decorate the Burford Christmas Tree with the official switch on of the lights taking place in assembly on Friday 28th. The children did a great job of decorating and the tree looks fantastic.



Last Saturday saw the return of our Christmas Fayre and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Not only was it a thoroughly enjoyable day, it also raised an amazing £4111 for our school!

Many thanks to all the class reps, School Council, volunteers and members of staff who organised the tombola's, class games and craft activities, and to Friends of Burford and the Burford Governors for providing the food and drink. Without all of your help, the fayre could not have been possible.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us and meet the children and to his elves for helping to entertain the children while they waited.

Burford Celebrates Christmas

Mr Walker did a fabulous job of preparing our amazing Burford Choir for their 2 performances to open and close the fayre. They all sang brilliantly!



Well done to everyone that entered our Christmas competition! We have a lot of very creative children at Burford which made it very hard to choose the winners. After much deliberation, our winners are: Mark (EYFS), Victoria (KS1); Harper (Lower Key Stage 2); Gretel and Gretel and Esmee (Upper KS2).



Congratulations to Louis in Beech Class who won the giant Elf! Mrs Marshall is delighted that her impersonator (and troublemaker) has finally been won and has left the school 😁

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Mansfield for donating the elf!



If you are one of our lucky raffle winners, you have been contacted this week to collect your prizes.

Burford Celebrates Christmas Continues

We have lots of festive fun still to come too:

- **Monday 8th December** – FOB Children's Discos 🎉 🕺
- **Wednesday 10th December** – Reception children will perform their Christmas Nativity for parents 🌟
- **Friday 12th December** – Christmas Jumper Day 🧑🏻‍🎄 and Christmas Lunch 🍽️
- **Monday 15th December** – KS1 Church Visit 🏰
- **Wednesday 17th December** – KS2 Church Visit 🏰
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 🎵
- **Thursday 18th December** – School closes at **1.30pm** for the Christmas Break 🎁

Year 1 Christmas Performance

This week the Year 1 children took part in their performance of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' and what superstars they all were!

We really enjoyed their singing and dancing and they all spoke so clearly and with such expression.

Thank you to all of the parents for coming and watching the end result of all of the hard work and rehearsals the children have put into it.

Well done!



Tag Rugby

Burford's tag rugby team played really well with other schools in the Marlow liaison area. They came third place out of a possible six places putting on a great performance all round. Well done!



Christmas Elves

We are delighted to have some new play equipment for Reception and Nursery.

The Burford Elves have been busy assembling some of our new trikes!



Year 4 Cake Making at Great Marlow School

On Thursday 27th November, Year 4 returned to Great Marlow School to decorate the Christmas Cakes that they had made previously.

Mrs Cadogan kindly demonstrated a range of icing and decorating techniques, showing the children how to add colour, patterns, and finishing touches. The children then set to work on their own cakes, using their creativity and imagination to design unique decorations.

The results were truly fantastic! Well done Year 4 – your cakes looked absolutely delicious!



We would like to say a big thank you to the parents and staff who walked with us, to GMS and to Mrs Cadogan.

Campfire Fun and Christmas Treats!

This week, the children and I have thoroughly enjoyed toasting marshmallows over our school campfire and squishing the yumminess in between two delicious biscuits!

For some children, they were expert toasters and loved sharing their Christmas plans. For others, they were brave and let me assist them in toasting their marshmallows, and beamed with pride afterwards!

Yesterday, Acorns joined me in our outdoor area for a Christmas story around the fire whilst nibbling on a chocolate digestive ☺. I am really looking forward to doing this with Reception next week and making s'mores with the rest of the school too.

Thank you ever so much for allowing your children to take part. It is a special treat for me as well as the children; spending time with them ❤️

A huge thank you to Friends of Burford (FoB) for funding 2025's s'mores. Little extras like this and enrichment opportunities would not be possible without their time and dedication in raising funds for the school, your support is much appreciated.

Mrs Marshall

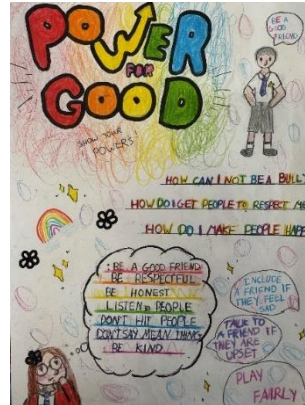


PSHE – Anti Bullying Week

Last week, Burford School celebrated our differences and showed our support for Anti Bullying Week by wearing Odd Socks to school.

The Year Six Peer Mentors launched a competition to create a poster explaining how we can use our 'Power for Good' and encourage children to be brave, kind and considerate of others.

There were two overall winners (chosen by the Peer Mentors) and they were: Bryony (Elm Class) and Lejla (Ash Class)!



The special recognition award for most time, care and effort put into their poster was awarded to: Brianna (Ash Class).



Well done to everyone who entered!

Choir

This week, we had the privilege of joining Great Marlow School (GMS) at All Saints Church in Marlow for their annual Christmas carol service.

Burford Choir, led by Mr Walker, sang two wonderful renditions of We Three Kings and a Christmas medley. The children sang beautifully and complemented the talented GMS choir and brass band.

Mr Williams, Music Director from GMS, was very impressed and, I believe, is eyeing up future talent!





Starting school for the first time

Was your child born between
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school
place from 5 November 2025 visit



You must apply even if your child is at the nursery
attached to the school you would like them to go to.

The application deadline is 15 January 2026, please do not miss it

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find
out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child.

buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing



Application
deadline is
midnight on
15 January
2026

Parent Forum

Thank you for your valuable feedback from this terms Parent Forum meeting. Parent Rep this year.

The feedback from the meeting will be emailed to parents today.

School Applications

Primary School Applications

Applications for Bucks primary schools is now open. If you, or someone you know is looking for a school place to start in September 2026 please do contact our school office.

We are delighted to offer prospective parents tours of our school every Friday. Please contact the school office to book an appointment: office@burfordschool.co.uk / 07598 250888.

Secondary School Applications

For secondary school places in September 2026, applications are now open. Please ensure that you apply for your place before 31 October 2025 via the Bucks website.

After School Clubs

For a full list of After School Clubs offered at Burford, please visit our website.

If your child is booked into a school club and cannot attend, please inform the school office prior to the start of the club.

As well as the sports clubs offered by Burford, we have a number of additional clubs run by external providers, including sports, outdoor activities, arts and craft. For full details of these clubs, their information leaflets and how to book can be found on our website (www.burfordschool.co.uk / Parents / School Clubs).



Cool Milk

Free milk is available for all children under the age of five in school, funded by the UK government.

In our school, this milk is provided by Cool Milk, the UK's leading school milk supplier.

When your child turns five, you are able to pay a subsidised rate for your child to continue to receive milk. If you wish for your child to continue receiving milk from the age of five, simply register with Cool Milk directly via their website (www.coolmilk.com).

Medication

If your child requires medication to be kept in school, please bring this to the school office on the first day of term, with a completed healthcare form (please note that a new form is required for each academic year) [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://BurfordSchool(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)).

Any medications that come into school need to be brought to the school office by the parent. We are only able to administer medications prescribed by a doctor and they must have the prescription label on them.

If you require the school to administer antibiotics, we are only able to do this if the medication is required 4 times a day. Please bring the medication to the school office, with a completed form:

[Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://BurfordSchool(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com))

If you have any questions regarding the medical needs of your child, please see Mrs G in the front office.

Music lessons

Many KS2 children at Burford enjoy learning to play a musical instrument. If your child would like to start learning an instrument in September, our instrumental lessons are offered through Bucks Music Trust (BMT), who provide instrumental tuition during school hours. Children will be taught for 33 lessons during the academic year, spread over the 3 terms. Lesson times are arranged on a rota basis to minimise the effect of missing the same class English/maths lesson each week.

If you would like to apply for lessons, or would like any further information, please contact Bucks Music Trust or **complete the BMT application form online at <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>**

School Contact Details

Following on from our previous communications, if you need to contact the school, please do so using either of the methods below:

Email: office@burfordschool.co.uk
School Mobile: 07598 250888



CONTACT US

Gift of Opportunity

The Gift of Opportunity Fund runs every academic year to raise income for projects of immediate need around the school. The projects funded will enhance and broaden the educational experience of the pupils at Burford.

In order to meet the ambitions of the school to maintain an outstanding education and to build an equivalent environment for all pupils of Burford to enjoy during their time here, donations from the Burford family are essential as the state funding meets only the minimum requirements.

If you would like to donate to the gift of opportunity fund, please email office@burfordschool.co.uk

Polite Reminders

Do not walk up or down the school drive – it is not safe at any time of the day. Please use the pedestrian entrance and fenced off walk way.

School gates

Children should be dropped off at school ready for the start of the school day at 8.40am. Please ensure that you have left the school site before 8.50am after school drop off, as this is when the gates will be locked. The side gate to the playing field car park will not be unlocked during the school day, so if you are attending for a meeting, please ensure that you use the main school gate.

Hard Copies of letters

Where possible, if we require a form to be completed, we will always endeavour to provide this as an electronic form so that parents are not required to print these at home.

On the occasions where this will not be possible, if you require a printed copy, please let the school office know and they will be happy to print a copy for you.

Dogs

Dogs are **not** permitted on the school grounds at any time. This includes dogs walking or being carried.

Upcoming dates

For term dates, please visit:

2025/2026 - [term-dates-2026-2027.pdf](#)

Calendar Dates:

[2025 - 2026 calendar.xlsx](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or comments regarding any of the events.

Lost Property

We have already had a large quantity of lost property.

Please ensure all clothing and shoes brought into school are labelled so that it can be returned to your child.

If your child has lost any unnamed items, please check the stamping shelter.

Parking Permits

As we start the next academic year, we are reviewing the permits issued to allow parking in the school car park.

If you have reason to require a parking permit or currently have permission to park on school grounds, you will need to submit an application form, and send a copy of your disabled badge, if applicable. We will issue a new permit if the application is valid. [application-for-parking-permit.pdf](#)

To ensure the safety of the children, please note that parents should not be driving in to the school car park during the school day, including for pick up / drop offs for appointments, late arrivals, or to bring forgotten items. Without a permit, the only time that you will be permitted to drive into the school is to collect a poorly child.

Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 24th November

Whole School

S'mores - [smores.pdf](#)

Mobile Phones - [smart-phone-letter-25.11.25.pdf](#)

Disco- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/1f9a6bb5-4c36-4955-aca2-3339d7d55867/fob-school-disco-summer-8-december-2025.pdf>

Year 6

Wizard of Oz at GMS - [y6-letter-for-gms-trip-wizard-of-oz.pdf](#)

Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements - [all-bucks-schools-year-6-ncmp.pdf](#)

Week Commencing 1st December

Year 3

Please note that for next week only, Year 3 PE will be on Thursday afternoon.

Year 5

Please note that for next week only, Year 5 PE will be on Wednesday afternoon.

Year 6

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Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements - [all-bucks-schools-year-6-ncmp.pdf](#)

Please be reminded that school closes for the Christmas break on Thursday 18th December at 1.30pm and we will return on Tuesday 6th January (Monday 5th is an INSET day and school will be closed to all children).