

School News

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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Ethan and Emmett

Oak – Sienna and William

Chestnut – Austin and Arthur

Elm – Jake and Ellis

Beech – Jessica

Cedar – Theo and Grace

Juniper – Antonia and Wilfred

Willow – Catie

Sequoia – Bora and Sequoia

Cherry – Ella and Richard and Evan

Hawthorn – Kenny and Mila

Ash – Casper and Fred

Millionaire Reader

Alina

Cameron B

Felicity C

2 million words

Henry C

Dear Burford families,

Last week, the children were a credit to the school during our annual Remembrance assembly. They were respectful, empathetic and responsible. Thank you to all the children for their contributions and especially to Year 4, 5 and 6 whose readings, poems and reflections were beautiful. A huge thank you also goes to Kit in Year 4 who, alongside Mr Gibbs from the Bucks Music Trust, played the last post for our assembly.

Also, last week, the children from Nursery to Year 2 enjoyed having renowned storyteller, Liz Fost, tell them the tale of *The Turtle who Turned the Tide*. Liz's enthusiastic storytelling techniques, combined with audience participation and puppetry meant that every child was engaged and enjoyed the experience.

Next Monday, we are putting up the school's Christmas tree and inviting the children across the school to decorate it in time for Friday's assembly when we officially switch on the lights to mark 'Burford Celebrates Christmas!' Thank you for all your generous donations this morning for our fayre, we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 29th November.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Year 4 Cake Making at Great Marlow School

On Thursday 13th November, Year 4 visited Great Marlow School to make Christmas Cakes. Mrs Cadogan demonstrated the process step by step, and then the children went away to make their cakes. The children listened carefully and proved to be wonderful bakers! Eggs were cracked, mixtures were stirred and most of the batter ended up in the cake tins! At the end of the session, the children enthusiastically washed up their bowls and utensils.

We will be returning to GMS next week to decorate our cakes.

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

Burford Celebrates Christmas



Guess the Name of the Elf

If your child would like to win this giant elf, guess its name. The elf will be taken to classes from next week. Please ensure your child has the correct money in a named envelope.



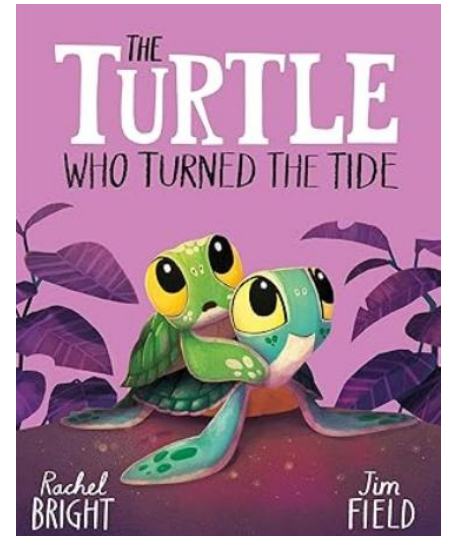
Key Dates

- **From now until 21st November** – Please bring all donations to the school office of new, unwanted gifts for our gift stall; Raffle prize donations for the Christmas raffle; Christmas Jumpers for the Christmas Jumper stall (all sizes appreciated)
- **Friday 21st November** - Raffle tickets returned. If you would like more, please ask at the office. There is still time to donate a prize too!
- **Monday 24th November** – Filled Crackers returned to class teachers.
- **Wednesday 26th November** – Christmas Competition entries to be brought to the school office. More details to follow.
- **Friday 28th November** – We would appreciate donations of cakes or treats for the cake stall at the fayre
- **Saturday 29th November** – Christmas Fayre. Fayre 11.00am – 2.00pm **Don't forget to beat the queues and buy your wrist bands in advance from the office for the Christmas fayre. £1.00 an adult 50p a child**
- **Wednesday 3rd December** – Year 1 Christmas Play to Parents
- **Wednesday 10th December** – Reception Nativity to Parents
- **Friday 12th December** – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Nursery Christmas sing-a-long

Nursery, Reception and KS1 Storyteller Visit

On Friday 14th November, EYFS and KS1 had a storyteller visit. The storyteller focused on a book 'The Turtle Who Turned the Tide' by Rachel Bright.

The children had a fun afternoon, listening to the story being told with puppets, actions and even some singing!



They had a wonderful afternoon celebrating the work of this brilliant author.



Sports

Running

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the running event this week at Cantley Park. Everyone ran a great race and represented Burford spectacularly.

An extra congratulations goes to Bodhi who won his event. Well done Bodhi!

Many thanks to the parent helpers who assisted at the event.

Next Race:

- Race 4 – Braywick Park – Thursday 5th February 2025

Remembrance Day

Last week, our whole school came together to mark Remembrance Day in lots of creative and meaningful ways. Each class explored the theme of remembrance by making artwork, writing poems and creating thoughtful narratives.

Year 6 led the way in assembly with a brilliant recital of *Flanders Fields*. They read it with real confidence and maturity, helping everyone reflect before we all joined together for the two-minute silence at 11am.

Our youngest children were just as involved. Nursery and Reception made lovely paper plate poppies and a colourful handprint wreath — a perfect way for them to learn about remembrance in an age-appropriate way.

It was fantastic to see everyone across the school taking part and showing such respect and creativity as we remembered together.



Starting School



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 10th November

Whole School

Christmas Dates- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/e1aa6682-7a81-4bab-afe4-fb7eb2714324/christmas-dates.pdf>

Attendance- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/1e1df933-5278-4731-8727-b76795e06b10/attendance.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>

Nursery

We are delighted to inform you that the Nursery children will be performing a series of Christmas songs that they will be practising over the next few weeks. We would like to invite you to join us on Wednesday 17th December from 2pm to enjoy celebrating this occasion with your children. Following on from the singing, there will be an opportunity to stay and play with your children in the hall where party food will be being served. We will send details of party food closer to the time. The children are very excited to perform their songs and we look forward to seeing you then.

Reception

Christmas play - [nativity-2025.pdf](#)

KS2

Home Connect- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/2c6e3469-9566-4fe7-9511-5863a1c28597/letter-to-parents-re-home-connect.pdf>

Year 1

Forest School – [year-1-forest-school.pdf](#)

Christmas play - [nativity-2025.pdf](#)

Year 3

Updated letter regarding the trip to the Chiltern open air Museum- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/3aa12ba2-527c-43b3-9748-7ae146facbe9/year-3-chiltern-open-air-museum-new.pdf>

Week Commencing 17th November

Whole School

Christmas Dates- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/e1aa6682-7a81-4bab-afe4-fb7eb2714324/christmas-dates.pdf>

Newsletter -

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](#)