

School News

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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Headteacher Awards

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

Sycamore – Nathan and Minka
Holly – Esrafil
Pine – Willow
Oak – George
Elm – Lily H
Chestnut – Cecily
Beech – Whole Year
Cedar – Whole Year
Juniper – Ashleigh
Willow – Matilda and Eve
Sequoia – Joseph
Cherry – Nuriyah
Hawthorn – Oakley

Millionaire Reader

Louis C-J
Etta
Elza
Wilfred

2 million words

Freya

Dear Burford families,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Fayre last Friday. It was an excellent effort from staff, governors, FoB and parents alike. Congratulations, too, to all the prize winners from the adult and children's raffles.

It was also lovely to see so many parents and children at last night's Open Evening. Although it was a little warm in some classrooms, everyone had beaming smiles of pride as they looked through their children's work.

This week, the children have been as busy as ever: practising the Year 5 and Year 6 production and accidentally setting off the fire alarm (it was Aladdin's smoke machine!); moving to their new classrooms and schools; being superstars at lunchtimes despite having only 30 minutes outside; and, of course, enjoying today's Creative Day. In addition to all this fun, we had the pleasure of Buckinghamshire Council's Food Hygiene Inspectors unexpectedly visiting on Tuesday. We are delighted to have improved our rating from Grade 4 to Grade 5! This is a wonderful recognition of all the daily efforts our Midday Supervisors put into making your children's lunchtimes enjoyable and successful. Well done, ladies!

Thank you to Team Burford for all your support this year. We have amazing staff working with your equally brilliant children, supported by you, an amazing group of families, helping every child to thrive at Burford. Thank you for your continued support with school requests, donations, homework, mufti days, FoB events and so much more. This is what makes Burford such a special place to be part of: its strong sense of community and partnership. As our Year 6 children prepare to leave us in a matter of days rather than weeks or months, I would like to wish every child and family all the very best as they move on to pastures new. As I always say, once part of the Burford family, always part of the Burford family 😊.

I cannot believe this is the final newsletter of the 2025/26 academic year! I hope you have enjoyed reading each edition throughout the year as much as I have enjoyed reading them, and I hope you enjoy this final one too. With best wishes, Mrs Marshall.

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Together'

Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre, held on Friday 3rd July, was a huge success and raised much needed funds for the school!

The afternoon was filled with fun, laughter and a wonderful community spirit, with families, friends, staff and pupils all coming together to enjoy the event. From exciting games and creative crafts to the bouncy castle, tombolas, sumo wrestling and the ever-popular petting zoo, there was something for everyone. Many children were especially brave as they had the chance to hold snakes, giant snails and a variety of other fascinating animals!

We were also treated to fantastic performances from our school choir and the talented cheerleaders from the Kobika Dance Club, which runs here at Burford School. Their enthusiasm and hard work were enjoyed by everyone and helped make the day even more special.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful staff, parents, volunteers and our generous raffle prize donors. Your time, kindness and support made this event possible, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped before, during and after the fayre.

Congratulations to everyone who was lucky enough to win a prize in the raffle, on the tombolas or on the games! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Summer Fayre. The money raised will help provide valuable resources and opportunities for our children, and we couldn't have achieved this without our fantastic school community. We can't wait to do it all again at Christmas!



Excellent News for Burford!

We had an unexpected visit from Buckinghamshire Council at lunchtime on Tuesday to carry out an inspection of our food preparation and handling procedures.

The inspector conducted a thorough review and observed our lunchtime operations, including:

- Food probing and record keeping
- Handwashing facilities
- Food disposal procedures
- Food handlers' training records
- Sanitisation procedures and use of antibacterial products
- Pest control measures
- Dishwasher operation and maintenance
- Food allergy management and staff awareness



I am delighted to share that the inspector concluded that the school is being managed to a high standard and has awarded Burford a Food Hygiene from 4 to a rating of 5!

A huge well done and thank you to our wonderful MDS Team and lunchtime TA staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to maintaining the highest standards.

Congratulations, everyone! 🐍

Transition Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting their new classes and meeting their new teachers this week. You should have received an email with the details of your child's class. If you did not receive the email, please let us know –
office@burfordschool.co.uk

Year 6 Leavers

As another school year draws to a close, we are preparing to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they begin their next exciting adventure at secondary school.

It has been a pleasure to watch them grow, develop and flourish over the years. They have made us incredibly proud with their achievements, friendships and resilience, and we are confident that they will continue to do amazing things at their new schools. While we will be sad to see them leave, we know they are ready for this exciting next chapter.

Before they go, we are looking forward to their end-of-year production next week. They have been rehearsing incredibly hard and sound fantastic! We can't wait to see all their hard work come together on stage.

We are sure there will be plenty of smiles, laughter and a few tears at the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, which will take place from 9.30am to 11.00am on Monday 20th July, as we celebrate everything they have achieved during their time at our school. We also hope they have a wonderful time at their leavers' party, kindly organised by their parents, creating more special memories together before they move on.

End of Term

Please be reminded that the last day of term is 22nd July at 1.30pm.

On the last day of school, your children will be bringing home any medication that is kept in school for them. If you would rather that your child is not given their medication, please let the school office know who will arrange for these to be collected from the class teacher or the office.

If your child will not be in school on the last day of term, please collect their medication on the last day that they will be in. Any medications that are not collected will be disposed of over the summer break.

Please can all children bring in a large, named carrier bag on Monday 13th July which they will use to bring home any books and work from this year.

Year 6 Careers Day

On Thursday 2nd July, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting Careers Day.

We welcomed five guest speakers who shared their career journeys, including professionals working in clinical trials, mental health, technical management, copywriting and film production.

The children came to school dressed as the career of their choice, with an impressive range of costumes including police officers, vets and Formula One drivers.

In the afternoon, a former air hostess introduced the children to the role of cabin crew. We then asked the children to create and film their own in-flight safety videos, which were brilliant.

George in Ash Class, said, *"I enjoyed listening about all the people and their jobs. I learned that there is a job creating and testing fire proof glass which was very interesting as I didn't know this existed before. I want to be a stuntman when I am older"*.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was a valuable and inspiring experience for all. Thank you to all the volunteers who came in to speak.



Reception Summer Party

After much build up and preparation, the Reception children were bubbling with excitement when their summer party day arrived.

The party started with the children on stage excitedly smiling and waving at their grown-ups. They sang Summer Holiday, by Cliff Richard, with great energy and enthusiasm.

Everyone enjoyed eating the sandwiches and cakes, which they had made, off the plates which they had decorated.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who donated mountains of beautiful fresh fruit for the fruit kebab making creative activity. The children were delighted with their exotic, tasty and healthy creations.

Many families also enjoyed the summer sunshine craft activity together. We hope this creative artwork will bring joy to your homes.

The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting which all of the Reception children had taken part in making and also with pretty tissue paper flowers.

The party was a great success and we hope that it was something special to remember for the children and their parents.



Burford's Got Talent

The auditions for Burford's Got Talent have once again shown just how talented our children are!

This year, we were amazed to receive over 100 auditions, showcasing an incredible range of talents. From energetic dance performances and talented bands to wonderful singers, impressive gymnasts and even a Rubik's Cube expert, every audition demonstrated enthusiasm, confidence and dedication.

The standard was exceptionally high, making it incredibly difficult to choose our finalists. After much discussion and careful deliberation, the judging panel finally made their decisions – no easy task with so many outstanding performances!

A huge well done to everyone who had the courage to audition. Whether or not you made it through to the final, you should all be very proud of yourselves for sharing your talents with us.

We are now looking forward to the Burford's Got Talent Finals on 17th and 20th July, where our finalists will take to the stage. We wish them all the very best of luck and can't wait to see their performances.

Parent Forum

Thank you for your feedback for the Parent Forum meeting this week. Please find below the dates for the Parent Forum meetings for the next academic year.

- Wednesday 4th November 2026, 9:30am
- Wednesday 24th March 2027, 9:30am
- Wednesday 9th June 2027, 9:30am

Parents will be able to provide feedback for these meetings using the Google Form which will be available from September.

School Applications

Primary School Applications

We are delighted to offer prospective parents tours of our school fortnightly on a Friday. Please contact the school office to book an appointment: office@burfordschool.co.uk / 01628 979 040

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:

Absences: Attendance@burfordschool.co.uk

Email: office@burfordschool.co.uk

School Phone: 01628 979 040

A blue speech bubble button with the text "CONTACT US" in white capital letters.

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 | Burford School](#)

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 have 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

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.



**LANTERN
— CHURCH —
MARLOW BOTTOM**



GOOD NEWS QUEST

Following Jesus

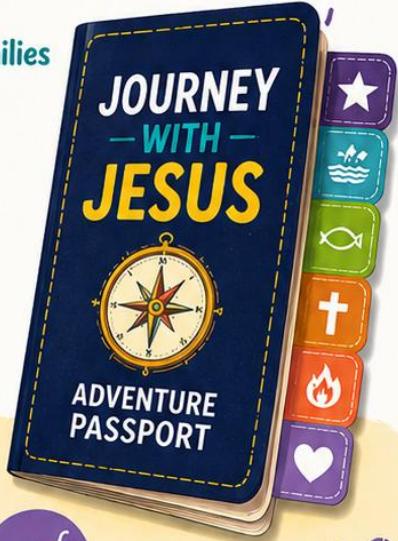
Join the journey through the New Testament
at interactive stations for
primary-aged children and families



**Thursday 16th July
3:15–4:00pm**



**Lantern Church
Marlow Bottom**



**JOURNEY
— WITH —
JESUS**

ADVENTURE
PASSPORT



Come and discover the most exciting stories about Jesus!



Collect stickers in your Journey Passport as you explore!



Creative activities, fun challenges and crafts



All families welcome – invite your friends!



After-school snack provided

*Come for the stories. Stay for the adventure.
God's story changes everything!*



Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 29th June

Whole School

Open Evening - [documents.asp](#)

Termly contribution - [documents.asp](#)

Gift of Opportunity - [documents.asp](#)

Free School Meals - [documents.asp](#)

Year 5

Production – [documents.asp](#);

Costume - [documents.asp](#)

Year 6

Production – [documents.asp](#)

Week Commencing 6th July

Whole School

End of Year Letter - [documents.asp](#)

School Clubs - [Burford School](#)

For a full list of school clubs offered at Burford, including external clubs, please visit our website

Summer Reading - [documents.asp](#)

Newsletter

Termly contribution - [documents.asp](#)

Gift of Opportunity - [documents.asp](#)

Free School Meals - [documents.asp](#)

Year Reception

Welcome to Year 1 - [documents.asp](#)

Year 4

Welcome to Year 5 - [documents.asp](#)