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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Jack and Neve

Oak – Tara and Lucas

Chestnut – Victoria and Caoimhe

Elm – Teddy and Noah

Beech – Etta and Miasie

Cedar – Lochlann and Zoe

Juniper – Bailey and Freya

Willow – Indigo and Jacob

Sequoia – Dylan

Cherry – Cherry and Otilie

Hawthorn – Raffy and Chloe

Ash – George and Lejla

Millionaire Reader

Cameron B

Felicity C

Henry C

Dear Burford families,

Firstly, apologies for all the recent communication regarding donations, it is that busy time of year! Thank you in advance for the chocolate line donations on Monday and the raffle ticket purchases in preparation for our Christmas fayre at the end of the month. Also, thank you for your support towards our remembrance efforts by purchasing a poppy for £1. All proceeds go towards honouring those who served, and supporting veterans' charities. Poppies are available at the reception desk and during lunch breaks until next Friday.

Next week, we're partnering with *One Can Trust* to help children and families in need. Please send in non-perishable food items or toiletries with your children, or drop them into the front office. Every contribution makes a difference. In exchange for a donation, the children are welcome to wear spots and odd socks to mark Children in Need and raise awareness of anti-bullying week.

This morning I delivered an assembly on firework and bonfire safety as this weekend tends to be the one that families go to these events. Some of you may be popping back to school tomorrow to watch The Marlow Bottom Firework Display held on the playing fields. Either way, I explained to the children the importance of listening, and staying with their adults and not touching sparklers or fireworks even after they have been used. Whatever you are planning to do this weekend, I hope you have a lovely (and safe) time!

Mrs Marshall

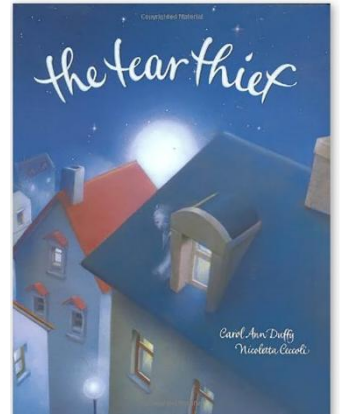
Headteacher

The Tear Thief – Year 5 Book Review

This half term, Year 5 read *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy. The children explored the use of language and speech to create feelings of awe and wonder. They then wrote their own versions, using the story as inspiration.

Cherry class – “I loved reading *The Tear Thief* because I thought the normal people could see her but you can only see her in a glimmering, little puddle. What I also liked was the illustrations of the Tear Thief and all of that inspired me to make my own story.”

Sequoia – “I enjoyed reading this book because it had a nice flow to the way we read it. The book had so much detail with the writing and drawings.”



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); Soft Toys for the Teddy Tombola
- **Monday 10th November** - Chocolate Line Competition = Children are to bring any chocolate donations Monday 10th November.
- **Friday 21st November** – Children are invited to wear mufti to school on Friday 21st November in exchange for items for the Christmas Fayre (EYFS / KS1- Any gift including toiletries, gifts, sweet; KS2 – Bottles)
- **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

Author Visit

On Tuesday 21st October, comedian and author Athena Kugblenu came to Burford to share her books to KS2, including 'Histories Most Epic Fails'. The children participated in a quiz to find out how some historical events happened and the funny reasons why. The children had a fantastic time taking part in the quiz and learning about history.



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 to everyone who has volunteered to be a Parent Rep this year.

Our first Parent Forum meeting for this academic year will be held on 19th November at 9.30am.



Please use the following Google Form to share any thoughts on what we are doing well and any recommendations you may have. The form will remain open for feedback until 10th November.

We will playback your feedback to the Class Representatives and share these notes with all stakeholders afterwards.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeazbOn9IQYVwNE5JdugudJ8uxSgVjRUFhuBDz3DZ6E6PoDkQ/viewform?usp=header>

Volunteer Gardener required

Our school's wildlife garden is a cherished space for learning and exploration — **but it needs a helping hand!**

We're looking for a local volunteer who can spare a little time each week to help us keep it thriving. If you enjoy gardening and would like to support our children and the environment, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office to find out more.

Writing Competition

ENTRIES CLOSE TODAY

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty The Queen. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March.



Use the QR code to find out more specific information about the competition. You can ask an adult to submit your typed up entry or ask a parent to email it to cbull@burfordschool.co.uk or atolmie@burfordschool.co.uk and we will submit it for you!

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://Burford School (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://Burford School (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 20th October

Whole School

Spots and Socks Mufti Day – [spots-and-socks.pdf](#)

Raffle Tickets – [letter-to-parents-raffle-tickets.pdf](#)

Happy School Bag Collection - [Letter to Parents.pdf](#)

PE days - [pe-autumn-2-2025-2026.pdf](#)

EYFS and KS1

Author Visit - [liz-fost-ks1-parent-letter.pdf](#)

Reception

Phonics Workshop - [phonics-workshop-letter-to-reception-parents.pdf](#)

Year 1

Phonics Workshop - [phonics-workshop-letter-to-year-1-parents.pdf](#)

Year 2

Homework Books – [Burford School](#)

Year 3

Homework Books – [Burford School](#)

Year 4

Homework Books – [Burford School](#)

Year 5

Swimming ability - [swimming-ability-2025.pdf](#)

Homework Books – [Burford School](#)

Year 6

Swimming ability - [swimming-ability-2025.pdf](#)

Homework Books – [Burford School](#)

Week Commencing 3rd 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>

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](#)

Year 3

Chiltern open air Museum- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/73ac1a13-bdb3-414d-86e3-c34109890bd8/year-3-chiltern-open-air-museum-10-12-25.pdf>