

# School News

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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## Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Roy, Arveen and Veer  
Oak – Esther and Isla  
Chestnut – Saarah and Izzy  
Elm – Teddy and Lily  
Beech – Louis, Romy and Florence  
Cedar – Albie, Freddie and Frank  
Juniper – Elza, Jacob and Tyler  
Willow – Mahnoor  
Sequoia – Roni and Theo  
Cherry – Elodie and Miles  
Hawthorn – Ved and Alina  
Ash – Ryan and Oliver H

## Millionaire Reader

Felicity C  
Henry C

Dear Burford families,

Last week Year 1 had a fabulous trip to Bekonscot Model Village linked to their history topic on Victorians. The children were lucky enough not only to enjoy a workshop, but the pièce de resistance - according to the children - was the ride on the motorised train around the grounds. Thank you to the Year 1 Team and parent volunteers for making this trip possible.

On Thursday, School Council and Mrs Fowler-Marsh participated in a Zoom call with our linked school, Kasimba, in Kenya! Our children were delighted to have the opportunity to talk to, and see, our international friends. We look forward to School Council reporting back to the school what they learnt.

Congratulations to Burford's 2025/26 Year 6 Peer Mentors! After many applications and interviews, Miss Cornelius was incredibly impressed and has now put 15 children forward to be trained by BucksMind. Thank you to our new Peer Mentors for your willingness to help others and showcase the Burford Values.

As we head towards half-term, please can I remind you that when we return the evenings will be darker. Therefore, if you child walks to and from school, please ensure they are wearing something that is either florescent or reflective of the light. Also, I appreciate parking can be challenging but be mindful of parking considerably for the neighbours and, more importantly, so the children can be seen crossing the road, thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

## Year 1 – Bekonscot Model Village

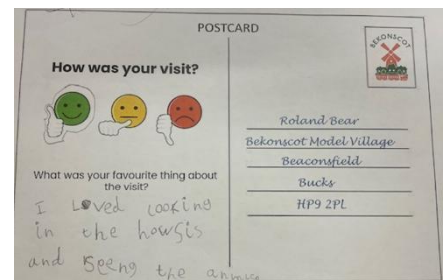
On Thursday 9th October Year 1 visited Bekonscot Model Village.

We had a fun filled day exploring the village, riding the train and learning about how life used to be when Bekonscot was built.



We enjoyed a picnic lunch and a quick play in the park before we left.

Our favourite parts were riding on the train, finding all the tiny animals and people in the village and looking at the detail of the buildings, dressing up in the workshop and everything else.



Year 1 loved it!

We would like to say many thanks to our parent helpers on the day. Your help was invaluable — thank you for everything!

Year 1 Team

## Hello Yellow

On Friday 10 October (World Mental Health Day) Burford School joined thousands of schools across the UK and took part in 'Hello Yellow', in support of YoungMinds. The children looked great in their yellow clothes and we greatly appreciate donations for Young Minds.

YoungMinds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: [www.youngminds.org.uk/parent](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent).

## 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.

## Parking

We have recently received reports of cars being parked across corners and driveways near the school at drop off and pick up times. While we understand that these times can be very busy, this is making it difficult - and sometimes dangerous—for children to walk to and from school safely.

Please help us keep our school community safe by:

- Avoiding parking on corners or blocking driveways
- Leaving enough space for pedestrians to see and be seen
- Using designated parking areas whenever possible

A few extra steps can make a big difference in keeping our children safe. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!



## School Council

Our School Council had a very exciting and memorable experience this week as they took part in the first live video call with our link school in Kenya, Kasimba School.

In preparation for the call, the children worked closely with their classes to come up with thoughtful and appropriate questions to ask their peers in Kasimba. During the call, each council member took turns asking their questions, sparking engaging conversations and helping to build a meaningful connection between our two schools.

We are hopeful that this is just the beginning of a growing partnership. We hope to arrange more calls and even explore the possibility of working on a joint project with the children at Kasimba.

The School Council were fantastic ambassadors for Burford School and represented us brilliantly. Well done to all involved!

Ms Fowler-Marsh  
Cultural Capital Lead



## Burford Celebrates Christmas

Plans are well underway for the Burford Christmas Fayre.

The fayre will take place at school on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 11am-2pm**. You will once again have the opportunity to purchase wristbands in advance for a speedy entrance!

We will be holding raffles for the adults and children and have already secured some great prizes. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle or know of someone that could, please contact the school office. The extremely popular chocolate tombola will return for the Christmas Fayre and we will once again hold a chocolate line competition for the classes.

On the day, there will be food and drink stalls, Santa's grotto, craft stalls, Christmas games, tombolas and the opportunity for children to use their pocket money to buy family or friends a Christmas gift.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending you dates for the Christmas activities and liaising with the Class Parent reps for providing help with stalls.

We are hoping as many of you as possible will help to make this successful by attending the event and contributing items for our stalls.



**BURFORD SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**FAYRE**  
**SAT 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**11AM-2PM**  
**BURFORD SCHOOL**  
Pre buy entrance wrist bands from the office  
to avoid the queues.  
**£1.00 Adult 50p Child**  
**SANTA VISIT**  
**RAFFLES GAMES AND CRAFTS**  
**PLEASE BRING ANY DONATIONS OF NEW UNWANTED**  
**GIFTS AND RAFFLE PRIZES TO THE OFFICE.**

**BURFORD SCHOOL**



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**BURFORD SCHOOL AND  
NURSERY  
2026 / 2027**

**OPEN EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
FOR NEW STARTERS:**

- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2025 (9.30am)**



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[office@burfordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@burfordschool.co.uk)



Burford School, Marlow Bottom

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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/1FAIpQLSeazbOn9IQYVwNE5JdugudJ8uxSgViRUFhuBDz3DZ6E6PoDkQ/viiewform?usp=header>



## Writing Competition



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](mailto:cbull@burfordschool.co.uk) or [atolmie@burfordschool.co.uk](mailto:atolmie@burfordschool.co.uk) and we will submit it for you!

## School Applications

### Primary School Applications

Applications for Bucks primary schools opens on 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you, or someone you know is looking for a school place to start in September 2026 please do contact our school office.

We welcome parents to tour our school. Our open event is on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.30am. If you would like to book in, please email [office@burfordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@burfordschool.co.uk)

### Secondary School Applications

For secondary school places in September 2025, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### Whole School

Photos – Please ensure that photo orders are placed before 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you did not receive the card with the access code to your child's photo on it, please contact the office who will be able to help.

#### EYFS and KS1

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

#### KS2

Author Visit - [athena-kugblenu-parent-letter.pdf](#)

#### Reception

First Class Photo - First Class photos are now available online. [FIRST CLASS 137018 - Photo 1 of 16 - Baylis Media Photos](#). The photos from all the schools in the area will be printed in the Maidenhead Advertiser on Friday, October 17

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

#### Year 1

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

#### Year 5

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

#### Year 6

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

### Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October

#### Whole School

Cake Sale - [fob-cake-sale-letter.pdf](#)

Orienteering Day – [orienteering-day-letter.pdf](#)

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