

School News

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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Elijah
Oak - Spencer
Chestnut – Michael
Elm – Mateo
Beech – Arya
Cedar – Rohan
Juniper – Liliana
Willow – Evelyn
Sequoia – Daelan, Bertie
Cherry – Nuayim, Toby and Ava
Hawthorn – Leo
Ash – Sophia

Millionaire Reader

Felicity C

Dear Burford families,

This morning, Burford was one of over 4,000 schools who took part in a live assembly to kick start Black History Month (BHM). The children in Years 2 to 6 had the pleasure in learning about this year's theme, 'standing firm in power and pride.' The children in the younger years participated in BHM class assemblies and activities. What not ask your child what they learnt today; they might surprise you 😊

On Monday, Y2 has their Florence Nightingale Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up and immersing themselves in the era, dressed as a nurses and injured soldiers. The photos really showcase their enthusiasm and engagement with their history topic this term. Last week, I had the pleasure of joining Year 5 on their extended day trip to Woodrow High House in Amersham. The children's participation on team tasks, as well as individual 'character building' activities, was impressive to say the least. It was a delight observing the children really living their Burford values and giving Spiderman a run, or should I say climb, for his money on the traverse and Jacob's ladder! Well-done Year 5, a super effort from all who came. Thank you to the volunteers and staff who helped make both enrichment curriculum days in Y2 and Y5 possible.

Well-done to the Burford footballers, netballers and running athletes. Your sporting successes and team work do not go unnoticed and we are all very proud of you.

Congratulations goes to our 2025-26 voted School Councillors! They have already had their first meeting with Mrs Fowler-Marsh and have reported back their wishes and views to SLT – we look forward to getting back to them with answers asap.

And finally, the cosy season is upon us. Please support FoB with joining in the annual Scarecrow trail, please read on for further details on how to get involved. Thank you in advance FoB!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Day

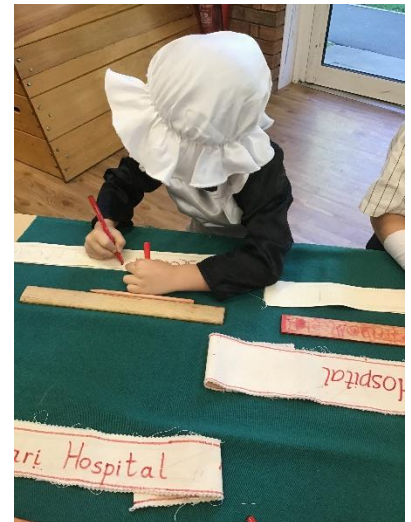
Florence Nightingale Day was a roaring success. Firstly, a huge thank you to our parent volunteers. We really couldn't have done it without you!



It was wonderful to see the children and adults dressed up for the theme. The children engaged in a carousel of activities that included making nurse sashes, clay candle holders, card-doll outfits, medicine boxes, cards and even writing job applications for the hospital!



In the afternoon we role-played what the hospital may have been like: caring doctors looking after injured (and loudly complaining) soldiers, growing fresh food for the busy kitchens to cook into nourishing meals, the stalwart scullery washing the bloody bandages and dirty bedding. We are all cream-cracked but now have the skills to look after help the injured. Future doctors and nurses abound.



Year 5 - Woodrow

Year 5's Unforgettable Trip to Woodrow High House

Last Thursday, our Year 5 pupils had an amazing adventure at Woodrow High House, Amersham, where they embraced the great outdoors with enthusiasm and teamwork. The trip aimed to build their team working and problem-solving skills.

From the moment they arrived, the children threw themselves into a range of exciting activities, working together to tackle challenges that tested their resilience and cooperation. The children demonstrated excellent enthusiasm for all of the activities. The beautiful weather provided the perfect backdrop for their adventures!



Whether it was navigating obstacle courses blindfolded, scurrying through pitch black tunnels, climbing the Jacob's Ladder or attempting the transverse highwires, the children showed incredible determination and support for one another. Their positive attitudes and teamwork made the experience even more special, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Well done, Year 5!

Burford Celebrates Christmas

Plans are well underway for the Burford Christmas Fayre.

The fayre will take place at school on **Saturday 29th 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 29th 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.

School Council

We are pleased to announce the newly elected members of our School Council and Eco Warriors team!

Pupils across the school have recently engaged in an important voting process, demonstrating the importance of student voice and democratic participation. It is with great pride that we introduce our new School Councillors, who will be representing their peers and classes for the 2025/2026 academic year.

I am genuinely excited to begin working alongside this dedicated group of young leaders as we shape their vision for the School Council.

Please remember to check our school website and newsletter, where we will share regular updates on their activities and achievements.

Year 1 - Esther in Oak and Remi in Pine

Year 2 - Peggi in Elm and Elodie in Chestnut

Year 3 - Jacob in Beech and Archie in Cedar

Year 4 - Erin and Francesca in Juniper and Gabriel in Willow

Year 5 - Joseph in Sequoia and in Cherry

Year 6 - Esmee in Hawthorn and Jack in Ash

Mrs Fowler Marsh

Cultural Capital Lead.

Sport

Football

Our school football teams have kicked off the year with incredible results! Both the Girls and Boys Under 11s have shown outstanding teamwork, skill, and determination on the pitch.

Last week, the teams faced Spinfield School in their League matches and came out victorious. The Girls Under 11s dazzled with a 5-1 win, while the Boys Under 11s kept a clean sheet and secured a solid 3-0 victory.

This week, the excitement continued in the Cup matches against Ash Hill. The Girls stormed to a 6-2 win, and the Boys matched the momentum with a brilliant 7-2 triumph.

A huge well done to all our players for their hard work and sportsmanship. We're proud of your achievements and can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings! 🏆👏

Running

The first race in the Thames Valley Running League took place on 25th September at Great Hollands Park. We were incredibly proud of all the Burford participants who gave it their all and showed fantastic effort throughout. A special congratulations goes to Bodhi who won his event—an amazing achievement! 🏆👏



Netball

Thrilling victory for the Year 5 Netball Team!

On Thursday, the Year 5 netball team played Freith in a friendly match. They played well and won 5-3. It was a hard but exciting match. Their captain was Caitlin and the team consisted of Niamh W, Niamh H, Ava, Nour, Leanna, Renee, Izzy, Rosemary and Betsy. The players of the match was the Goal shooter from Freith and Caitlin from Burford. Burford's amazing coaches, Sam and Naomi also chose their own player of the match from our team, which was Niamh W. Well done to all of the girls who played. It was a truly incredible match! By Caitlin

BURFORD SCHOOL



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BURFORD SCHOOL AND NURSERY 2026 / 2027

**OPEN EVENTS ANNOUNCED
FOR NEW STARTERS:**

- Thursday 16th October 2025
(6.00pm)
- Wednesday 22nd October 2025
(9.30am)

EMAIL TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!



www.burfordschool.co.uk



office@burfordschool.co.uk



Burford School, Marlow Bottom

Parent Representatives

The purpose of the parent forum meetings is to gather constructive feedback and for the parents and school to work in partnership to improve outcomes for the children. Parent Reps will gather feedback from the parents in their class and have the opportunity to discuss this with me. We also ask for their help with cake sales and organising class stalls for the school fayres.

If you would like to be a Parent Rep, please email office@burfordschool ASAP. If more than one parent per class volunteers, it is possible to share the responsibility.



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 or atolmie@burfordschool.co.uk and we will submit it for you!

School Applications

Primary School Applications

Applications for Bucks primary schools opens on 5th 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 at one of our open events on 16th October at 6.00pm or 22nd October at 9.30am. If you would like to book in, please email 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 / 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.



Scarecrow Festival 2025



Dear Parents,

It's that time again – the spectacular Scarecrow Festival in Marlow Bottom returns for its 6th year! This week-long, family-friendly event has brought smiles and cheer to our wonderful community, and we can't wait to see what everyone's creates. Scarecrow registrations are now open!

Fancy joining in? Grab some hay, an old costume, and get creative with duct tape, nails, and a hammer! If crafting isn't your thing, simply buy a map from Tin Town, The Barn Club, or Da Luca and enjoy exploring the scarecrows across Marlow Bottom during half term. We would love to see as many Burford families as possible join in the fun!

Ways to take part:

- ✦ Enter a scarecrow – Make a donation by 14th October to register your entry, then have your scarecrow ready by Sunday 26th October. (Step-by-step details are included below.)
- ✦ Follow the trail – Buy a map and go exploring during the half term holiday. The festival runs from Sunday 26th October to Sunday 2nd November (inclusive).
- ✦ Compete for "Best Street" – There's no official prize, but there is plenty of bragging rights! Last year's winners, the residents of Hill Farm Road, set the bar high – can your street do even better this year?
- ✦ Live outside Marlow Bottom? – Don't worry! If you'd like to take part, email scarecrow@friendsofburford.org.uk and we'll try to find you a spot in the Valley. Spaces are limited, so please get in touch as soon as possible.



Thank you and have fun!!!



Friends of Burford

HOW TO ENTER YOUR SCARECROW



STEP 1 Scan QR/visit facebook.com/mbscarecrow or instagram.com/mbscarecrow for rules

STEP 2 Send your name, email and address via email before **Oct 14th** to: scarecrow@friendsofburford.org.uk

STEP 3 To confirm entry*, please donate via this QR or: justgiving.com/campaign/MBSscarecrow25



STEP 4 Display your scarecrow in front of your house from **Sunday 26th October – Sunday 2nd November**

STEP 5 Take a photo of your scarecrow, send it to scarecrow@friendsofburford.org.uk



PRIZES TO BE WON

FUNNIEST SCARECROW

MOST CREATIVE SCARECROW

COOLEST SCARECROW

TRAIL INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1 Pop along to **Tin Town Coffee, The Barn Club or Da Luca** to buy a map for £3 (2 @£5). All funds raised will be donated to Burford School.

STEP 2 Enjoy the trail! Mark your favourite scarecrows on the back of the map and return it to **Tin Town Coffee, The Barn Club or Da Luca** by **Nov 2nd** for a chance to win a prize!

Why not walk if you can? If driving, please use the car parks on the map (not the road/cycleway). Civil Enforcement Officers may operate in the area. Thanks for helping keep Marlow Bottom safe and enjoyable for everyone! ☺

* If you are able to, please make a donation to enter, all proceeds go to Burford School. We truly appreciate your support!

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.

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.

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

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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

Upcoming dates

For term dates, please visit:

2025 / 2026 - [term-dates-2025-2026.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

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

Calendar Dates:

[2024 - 2025 calendar.xlsx](#)

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

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.

Week Commencing 22nd September

Whole School

School Photos - [school-photos.pdf](#)

Termly contribution - [termly-contribution-autumn-term.pdf](#)

Gift of Opportunity Fund - [gift-of-opportunity-fund.pdf](#)

Scarecrow Trail – [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Week Commencing 29th September

Whole School

Hello Yellow Day – [hello-yellow-day-letter-to-parents.pdf](#)

EYFS and KS1

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

KS2

Author Visit - [athena-kugblenu-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](#)