

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 – Hugo and Holly

Oak - Henry

Chestnut – Ruben and Elliot

Elm – Taylor and Bryony

Beech – Ruby

Cedar – Harper

Juniper – Rocco and Valentina

Willow – Cameron

Sequoia – Bella and Acey

Cherry – Elsie and Charlie

Hawthorn – Oscar

Ash – James and Summer

Dear Burford families,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2025/26 newsletter! We are delighted how well the children have settled back into their school routines, despite feeling tired after two full weeks. We are particularly proud of our new Nursery and Reception intake who are busy making new friends and already making us smile. Thank you also to the new children who have started Burford this term throughout the school – honesty, it feels like you have always been here 😊

This week, Mrs Puddephatt and I led on both the KS1 and KS2 NSPCC assemblies, encouraging children to 'speak out to stay safe'. Safeguarding at Burford School is paramount and this assembly forms a part of our safeguarding culture whereby we promote active listening of all adults to ensure all children are kept safe. The maturity of all the children was brilliant. No doubt years 2, 5 and 6 are looking forward to their NSPCC workshops on Monday with a representative from the charity who will lead on the sessions.

Thank you to all the families who have attended the objectives meetings. All presentations will be made available to you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher(s).

Currently, the sun is shining, let's hope it stays that way. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Take care,

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

EYFS

The children in Nursery and Reception and Nursery have had a great first couple of weeks settling into school. They have enjoyed getting to know their new friends and their new classrooms. All of the children have got to know the routines of the day well and are entering the school building incredibly independently. It has been a pleasure to see how well the children have done at starting school. We are so proud of them all!



Reception - First Class Photos

On 25th September, the Maidenhead Advertiser will be visiting Burford to take the 'First Class Photo's; for their publication later in the year. If you do not wish for your child to be in the photo, please email office@burfordschool.co.uk.

School drop-offs and collection



Start of day

All classroom doors will be open at 8:30am. Parents are asked to ensure that their children do not arrive in school before 8.30am as they will be unsupervised before this time.

All children to arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am.

Any child that arrives after this time must enter the school via the front office and will receive a late mark which affects their attendance record.

End of day

Our school day finishes at 3.15pm. Please ensure that you arrive on time to collect your child. If you are unable to collect at 3.15pm, please make alternative arrangements for your child's collection.

Parking

To help keep the safeguard our children, please **do not use** the staff car park after 8am or before 4.15pm, unless you are collecting a poorly child or if you have a permit. If you need to collect a child for an appointment, drop them in after an appointment or bring in forgotten items, you will be unable to drive up to the school.

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.



Objectives Meetings

As a reminder, the remaining objectives meetings for this academic year will take place on the following days.

Monday 15th Sept – Year R

Wednesday 17th Sept – Year 1

Thursday 18th Sept – Year 2

Monday 22nd Sept – Year 6

Tuesday 23rd Sept – Year 5

Wednesday 24th Sept – Year 4

Thursday 25th Sept – Year 3

Objectives meetings will take place in one of the year group classrooms between 2.30pm to 3.00pm, when teachers will run through curriculum and general year group information and take any questions parents or carers may have.

If parents/carers cannot attend the meetings relevant to their children, the slides will be made available on our website ([Year Group Pages | Burford School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](http://www.burfordschool.co.uk/Year-Group-Pages)) and on Google classrooms. If you have any questions, please email your class teacher.

Upon arrival at the school, please sign in at the school office where you will be directed to the room that your meeting will be held in. Please note that the entrance to site should be from the main school gate and that the playing field car park will not be opened for the meeting to safeguard the children in school.

Maths

Welcome back to maths at Burford!

At Burford school we follow a 'Mastering Number' curriculum in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to help build and consolidate number sense with the children. Within these sessions, we purposefully focus on smaller numbers so that the children can gain a strong number sense through a deeper and embedded understanding of numbers. Once they have a firm foundation, on which to build, we introduce larger numbers.

To help at home with Mastering Numbers, we are offering 'Mastering Number at Home' workshops to parents in Years R, 1 and 2. The aim of these workshops is to share with you some of the learning your child will be introduced to in school and some strategies we use within our teaching.

For the 5 weeks following the workshops parents will be provided with some ideas and games that we would encourage you to participate in with your child to support them. If you haven't yet signed up for the workshop, please do so using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiliYoCKSFyL5UD0Ad6ncpK5okFcHiPW8LGgd022Y2ahMvWQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

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).



Flu Immunisations

This weeks the Buckinghamshire Schools nursing team attended Burford to administer the children's flu vaccinations. If your child was unable to have the flu vaccination at school, please contact the immunisation team to book into an alternative clinic - 01494 323000 or email buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net



Buckinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Trust

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).

NSPCC – Speak Out. Stay Safe.

This year we are again, participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe.

Speak out. Stay safe. Is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies which Mrs Marshall and Mrs Puddephatt delivered to KS1 and KS2 children this week.

For children in Years 2, 5 and 6, additional workshops will be run with with NCPCC volunteers later this month. The content of these sessions is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

For children in EYFS, we will discuss with them keeping private parts private and sing the PANTS song with them (please see below for more details.) Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe Last week, the children in Years 2, 5 and 6 participated in workshops lead by the NSPCC as part of their Speak out. Stay safe. Programme.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents	Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety	Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants	

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

A blue speech bubble graphic containing 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

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.

Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 8th September

Whole School

Welcome Letter - [welcome-back-to-school-letter.pdf](#)

MET - [met-update-to-parents-sep-25.pdf](#)

NSPCC - [nspcc-whole-school-letter.pdf](#)

Flu Immunisations – [flu-immunisation.pdf](#)

[Letter from Bucks Imms Team](#)

Objectives Meetings - [objectives-meetings.pdf](#)

Forms – [forms.pdf](#)

PE days – [pe-autumn-1-2025-2026.pdf](#)

Reception

Reception Baseline Assessments – [reception-baseline-assessments.pdf](#)

Mastering Numbers Workshop – [mastering-numbers-workshops.pdf](#)

Year 1

Mastering Numbers Workshop – [mastering-numbers-workshops.pdf](#)

Year 2

Mastering Numbers Workshop – [mastering-numbers-workshops.pdf](#)

Year 4

Senior Choir - [yv-senior-choir-intake-25-26.pdf](#)

Year 5

Woodrow Day Trip – [woodrow-day-trip.pdf](#)

Football Trials – [pe-trials-letter-2025-2026.pdf](#)

Senior Choir – [yv-senior-choir-intake-25-26.pdf](#)

Year 6

Football Trials – [pe-trials-letter-2025-2026.pdf](#)

Senior Choir – [yv-senior-choir-intake-25-26.pdf](#)

Week Commencing 16th September

Whole School

Objectives Meetings - [objectives-meetings.pdf](#)

Scarecrow Trail – [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

Forms – [forms.pdf](#)

Reception

Reception Baseline Assessments – [reception-baseline-assessments.pdf](#)

Mastering Numbers Workshop – [mastering-numbers-workshops.pdf](#)

Year 1

Mastering Numbers Workshop – [mastering-numbers-workshops.pdf](#)

Please be aware, for next week only, Year 1 will have PE on Friday instead of Wednesday

Year 2

Mastering Numbers Workshop – [mastering-numbers-workshops.pdf](#)

Please be aware, for next week only, Year 2 will have PE on Thursday instead of Friday

Year 4

Senior Choir - [yv-senior-choir-intake-25-26.pdf](#)

Year 5

Woodrow Day Trip – [woodrow-day-trip.pdf](#)

Senior Choir – [yv-senior-choir-intake-25-26.pdf](#)

Please be aware, for next week only, Year 5 will have PE on Wednesday instead of Thursday

Year 6

Senior Choir – [yv-senior-choir-intake-25-26.pdf](#)