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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Leo

Oak – Noah

Elm – Bay

Chestnut – Henry

Beech – Taylor and Lochlan

Cedar – Reuben and Hope

Juniper – Stanley and Angus

Willow – Archie and Jessica

Sequoia – Bailey and Nuvraj

Cherry – Albie and Esme

Hawthorn – Sam and Elsie

Ash – Deniz and Noah

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to Austin in Year 3 for completing the Bucks Libraries Summer reading challenge – Read to the Beat

Dear Burford Families,

It is wonderful to be back with all the children and staff at Burford School, I have missed you all. Thank you once again for your kind messages and to Team Burford for ensuring the children settled so smoothly back into school life.

Over the past two weeks, the children have been fully engaged in their learning and a range of enriching experiences. Highlights have included author visits across the school, Year 5's residential trip to Woodrow, and Year 2 children and parents taking part in this week's maths workshop. Thank you to everyone who has participated, volunteered, and supported these activities.

A huge congratulations to Charlie in KS2 for his winning 'path of positivity' design which is now included as part of the local community of schools in Marlow. Well done Charlie for representing our school and promoting children's positive mental health!

Next week, we are delighted to welcome actor, comedian, and children's author Ben Miller to Burford. Please see the newsletter for further details about this exciting visit.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

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Together'

Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Author Visit – Kate Pankhurst

On Friday 25th September, Kate Pankhurst came to Burford to share her books to the whole school, including 'Letters from Fantastically Great Women'.

The children found out about different women in history through fun and interactive activities. Some children had the chance to dress up as a famous woman from history and everyone completed a draw along with the author.

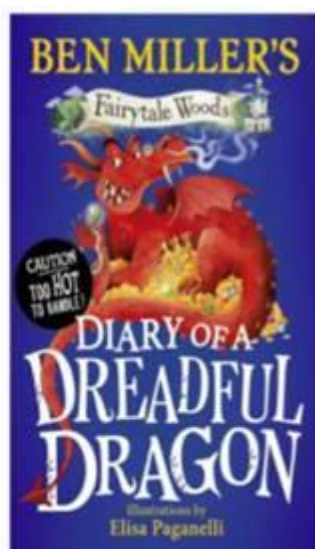
The children had a fantastic time learning about different people and sharing their love of reading and illustrations.



KS2 (Year 3-6) are looking forward to a visit from Ben Miller on Wednesday 7th October 2026.

If you would like to purchase his book, and have it signed by him, then please complete the link below by 11am Tuesday 6th October 2026. Only books ordered by this link will be signed by the author.

<https://schools.chilternbookshops.co.uk/ben-miller-7th-october/>



Year 5 - Woodrow

Last Thursday, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting adventure at Woodrow High House in Amersham, where they embraced the great outdoors with enthusiasm, determination and teamwork. The trip was designed to help develop their collaboration, communication and problem-solving skills.

From the moment they arrived, the children enthusiastically took part in a wide range of activities, working together to overcome challenges that tested their resilience and cooperation. Their positive attitude and willingness to get involved were evident throughout the day. The beautiful weather provided the perfect backdrop for their outdoor adventures.

Whether they were squeezing through pitch-black tunnels, climbing Jacob's Ladder or tackling the high-wire challenges, learning how to start a fire, the children demonstrated incredible perseverance and encouragement towards one another. It was wonderful to see them supporting their classmates, building confidence and celebrating each other's successes.

Their excellent behaviour, teamwork and determination made the day truly memorable, creating experiences and memories that will last for years to come.

Well done, Year 5! We are very proud of you



Path of Positivity

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the 'Path of Positivity' competition, Charlie H now has his design completed and it forms part of the path. We are very proud to have Burford School represented.

Charlie's Design



The Path of Positivity is a community initiative to transform the alleyway that runs alongside Marlow Football Club's ground.

The concrete wall has long been covered in unsightly graffiti, as our photo here shows, and the initiative is well underway – working along the wall, painting bold and colourful designs.

The project started as an idea to support young people's mental health, to give students a confidence boost or new perspective on their way to and from school by turning a dull wall into vibrant artwork with uplifting messages.

After School Clubs

Clubs Are Back!

Our after-school clubs are back for another exciting term, with something for everyone to enjoy!

We offer a fantastic range of school-run clubs, as well as a variety of Clubs delivered by our trusted external providers.

Children can choose from activities including rugby, chess, textiles, crafts, cookery, art, coding, gymnastics and cheerleading, giving them plenty of opportunities to learn new skills, be creative and have fun with friends.

Full details of all clubs, including the days they run, age groups and booking information, can be found on the Burford School website. Places for some clubs are limited, so we encourage families to book early to avoid disappointment.



Key Dates

Key dates for this term can now be found on our website

[Burford School - Calendar Dates](#)

For some key dates for your diary, please see below:

06/10 – Year 1 Bekonscot

08/10 – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day

14/10 – Year 1 Mastering Numbers Workshop

14/10 – Parents' Evening

20/10 – Parents' Evening

21/10 – Reception Mastering Numbers Workshop

Attendance

The Importance of Good Attendance

Every day in school counts! Good attendance is vital to ensure that children make the most of their learning opportunities, build strong friendships and develop important routines. Even a small number of days missed can quickly add up, resulting in significant gaps in learning over the course of a year.

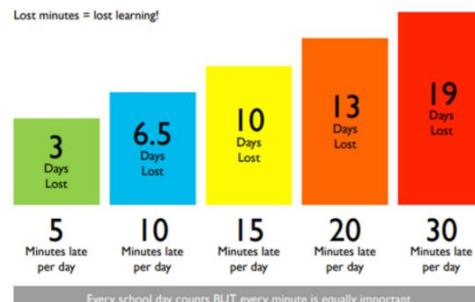
We kindly ask all parents and carers to support their child in attending school every day and arriving on time whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Every day matters, every lesson counts!

MINUTES LATE	LEARNING DAYS LOST
5 MINUTES EACH DAY	3 DAYS PER YEAR
10 MINUTES EACH DAY	6.5 DAYS PER YEAR
15 MINUTES EACH DAY	10 DAYS PER YEAR
20 MINUTES EACH DAY	13 DAYS PER YEAR
30 MINUTES EACH DAY	19 DAYS PER YEAR

Lost minutes = lost learning!







Have your say!

COMPLETE OUR FOB SURVEY



Your views
matter



Shape our
plans



Make it easier
to get involved



Support our
school

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to complete the survey*

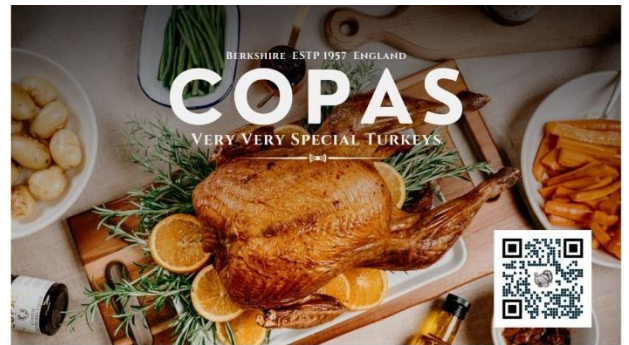
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Christmas PTA Fundraiser!

Order an award winning turkey from Copas and
raise funds for Burford School

Simply enter the code **BURF26**
at checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your
order value to the school PTA.

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CALL: 01628 499 980

Raise funds and enjoy an award winning turkey!



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

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:

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.

Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 21st September

Whole School

Christmas card design- <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3035>

Author Visit - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2924>

Forms for new Academic Year- <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2920>

Newsletter - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=137&type=pdf>

KS2

Author Visit - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2931>

Choir – <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2752>

Reception

Phonics workshop- <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2951>

Curriculum objective meeting- <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3136>

Year 1

Year 1 Trip to Bekonskot – <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2836>

Phonics workshop- <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2953>

Year 2

Florence Nightingale Day - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3045>

Year 5

Woodrow – <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2664>

Swimming – <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3078>

Year 6

Swimming - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3078>

Week Commencing 28th September

Whole School

Christmas card design- [Christmas Card](#)

Parents Evening – You should have received an email today to book your Parents' Evening appointment. If you didn't receive an email, please contact office@burfordschool.co.uk.

Newsletter -

FOB

FOB Parent Survey - [Survey](#) - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QuifRnB1Eb>

FOB Scarecrow trail – [Scarecrow](#)

FOB – Fundraiser - [Copas Turkeys](#)

KS2

Author Visit - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2931>

Reception

Phonics workshop- [Phonics](#)

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If you haven't already paid for the trip, please do so ASAP.

Phonics workshop- <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=2953>

Year 2

Florence Nightingale Day - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3045>

If you haven't already paid for the event, please do so ASAP.

Year 5

Swimming – <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3078>

Year 6

Swimming - <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=3078>