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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Ruben

Oak – Archie and Mathilda

Elm – Willow and Elijah

Chestnut – Ivy and Lily

Beech – Nicole and Louis

Cedar – Izzy and Caoimhe

Juniper – Dot

Willow – Harry and Evie

Sequoia – Penny and Noah

Cherry – Bodhi and Florence

Hawthorn – Jack

Ash – Ethan

Dear Burford Families,

Thank you for your bountiful One Can Trust donations yesterday; it made for a wonderful display in the hall this morning whilst celebrating Harvest with local vicars, Graham Watts and Tom Venables. Your donations will be sent across to One Can Trust next week, ready for distribution to those families who need their support.

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have helped with the Year 1 Bekonscot trip and Year 2 Florence Nightingale day – the photos look amazing. Thank you also to Mrs Ashby-Harvey who took care of our special guest and author, Ben Miller, who enthralled KS2 with his newest book and tales of how to use your imagination to write for pleasure.

In addition, I want to say congratulations to Sienna in KS1 for winning the junior wildlife photograph competition. Her wonderful photo of a frog will appear in the Marlow Wildlife 2027 calendar. Of the images shortlisted, there is a further vote for the community to choose the overall 'people's choice' and, therefore, I urge you to back one of our own and place your vote. More details, along with the photo, can be found in this newsletter.

As requested, please accept a polite reminder that, after half term, I will be meeting with the parent reps for parent forum. If you have any feedback or questions for us, please do complete the Google form.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Author Visit – Ben Miller

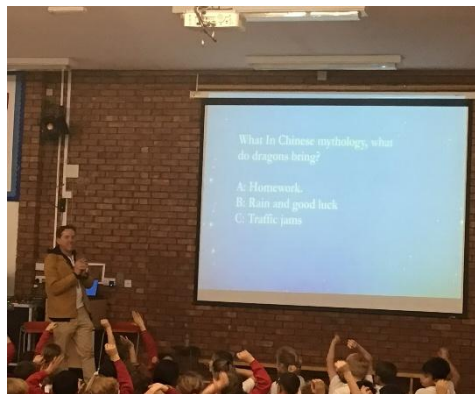


On Wednesday 7th October 2026, we were delighted to welcome author and actor Ben Miller to our school. Children in Key Stage 2, along with staff, thoroughly enjoyed meeting him and hearing about his exciting career as a writer.

Ben spoke about two of his popular children's books, *The Dog Who Saved Christmas* and *Diary of a Dreadful Dragon*, sharing the inspiration behind the stories and bringing the characters to life with his engaging storytelling. The children were captivated throughout the session and loved hearing about the adventures, humour and imagination found within his books.

Following the talk, Ben kindly spent time signing books for the children, which was a real highlight for many.

We would like to thank Ben for spending time at Burford.



Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Day

Wow, wow, wow. What a wonderful “Florence Nightingale Day” Year 2 had. 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.



Immersed in 1854, the children engaged in a carousel of activities to raise money for and prepare to help out at Scutari Hospital that included making nurse sashes, clay candle holders, card-doll outfits, medicine boxes, cards and even writing job applications!



In the afternoon, once we had arrived at the hospital, we role-played as caring doctors looking after injured (and loudly complaining) soldiers, growing fresh food for the busy kitchens to cook into nourishing meals and working in the scullery washing the bloody bandages and dirty bedding.



We were all cream-cracked but after a day of fun (many children weren’t ready for the journey back to 2026!).

Year 1 - Bekonscot

Year 1 Visit to Bekonscot Model Village

On Tuesday, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Bekonscot Model Village in Beaconsfield as part of our history topic, **Houses and Homes**.

The children took part in an engaging workshop where they learned about what life was like 100 years ago. Volunteers dressed in character and brought history to life by showing the children a range of objects and artefacts from the past. The children explored both a coal miner's home and a wealthy family's house, giving them a fascinating insight into how people from very different backgrounds lived.

The excitement continued with a train ride around the village, followed by time to explore and observe the amazing miniature buildings and scenes. The children were fascinated by all the tiny details they discovered!

We had a wonderful day full of learning, exploration and fun – although we were certainly all very tired by the time we arrived back at school!



Celebrating Success

Wildlife Photography Competition!

A huge congratulations to Sienna in KS1, who has achieved a fantastic success in the Wild Marlow Wildlife Photography Competition!

Sienna's wonderful photograph was selected by the judges as the winner of the Junior School age category, an amazing achievement!

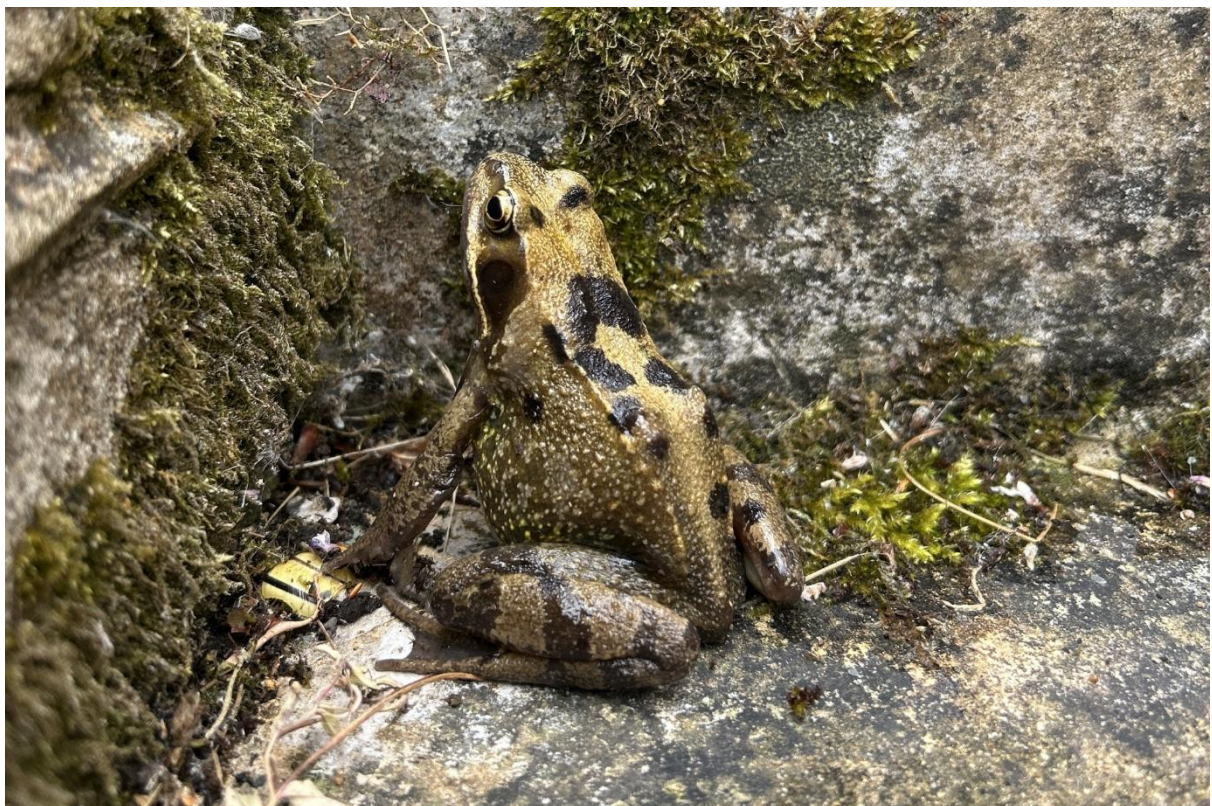
As part of her success, Sienna's photograph will be featured in the Wild Marlow 2027 Calendar, helping to showcase the beauty of local wildlife to the wider community.

The judges have also selected a range of winning and shortlisted photographs to be displayed on the Wild Marlow website and at various locations around the town. There will be an online vote to choose the People's Choice Award, so we encourage all parents, families and friends to support Sienna by casting their vote.

We are incredibly proud of Sienna's achievement and look forward to seeing her photograph celebrated across Marlow. Well done, Sienna! 🇬🇧 🌿 🦋

[Peoples vote photo competition](#)

wildmarlow.org.uk



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.

We hope lots of children will get involved and enjoy trying something new this term!



Key Dates

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

[Calendar Dates](#)

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

20/10 – Parents' Evening

21/10 – Reception Mastering Numbers Workshop

23/10 – Last day of half term

4/11 – Parent Forum meeting

13/11 – Flu immunisation Day

13/11 – Spots and Socks day

Parking

School drop-off and collection times are some of the busiest parts of the day, and keeping everyone safe relies on all drivers showing care, patience and consideration for others. We have recently received a number of complaints from both parents and local residents regarding unsafe driving, dangerous parking and inappropriate behaviour around the school site.

Reports include vehicles parking on or near junctions, blocking pedestrian crossing points, obstructing residents' driveways, mounting pavements to avoid traffic, and driving in a manner that puts pedestrians at risk. We have also been made aware of incidents where residents have experienced unacceptable and confrontational behaviour when politely raising concerns.

We would like to remind all members of our school community that the safety of our children must always come first. Please ensure that you:

- Park legally and considerately.
- Do not block driveways, junctions or pedestrian crossing points.
- Never stop or drive on pavements.
- Allow extra time for your journey and be patient during busy periods.
- Treat residents, staff and other parents with courtesy and respect.

The vast majority of families behave responsibly, and we thank you for your continued support. However, we ask everyone to reflect on how their actions affect the safety and wellbeing of children, families and local residents. By working together and following the Highway Code, we can help ensure that the journey to and from school remains safe for all.





The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children from across the UK to **create an original story in 500 words or fewer.**

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds.**

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about the writers' brilliant creativity

The winning six young authors, bronze, silver and gold in each age category, will receive a royal invitation to have tea with Her Majesty The Queen. This will be followed by a special **500 Words programme with The One Show** in early March, supported by **Radio 2.**

There are lots of **prizes** to be won, including books for the gold, silver and bronze winners (and 500 for the gold winners' schools), as well as original illustrations of the stories.

The closing date is November 6th 2026.

This is the link to submit your story or you can bring your story into school and hand it in to your teacher.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile>

Welcome to the very first Friends of Burford newsletter! Your monthly round-up of FOB news, money raised and what's coming up.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Say hello to our new joint Chairs

Lucy Freeth and Tarryn Adams, both Year 1 parents, are joining FOB as our new joint Chairs. A big thank you to Jack Perryman, a Year 2 and Year 5 dad, who led FOB brilliantly for four years and is staying on the committee.

Have your say! Tell us where to focus our time this year. [Take the survey >](#)

£1,234

MONEY RAISED this school year

From ice cream sales, the Lego workshop and the uniform sale. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING FOCUS



What happens next

Your survey feedback so far tells us you'd like our fundraising to focus on **air conditioning**. We've taken this on board and it's being discussed with the school's Senior Leadership Team.

We're working with Mrs Marshall to agree this year's fundraising focus and will update you in the next newsletter.

Dates for your diary

25
OCT

Scarecrow Festival

Until 1 Nov · [See below](#)

12
NOV

KS1 wine tasting evening

KS1 parents · [Buy tickets >](#)

13
NOV

FOB Autumn Open golf day

Text Jeremy: 07900 006559

16
NOV

FOB meeting

The Barn Club · [Join online >](#)

19
NOV

Reception pizza evening

Reception parents · [Buy tickets >](#)

21
NOV

Bauble making

Kids · [Buy tickets >](#)

28
NOV

Christmas Fayre

Families · **Details to follow**

11
DEC

Christmas disco

Kids · **Save the date**

COMMUNITY EVENT

The Scarecrow Festival is back!

Spot the scarecrows outside homes and walk the trail. Maps are £3 (2 for £5) from Tin Town Coffee, The Barn Club or Da Luca, with all funds going to Burford School. Return yours by 1 Nov to win a prize!

25 Oct – 1 Nov



CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Order your turkey from Copas

Copas donates 5% of your order to Burford School. Use code **BURF26** at copasfarmshop.co.uk or call 01628 499 980.



GET INVOLVED

Join our next FOB meeting

Got an idea or want to help? Come along on **Mon 16 Nov** at The Barn Club, or [join online >](#). All welcome!

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 below.

<https://forms.gle/WYo2qwhsipZvj8HK6>

Please ensure that all feedback is submitted for discussion before 12.00pm on Wednesday 21st October.

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

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, don't forget to submit your secondary school application before 11:59pm on 31 October:

[Guide to moving up to secondary school | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#).

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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

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 graphic pointing downwards, 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

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:

2026/2027 -[Term Dates | Burford School](#)

Calendar Dates: [Burford School - Calendar Dates](#)

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 5th October

Whole School

Flu Immunisations – Please find below a letter detailing all the relevant links required to complete a consent form. Please ensure that you complete your child's form as soon as possible, and at the latest one full school day before the vaccination date.

[Flu Immunisations](#)

Christmas Dates - [Christmas Dates](#)

FOB

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

FOB Scarecrow trail – [Scarecrow Trail](#)

FOB – Fundraiser - [FOB Fundraiser](#)

Reception

Phonics workshop- [Phonics](#)

Year 1

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

Mastering Numbers Workshop - [Mastering Maths](#)

Year 2

Mastering Numbers Workshop - [Mastering Maths](#)

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>

Liddington PGL - [Burford School](#)

Week Commencing 12th October

Whole School

Flu Immunisations – Please find below a letter detailing all the relevant links required to complete a consent form. Please ensure that you complete your child's form as soon as possible, and at the latest one full school day before the vaccination date.

[Flu Immunisations](#)

Christmas Dates - [Christmas Dates](#)

Newsletter –

Calendar Dates – [Calendar Dates](#)

FOB

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

FOB Scarecrow trail – [Scarecrow Trail](#)

FOB – Fundraiser - [FOB Fundraiser](#)

Reception

Phonics workshop- [Phonics](#)

Maidenhead Advertiser First Class Photo – The First class photo can be found in todays edition for the Maidenhead Advertiser or to purchase here <https://www.baylismediaphotos.co.uk/gallery/home/709999/first-class-ma-137536.html>

Reception Nativity – [Nativity](#)

Year 1

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

Forest School - [Forest School](#)

Year 2

Mastering Numbers Workshop - [Mastering Maths](#)

Year 6

Liddington PGL - [Burford School](#)