

# School News

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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## Headteacher Awards

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

Holly – Lily

Sycamore – Aaron

Chestnut – Whole Class

Elm – Rohan and Etta

Beech – Whole Class

Cedar – Jax and Maisie

Juniper – Sam and Evan

Willow – Sylvia

Sequoia – Tallulah, Tiffany and Safaa

Hawthorn – Tilly, Thu Anh and Charlotte

Ash – James T

## Millionaire Readers

5 Million - Alina

3 Million – Henry

2 Million – Isla

1 Million – Nour, Lily, Ruby, Evie, Jackson, Jessie, Olivia

Dear Burford families,

I cannot believe this is the final newsletter of 2024/25! I hope you have enjoyed reading the editions over the year as I equally hope you enjoy this one.

This morning you should have received your child's school report and I am confident that you will be pleased with their progress this year, both academically and socially. Well done them 😊.

This morning was a lovely, albeit sweaty, assembly where we heard from our School Council about the importance of looking after our environment and rivers in particular. The children were excellent at explaining that their fellow friends should not, under any circumstances, go near water without an adult present with the aim to remove litter. We were very proud of our School Councillors who were values ambassadors this morning. In addition, staff were delighted with all year groups who showcased their arty creations from last week's Creative Week. From the superb rendition of 'Summer Holiday' from Reception, to clay tiles, printing, poems and photos of circus skills across the school, it was a lovely celebration of the children's learning.

Thank you to Team Burford for all your support this year. We have amazing staff working with your equally brilliant children who are supported by YOU – an amazing set of families – to help your children thrive at Burford. Thank you for all your support with the requests from school for donations, support with homework, multi-days, FoB events and so on. This is what makes Burford such a special place to be part of, the sense of community and partnership. As the Year 6 children start to prepare to leave us in a matter of days, rather than weeks or months now, I wish every child and family all the best as they move on to pastures new. As I always say, once part of the Burford family, always part of the Burford family 😊. Enjoy the final newsletter of 2024/25.

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

## Reception Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, the Reception children hosted an afternoon tea for their parents / grandparents. This was linked to their creative week work where they prepared the invitations, menus, decorations and food, and to their PSED (Personal Social and Emotional Development) learning where the children learn about the importance of giving back to those who help and support us.

The children had a great afternoon and enjoyed performing a poem to the parents and singing 'Summer Holiday' to them too. It was fantastic to have parents or grandparents there for every child, thank you for your support.

Mrs Hyatt and Mrs Phillips



## Creative Week

What an exciting week we had at Burford last week! Creative Week was a whirlwind of design colour and creativity with every class buddying up and getting involved in something fun and inspiring.

Focusing on a range of printing techniques, each Year Group gleefully took on the challenge of representing what community meant to them and 'Community in Shape' was borne after Mrs Brannan; Art Lead, visited Julie Brown the brilliant Thame Print Artist at her gallery in Easter. From designing printing blocks out of clay, block printing with wallpaper, to outlining our Year Six community with chocolate and ink! Team Burford talent excelled. We didn't stop there, Sir Greyson Perry had inspired Year Four in their artwork in September with his 'Map of Days' and was invited too as it coincided with our History focus, to 'Map Out' a relative's history, but due to filming demands, he was unable to attend nevertheless, we did receive a hand written postcard from him. Hopefully next time! Bird feeders were made and 'Superheroes' evolved, a complete immersion in art prevailed. It was wonderful.

One of the highlights was a very special visit from our very own local artist Nicola Metcalfe, who worked with the children to create a stunning art collage. Using bright colours, using magazine print to write poetry and designing bold patterns, everyone contributed to a beautiful piece of art that celebrates our school community. Nicola will put together the classes creations and it will be unveiled in September. We can't wait to see the finished result!

We also had an amazing time learning circus skills with the extremely talented Katy Kartwheel.

The children tried their hands at juggling, balancing, plate-spinning and even tight rope walking! There were lots of happy smiles as the children explored and even excelled at these exciting new skills.

In the hall, things were buzzing with energy during our dance workshops. The children moved to the beat, learned new routines and expressed themselves through movement. It was wonderful to see so much confidence and teamwork on the dance floor.

Every child had the chance to shine and try something new.

# Creative Week



## Burford's Got Talent



Burford is bursting with talent! We had 84 brilliant auditions from pupils across the school for this year's Burford's Got Talent.

We have seen some fantastic performances – from powerful singers and dazzling dancers to impressive gymnasts. It was wonderful to see the confidence, creativity and courage of our pupils as they took to the stage.

After much deliberation, 11 talented acts have made it through to the final, which is being held on Monday 21st July. If your child makes it to the final, you will be invited to watch the show!

We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Walker and Mr Mettler (aka Ant and Dec/Dynamic Duo) who helped bring it all together! We look forward to welcoming our VIP audience soon.

## 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).

## Bikeability

Last week, some of Year 5 children took part in Bikeability – a brilliant programme that teaches children how to cycle safely and confidently on the roads. Over the course of the week, the children worked hard to develop their cycling skills, from basic control to road awareness and signalling.



Throughout the training, the children truly demonstrated the Burford values. Their perseverance shone through as they tackled new challenges and practised tricky manoeuvres. They showed kindness by supporting and encouraging each other, helping to make everyone feel confident and included.

The instructors were especially impressed with the children's respectful attitude – they listened carefully, followed instructions, and showed great awareness of others both on and off their bikes. And of course, they took their responsibility seriously, understanding the importance of staying safe and looking after their equipment.

We are incredibly proud of how mature and focused Year 5 were throughout the week. Well done to everyone who took part!

## Summer Fayre

What a fantastic day we had for our Summer Fayre on Friday 27th June! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and it was wonderful to see so many families, friends, and members of our school community coming together to enjoy the fun.



From the moment the gates opened, the playground was buzzing with excitement. There were games, tombolas, and all kinds of stalls offering everything from sweet treats to face painting to toys! Children and adults alike had a brilliant time trying their luck, showing their skills, and picking up some lovely goodies along the way.



One of the most popular attractions was the petting zoo where children had the amazing chance to hold a snake, stroke a tortoise, and cuddle some very cute guinea pigs! It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to get up close with some fascinating animals – there were lots of smiles (and a few brave faces!).



A special highlight of the day was the brilliant performance by our school choir, who sang beautifully and wowed the crowd. A big thank you to Mr Walker for all his hard work in preparing and supporting the children for their big moment – they were truly amazing!

We are very proud of Skye and Esmee from Year 5 and their entrepreneurship. They created their own slimes for sale at the summer fayre and the money they raised was donated to Cancer Research.



Well done to our recycled craft competition winners. There were lots of fantastic creations submitted, making the judging very hard. The winners were:

EYFS – Isla S (Reception)

KS1 – James W (Year 1)

KS2 – Georgie (Year 6)

Ethan in Reception had the closest guess for the 'Guess the number of sweets in the Jar'. The actual amount was 112.

Many thanks to Get Set Netball for running the netball competition. The winner was Betsy M (Year 4).

We'd also like to give a huge thank you to our wonderful parent reps, who worked so hard organising the stalls and making sure everything ran smoothly. And of course, a big shout-out to all the staff who gave up their time to help out and keep things running throughout the afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event – your generosity and enthusiasm helped make it a huge success. **We raised a fantastic £3,870.**

We are already looking forward to the Christmas fayre!

## Reading

**Please ensure that all school library books are returned ASAP in order for us to be able to process our stock by the end of term.** Any books not returned by this date will be assumed lost and the cost of replacement will be added to your Parent Pay account.

To encourage your children to continue reading over the summer holidays, Marlow Library is a fantastic local resource for children's books. Details of opening times are here: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/information-about-local-library/marlow-library/>



For tips on what books to read, children could look at the Books For Topics website: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/>



In addition, the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is running again this year. You can get involved in this online or through your local library. More details can be found here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> You can win online badges and certificates when you hit your reading targets.

## Medications in School

As we approach the end of term, please note that all medications kept at school will be sent home with your child on the last day of term.

If you prefer that your child is not given their medication, please arrange to collect it directly from their class teacher on their last day.

Any medications not collected will be safely disposed of over the summer holiday.

## Parking Permits

As we prepare to 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.

## Reports

Today, your child should have received their school report. If you haven't received their report, or if you have any questions, please contact your class teacher who will be able to help.

## Lost Property

If you your child has lost any items of clothing, lunch boxes, drinks, etc at school, please check the stamping shelter for these. Any items left after Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July will either be disposed of, used for FOB clothing sales or given to charity.

## 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)).

## 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/>**

## Parent Forum

Thank you for the comments the Parent Forum.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfO3UndSoe4UdnglpQ97-D5sh5x5DPfnwyKUvXcC9QQImBx2A/viewform?usp=dialog>



## 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.

## 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

A blue button with the text "CONTACT US" in white, with a speech bubble tail pointing downwards.

**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)

## Upcoming dates

Please be reminded that school closes for the summer holiday at 1.15pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for the summer holiday and will re-open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

For term dates, please visit:

2024 / 2025 - [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

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

Spring Term Calendar Dates:

[2024 - 2025 calendar.xlsx](#)

## 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.

### Lunch boxes / snacks

**Please do not give your child sweets, crisps, nuts or chocolate bars as their snack, or sweets or chocolate bars in their lunch boxes.**

### Parking

To help keep our children safe, please do not stop on the zigzag markings when collecting or picking up children or turn around at the entrance to the school drive. Please also note that the school car park is **strictly for staff only**.

When collecting your children from school and from after school clubs, parents **should not park in the school car park**. There have been a number of occasions where cars have been too close to the children and other cars have been blocked in and have been unable to leave when needed. **Please use the playing field car park or park along the main road.**

**Please do not leave your engines running when waiting for your children at pick up and drop off.**

### 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.

### Medication

If your child requires any medication to be kept in school, please ensure that the medication is brought to the school office with the appropriate forms. If your child takes regular medication such as inhalers, please make sure we have the medication and that it is in date. We are only able to administer prescribed medications.

### Dogs

Dogs are **not** permitted on the school grounds at any time. This includes dogs walking or being carried.

## Weekly Letter Summary

### Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Whole School**

Parent Feedback - [burford-parent-and-carer-survey-letter-2025.pdf](#)

Open Evening - [open-evening.pdf](#)

FOB Children's Disco – [fob-school-disco-summer-14-july-2025.pdf](#)

Personal Items in School - [items-in-school.pdf](#)

#### **Year 5**

Year 5 / 6 Production – Please ensure that you have submitted your ticket request before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - [year-5-6-production-letter-to-parents.pdf](#)

#### **Year 6**

Year 6 Leavers disco - [class-of-2025-parent-letter-final.pdf](#)

Year 5 / 6 Production – Please ensure that you have submitted your ticket request before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - [year-5-6-production-letter-to-parents.pdf](#)

### Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Whole School**

Please be reminded that school closes for the summer break on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm and will reopen on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Bags for Book Collection – From Monday, the children will be bringing home their school books. Please ensure that your child brings in a named bag to take their books home in.

September 2025 required information - [forms-for-new-academic-year.pdf](#)

Newsletter –

#### **KS2**

Library Books - [library-books.pdf](#)

#### **Year 5**

Production - [final-production-letter.pdf](#)

If you haven't already done so, please make the payment for your production tickets by end of day today.

#### **Year 6**

Production - [final-production-letter.pdf](#)

Assembly - [year-6-leavers-assembly.pdf](#)

If you haven't already done so, please make the payment for your production tickets by end of day today.