

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 – Emmett and Lorena

Sycamore – Ethan and Remy

Pine – Inaaya

Oak – James and Jasmine

Chestnut – Colby and Minahil

Elm – Ella and Om

Beech – Mireya and Gabriel

Cedar – Esme and Amy

Juniper – Elizabeth, River and

Ruby

Willow – Charlie H and Daelen

Cherry – Skyler

Sequoia – Charlie, Hayden and

Chloe

Hawthorn – George and Jia

Ash – Freddy, Shree and Elsie

Millionaire Readers

5 Million Henry C

4 Million - Shree

3 Million – Felicity C

2 Million – Ollie H

1 Million – Freya S, Jack B, Yuj,

Alexandra, James P

Dear Burford families,

Wowsers, what a hot week we're having! Thank you to all those parents who braved the heatwave to come to our sports days this week and, of course, our annual family picnic. It was a really lovely opportunity for you to join your children on the field, or in our outdoor learning space, and share a lunch. A huge thank you goes to the staff, the Y6 Play Leaders, and Mr Mettler for making events like these so memorable. A big thank you also to Friends of Burford, who provided every child with an ice-pop after their sports day. The children thoroughly needed, and enjoyed, their cool treat after being on the playing fields.

Well done to the Y1 children who represented Burford School at Science Oxford, in 20 years-time, you never know, they might be completing their PhDs! Mrs Azam and Mrs Rayner were super impressed and proud of you all, and so are we! Thank you to the staff and volunteers who took Year 4 to Science Oxford, Y3 to the Braywick Nature Reserve and Y5 to Waddesdon Manor. The children really enjoyed being outdoors learning about nature.

The donations we received this morning, as always, were very generous and we are very grateful for your support. If you haven't purchased wristbands already, wristbands for the summer fayre are on sale and available in our front office. We are all looking forward to seeing you at our summer fayre next Friday 😊.

In the meantime, enjoy the Mediterranean weather and all the fun that goes with a heatwave (paddling pools, BBQs etc.) and we will see you next week.

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Year 3 – Braywick Nature Reserve

Last week, Beech and Cedar Class enjoyed an exciting visit to Braywick Nature Centre. The day linked to our Science lessons where we have been learning all about plants.

To start the day, the children had a guided tour of the grounds, where they explored a variety of trees and habitats. They were fascinated to learn about a fire-proof sequoia tree and a beautiful beech tree with colour-changing leaves. We even saw a tree that had been struck by lightning! The children asked thoughtful questions and showed lots of curiosity throughout the day.

Later, the children worked together in small groups to develop their computing skills and create videos all about their favourite plants from the day. They filmed their own clip, added text and even music!

The children were fantastic Burford ambassadors, showing all of their Burford Values throughout the trip. We learnt so much - and were lucky with the weather too!



Science Competition

Well Done to our Year 1 Science Superstars!

A huge well done to our brilliant Year 1 children: Taylor, Louis, Henry, Bryony, Jasmine and Hattie who were the overall winners of our school science investigation competition. As a result, they were selected to represent Burford at Science Oxford, where they presented their investigation to children and adults from other schools, as well as specialists from the STEM industry.

They did a fantastic job explaining their investigation clearly and confidently, and impressed everyone with their thoughtful answers to questions. During the visit, they also had the chance to go pond dipping and explore the interactive science exhibits.

Throughout the day, they showed all the Burford Values and were excellent ambassadors for our school. We are incredibly proud of them!

A special thank you to our Science Governor, Mrs Rayner, and to all the parents and carers who supported the trip this incredible opportunity wouldn't have been possible without you.

Mrs Azam



Sports Day 2025 and Burford family picnic

On Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June, the Burford children took part in our annual sports days. All of the children that participated were fantastic, showing amazing team spirit supporting each other and even helping others over the finish line when needed. We are very proud of you all, including the three pre-schooler who participated in the final race – well done Sadie from Acorns!

Every child that participated did so on behalf of their house, receiving points for participation and achievement.

The overall winning house for Burford Sports Day 2025 was **Emerald** Well done **Emerald**!

The winning house for the EYFS / KS1 sports day was **Topaz**

The winning house for the KS2 sports day was **Emerald**.

Thank you to Mr Mettler and the Burford staff that organised both days, and to the GMS site services team who were moving the gazebos back and forth for two days!

Thank you to all the adults who joined us on the school field for our annual Burford families' picnic. The atmosphere was calm and peaceful, as well as hot and sticky!



Choir – Love Marlow

On Sunday 15th June, children from Years 2 and 3 of the Burford Choir took part in the Joint School's Choir, which consists of 8 local primary schools, and performed at the Marlow Regatta.

The children were absolutely amazing ambassadors of the school and sang their hearts out.



Summer Fayre

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our school Summer Fayre on **Friday 27th June, 3.30pm-5.30pm.**

We are hoping as many of you as possible will help to make this successful by attending the event, helping at stalls and contributing items for our stalls and raffles.

Please find below a summary of the key dates:

Wrist Bands	On sale now – Beat the queues and purchase your entry bands from the school office now!
Raffle	Please return the ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets to the school office by Friday 20th June
Children's raffle	Tickets are on sale now. 50p per ticket. Please bring any money in a named envelope and give to your class teacher.
Sweet Line	Please bring your sweets in for the sweet line competition Monday 9th June.
Teddy Tombola	Please bring all teddy donations to the school office before Friday 13th June.
Pocket Money stall	Please bring all teddy donations to the school office before Monday 16th June.
Mufti Day for Tombola	The children are invited to wear mufti to school on Friday 20 th June in return for a donation for the tombola: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery/Reception/KS1- Any new/unused gift for adults and children e.g toys, puzzles, toiletries, chocolates, crafts etc • KS2- Bottle/Alcohol We will be collecting in the hexagon outside Year 2, or they can be dropped into the school office.
Competition - Farm themed craft competition.	We would like the children to make a farm themed creation using only recycled materials/ All entries are to be returned to class teacher before Thursday 26th June.

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE
3.30PM-5.30PM

ENTRY WRIST BANDS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OR ON THE GATE
ADULT £1
CHILD 50P

JOIN US FOR BURFORD'S 2025 SUMMER FAYRE

FUN FOR EVERYONE
PETTING ZOO • BOUNCY CASTLE • GAMES • CRAFTS • FACEPAINT • FOOD STALLS • CHOIR PERFORMANCE

27TH JUNE BURFORD RAFFLE 3.30-5.30PM

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chapel Hair Dresser Suum Kitchen RGA Genesis Rebellion Brewery Brothers Hair Salon Megans Nicola Metcalfe Wycombe Rye Lido The Mixing Jug The Marlow Book Shop Dawes Hill Vineyard The Snow Centre, Hemel Hempstead Cotswold Wildlife Park Buckinghamshire Rail Centre TGI Fridays Cliveden National Trust The Marlow Club Harrow and Hope Bocketts Farm Karting race session Matel Amarino Rollerize Roller Disco McMullan Brewery London Wetland Centre Mead Open Farm Waddesdon Manor Belle's Art Scamp and Dude Wellington Country Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £80 voucher Lunch for 2 from Mondays to Thursdays 4 weeks training in kickboxing and jiu-jitsu 2-bottle beer pack with glass £50 voucher £50 meal voucher Marlow print 1 family swim ticket (2 adults 2 children) £50 voucher £10 voucher Voucher for 2 and Voucher for 4 £25 voucher 1 adult and 1 child complimentary day ticket 2 adults and up to 4 children for steaming day Meal voucher One Family one day admission 1 month membership Brut Reserve Free entry for two people Driver race session Various toys Ice cream voucher 2 Tickets for monthly disco McMullan beer gift One adult and one junior admission ticket Ticket for admittance of 1 adult and 1 child 4 x grounds admission tickets Free pet portrait and Greeting cards Voucher Free entry for one adult and one child
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Please return the stubs and money to the School office before 20th June.
Extra tickets are available from the school office.

Year 4 – Science Oxford

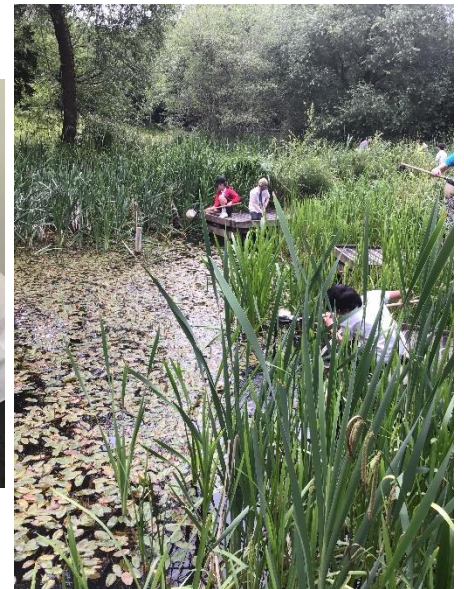
Year 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to Science Oxford on Thursday 12th June. The classes were split into groups and took part in three exciting and very different activities throughout the day.

One of the highlights was pond dipping, where the children used nets to carefully collect specimens from the water, transferring their findings into white trays. Back in the lab, they used magnifying glasses to examine their discoveries more closely, demonstrating curiosity and excellent observation skills.

During an interactive presentation, the children impressed everyone with their knowledge as they identified the 'odd one out' based on physical characteristics and habitats. It was clear that they are beginning to think like scientists!

They also enjoyed an engaging show all about light, before heading into the Exploration Zone, which was a real favourite. Here, they experimented with digital media, played with wind pipes, explored how cogs and wheels work, and even tried out thermal imaging cameras, among many other hands-on exhibits.

Throughout the day, the children were fantastic ambassadors for Burford School. They showed maturity and resilience, especially when we were caught in a heavy downpour on the way back to the coach!



Year 5 – Waddesdon Manor

Last week, Year 5 enjoyed an educational trip to Waddesdon Manor, linking directly with their science topics for this term. The visit gave the children a hands-on opportunity to explore nature and apply what they've been learning in the classroom.

During their walk through the beautiful grounds, the children identified different types of trees using leaf guides and bark patterns. They also used techniques to estimate the height of trees. The children also examined various stages of plant life cycles.

The children all showed their Burford values throughout the trip and we're proud of how engaged and observant all the children were.

Well done, Year 5!



Burford's Got Talent



**BURFORD'S
GOT
TALENT
2025**

Follow the QR code to sign up for BGT 2025 auditions.
Auditions will begin Monday the 23rd of June.
Make sure your performance lasts 1 - 4.5 Minutes.
Good Luck!
Mr Mettler & Mr Walker

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).

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 \(\[primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\]\(http://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)\)](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:

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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

School Mobile: 07598 250888

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

Upcoming dates

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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Spring Term Calendar Dates:

[2024 - 2025 calendar.xlsx](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

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.

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 9th June

Whole School

Hot Weather – [hot-weather.pdf](#)

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

Science Competition - [science-competition-letter.pdf](#)

Marlow Education Trust - [marlow-education-trust-parent-letter-june-2025](#)

Summer Fayre – [summer-fayre-june-letter.pdf](#)

Sports Day – [sports-day-2025.pdf](#)

Reception

School Day - [reception-start-time.pdf](#)

Reminder – Year R Vision Screening Tuesday 17th June- [burford-year-r-vision.pdf](#)

Week Commencing 16th June

Whole School

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

Marlow Education Trust - [marlow-education-trust-parent-letter-june-2025](#)

Summer Fayre – [summer-fayre-june-letter.pdf](#)

Reception

Vision Screening Check - [bucks-schools-r-vision.pdf](#)

Year 5

Year 5/6 Production - [year-5-6-production-letter-to-parents.pdf](#)

Year 6

Year 5/6 Production - [year-5-6-production-letter-to-parents.pdf](#)