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'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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Headteacher Awards

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

Holly – Theo and George

Pine – Max and Amelia

Oak – Jaxon

Chestnut – Leo

Elm – Aoife and Theo

Beech – Josh and Matilda

Cedar – Freya and Erin

Juniper – Ruby and Bora

Willow – Nour and Millie

Cherry – Elsie and Callum

Sequoia – Oakley and Lara

Hawthorn – whole Class

Ash – Zac and whole class

Millionaire Readers

Max D – 1 Million

Charlie C-J – 1 Million

Safaa – 2 Million

Alina – 4 Million

Dear Burford families,

Last week the children in Reception thoroughly enjoyed their school trip to Woolley Firs. They enjoyed a range of activities from bug identification to pond dipping. Thank you to all the volunteers who came along with the Reception Team. Speaking of Reception, they are currently closely observing some duck eggs in their incubator in the classroom. With great patience, they are waiting for the eggs to crack and for the little ducklings to appear. Hopefully, over the weekend, they will hatch into cute little fluff balls ready for the school to admire next week.

Well done to all the children who took part in the science poster competition in STEM week and a big congratulations to the Year 1 and Year 3 team who were the overall winners! It was an incredibly hard task to choose a KS1 and KS2 winner, but Mrs Azam, Mrs Rayner and I got there in the end. Congratulations to all the children who produced work for the Academy of Art competition – you are all very talented and we are super proud of you.

Lastly, this week, the children in Year 6 have completed their KS2 SATs in school and have been truly amazing. They have been kind, resilient, responsible, curious, and have persevered through some tough questions. Everyone is really proud of you and we hope you have a well deserved and restful weekend, especially before your residential next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Walk to School Week

Get moving and encourage kids to be more active during Walk to School Week 2025! This 5-day challenge takes place from the 19th to the 23rd of May and is designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day.

What are the benefits of Walk to School Week?

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school will help set kids up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing. Walk to School Week is also designed to extend beyond the week itself, by encouraging healthy habits for life with a focus on exercise, diet and wellbeing.

There are many health benefits to walking:

- Exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. It also tones the whole body.
- Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.
- Walking helps to improve mood. Getting outdoors and making the most of natural daylight makes for a positive start to the day.
- When walking to school, children can relax and let off steam before they head into the classroom to learn.

Another great benefit of Walk to School Week is that it reduces the morning traffic. Instead of driving to school in the car and contributing to congestion, carbon emissions, and pollution, you can bypass this route completely by walking. In the long run, we'll all have cleaner air if there are fewer cars on the road. You can do your part by getting involved with Walk to School Week and leaving your car at home. You'll help to reduce carbon emissions and enjoy all the benefits of walking at the same time.

Walk to School Week also provides a great opportunity to build strong bonds in the community and enjoy increased social interaction. Walk in groups with friends and take a look at your surroundings and what you can see on your route to school. Parents and teachers are encouraged to get involved too.

How can I get involved in Walk to School Week?

The week-long challenge is not just about walking. Any type of exercise is encouraged, including cycling, riding your scooter or even running.

Although it may not be possible for every child to walk the distance from their house to their school, parents are encouraged to 'drive and stride,' parking further than they normally would and walking the rest of the way. This also means that traffic congestion and pollution is reduced around school gates.

To get involved, simply leave your car at home (or a few streets away from school) and get your walking boots on. All you've got to do is walk!

Ms Fowler Marsh



Reception Trip to Woolley Firs

The Reception children had the best time at Woolley Firs. It was a fantastic day from start to finish with the children getting to explore the environment and enjoy a number of different activities.

Throughout the day the children got to search for minibeasts underneath logs and had a go at pond dipping where they found out lots about all of the different creatures.

We also went for a woodland walk where they had to spot a number of different animals.

All of the children were then incredibly brave and got the chance to hold a wriggly minibeast!

We are incredibly proud of the Reception children who demonstrated all of our Burford values on their very first school trip!



Parliament Assembly

Last Friday, we had Kerrie Carpenter, a Senior Education and Engagement Parliament Outreach Officer for the South East, come into school and talk to KS2 about democracy and parliament. The talk was both informative and inspirational and we were very fortunate that Kerrie was able to visit Burford as she covers the whole of the South East region, that's 91 constituencies, 4000+ schools, and all the universities and community groups! The children asked many questions about how Bills are passed as Law, and became Lords and Baronesses (I think it was the red jumpers) and even I, for a short spell was Prime Minister – a job, I certainly do not want anytime soon 😊

Mrs Marshall



Year 3 – DT Workshop

On Wednesday 14th May, Year 3 were extremely lucky to take part in a workshop with Mary Cadogan from Great Marlow school. This was part of their unit of work all about eating a healthy diet. In our DT lessons leading up to the workshop, we have been discussing how to make a healthy lunch and the health and safety rules we should use when cooking. We decided that a food product we could make that contains lots of healthy food groups is a pasta salad.

In their workshop, the children practised slicing their lettuce, dicing their carrots, cucumber and tomatoes, tossing them together with their pasta and then topping it all off with cheese and salad dressing. We were so impressed with how well the children used their Burford Values and how creative they were when making their healthy lunches.



A massive thank you to Mrs Cadogan who volunteered her time to come and work with Year 3. Here are some pictures of what they got up to!



After School Clubs

For a full list of After School Clubs offered at Burford, please visit our website

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.

STEM Week Success

We are incredibly proud of all the finalists who presented their fantastic science investigations to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Azam, and Mrs Rayner. The children amazed us with their creativity, scientific thinking, and confident presentations making it a real challenge to choose the winners!

A huge well done to all involved!

After much deliberation, we are thrilled to announce that **Year 1** were our KS1 winners, and **Year 3** took the title for KS2.

Well done Taylor, Jasmine, Bryony, Hattie, Louis, Henry, Lili, Alfie, Evie and Valentina.

The final decision was then made to select an overall winner to represent our school at Science Oxford, where they will present their investigation to a panel of judges from the STEM industry. It was a very tough choice, but we are excited to share that **Year 1** will be representing us at this prestigious event.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, you were all fantastic!



VE Day

Thursday 8th May marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children wore red, white and blue as a symbol of this day. Some Year 5 students also shared some information about this in a whole school assembly, including a story from a WWII veteran who remembered what it was like on VE Day. The children then spent time in their classes completing different activities to celebrate the end of the war while also remembering those who fought for our country.

The work the children produced was excellent – they spent a lot of time and care with their work and we are so proud of their efforts!

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum meeting will be on 5th June 2025. If you have any feedback, please complete the Google Form below.

Mrs Marshall will be reviewing the notes on 23rd May to feedback to the Class Representatives at the meeting.

These notes will then be shared with all stakeholders afterward the Parent Forum meeting.

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



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

Summer Fair – Save the Date

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

Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting with the parent reps and providing you with more details.

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.



Friday 6 June 2025

Friends of Burford

Present...

Elsie Crumpet's



BINGO

BONGO

Join us for a hilarious evening of Bonkers Bingo, TV Game Shows & audience participation. All with fabulous prizes!!



Ticket includes:

- 2 hours of comedy Bingo
- A delicious paella dinner
- Your first drink- Cheers!
 - Bingo cards

Ticket price £35

Cash Bar

Venue: Burford School. Marlow Bottom SL7 3PQ

Doors open: 7.00pm Carriages: 11.30pm

Comedy Age Rating 18+

Tickets go on sale 10am 4 April

www.ticketsource.co.uk/fob



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/>**

Pupil Premium

Pupils whose parents/guardians are in receipt of the following, maybe entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- An Income Related Employment and Support Allowance Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of the State Pension Credit (GE)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (UC)

To enable us to check your child's eligibility, please complete the application form, which can be found on the school website and return it to the school office.

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium, please read our Pupil Premium Strategy on our website to discover how we can support your child at Burford School.

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.

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

2026 / 2027 –

Spring Term 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.

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 5th May

Whole School

Cake Sale - [Microsoft Word - YR6 Cake sale 2025](#)

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

School Lunches – please order lunches before 11.30am for the following week. If you do not have a lunch ordered, please provide your child with a packed lunch as we may not be able to provide spares - [school-lunches.pdf](#)

Year 1

Science - [year-1-tasting-letter.pdf](#)

Year 2

Discovery Centre- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/cf94c162-53f6-4557-879e-6d53bc20c770/look-out-discovery-centre.pdf>

Year 3

Cedar Class still require parent helpers for their trip to Braywick. If you are able to help, please email Mrs Ashby-Harvey (IAshby-Harvey@burfordschool.co.uk) ASAP.

DT Workshop – [dt-workshop.pdf](#)

Year 4

Science Oxford- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/7684117b-1281-4a38-a9c4-df7a519f0690/science-oxford.pdf>

Year 5

Bread Tasting - [year-5-tasting.pdf](#)

Waddesdon Manor - [waddesdon-parent-letter-may.pdf](#)

Bread Making- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/36ef0b14-9001-4193-afc6-7a1e26c1010a/bread-making.pdf>

Week Commencing 12th May

Whole School

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

Sports Day – [sports-day-2025.pdf](#)

Year 1

PSHE - [Burford School](#)

Year 2

Discovery Centre- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/cf94c162-53f6-4557-879e-6d53bc20c770/look-out-discovery-centre.pdf>

Year 3

PSHE – [year-3-pshe-changing-me.pdf](#)

Year 4

Science Oxford- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/7684117b-1281-4a38-a9c4-df7a519f0690/science-oxford.pdf>

Year 5

PSHE - [pshe.pdf](#)

Waddesdon Manor - [waddesdon-parent-letter-may.pdf](#)

Year 6

Liddington - [liddington.pdf](#)