

# 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 – Jack

Sycamore – Alessio

Pine – Wren and Elliot

Oak – Teddy and Mollie

Chestnut – Daisy

Elm – Florence

Beech – Ralph and Eve

Cedar – Lili and George

Juniper – Mason and Jack

Willow – Acey and Otilie

Cherry – Sophia and James

Sequoia – Alfie and Oliver

Hawthorn – Tilly

Ash – Leia



Dear Burford families,

Wow, what a wonderful day we have had celebrating World Book Day. The children and staff looked amazing in their costumes and we were very lucky with the weather at lunchtime too. The children have enjoyed: buddy reading with older and younger children; engaging in 'teacher swap' (a teacher that isn't their own reads their favourite book to a year group); school council's book recommendations and so much more. In assembly this morning, I spoke to the children about their WBD token and to make sure they check with their grown-ups before trying to buy a book that the retailer accepts the voucher... best of luck! Thank you to all the staff who made today brilliant, and a special thank you goes to Mrs Phillips for organising today!

Earlier this week, Mrs Fowler-Marsh with the School Council had the genius idea to create a domino cereal box effect to encourage families to donate boxes of cereal to One Can Trust. At one point, Mrs Fowler-Marsh was worried the spiral of boxes was not going to make it but with a little bit of encouragement, they toppled over to the cheers of all the children on the playground!

This week, we met with the School Fund Trustees and on behalf of the school and governors, thank you so much to all the families who have contributed to Gift of Opportunity (GoO) and have set up match funding via their employers. Your support, as always, really does go a long way in supporting our Burford enrichment offer.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Marshall  
Headteacher

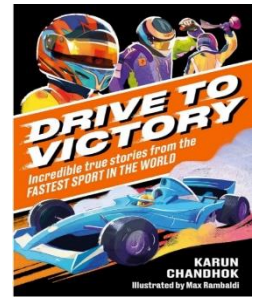
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## Author Visit

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we were delighted to welcome another author to Burford and, this time, we were excited to learn that he was not only an author but also a former Formula One racing driver and racing broadcaster, Karun Chandhok.

Karun came to speak to us about his new book, Drive To Victory, which describes the thrilling world of motor racing. The book is full of facts about motor racing written by someone who knows from his own experience about it. At the special assembly, Karun talked to us about how he became interested in motor racing and told us about his path into his career as a racing driver and after he had finished racing.



Our favourite facts included that lots of woman are involved in the sport and that Lewis Hamilton likes to treat himself to a bag of sweets after a race.

It was really interesting to see all the different jobs you can do in this sport including psychologist, chef, lawyers and camera operators.

We then got the chance to design our own racetrack and got to ask questions at the end. Karun asked us to raise our hands if we would want to work in this sport and lots of people put their hands up.

Karun also signed copies of his book that families had bought.

It was a really great talk and we learned lots about the world of motor racing.



## Smartphones

Late last year, Marlow parents participated in a survey to determine attitudes and perspectives relating to children and smartphones in Primary schools. Of the 500 parents who participated, 200 of them had children at Burford.

Here are some highlights.

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If you want to get involved in promoting a Smartphone Free Childhood in Marlow, feel free to join the Burford group where news and ways to get involved are shared.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ED7FZvFVtpCLYjNaNEk1XJ>

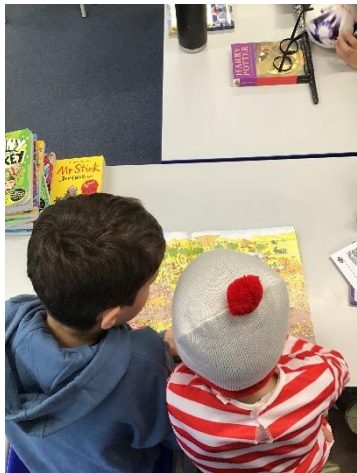
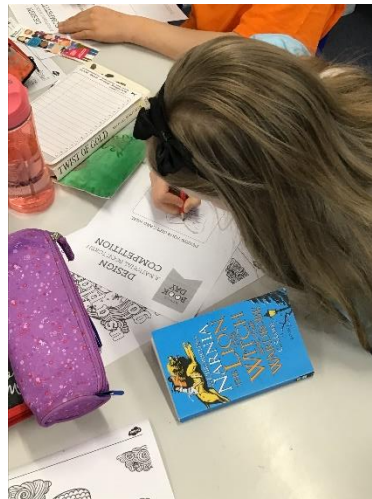
## World Book Day

Today, Burford school have had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day.

Our day started with a whole school assembly where our School Council spoke about their favourite books and prizes were awarded for some of the fantastic costumes!



Throughout the rest of the day, the children and teachers were able to take part in a number of book based activities, including visiting other year groups to share their favourite books with pupils from around the school, designing a new book token for the official 'World Book Day' competition, designing and decorating their own book character mask, creating and sharing a 'read your way mood board' and 'Reading River', make a book recommendation fortune teller for friends/family, plus much much more.



We all had a wonderful day and are thankful for everyone who helped to make the day a success!

Mrs Phillips

Reading Enrichment Lead

## Uniform

If you require school uniform, our Friends of Burford (FoB) sell second-hand uniform as well as costumes for year group theme days (Victorian, Florence Nightingale, Viking, Roman, Egyptian and Nativity).

FoB hold regular sales after school which are generally held on the first Friday of each term however, if you require anything in the meantime, please email FoB directly at [uniform@friendsofburford.org.uk](mailto:uniform@friendsofburford.org.uk)

Cash, Card or Bank transfer donations are accepted.

Alternatively, uniform can be purchased from Sports Crest in High Wycombe instore or on-line.

[Burford Primary School | SportCrest](#)



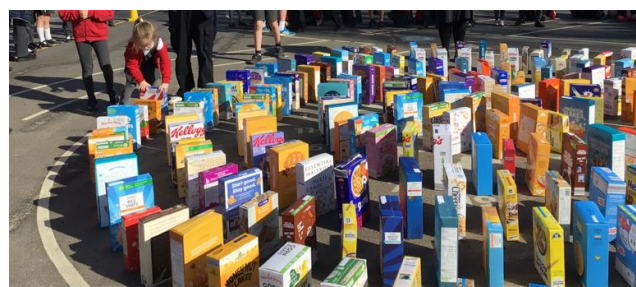
## STEM Week

STEM week at Burford will take place 31st March-4th April and we are all very much looking forward to it. In preparation for this, please can parents ensure that each child has an empty tissue box and an empty plastic bottle (from fruit juices or fizzy drink, any size will do).

## School Council

On Wednesday 5th March 2025, Burford's School Council organised a charity event in aid of One Can Trust.

Thanks to you we had an impressive 272 cereal boxes donated which were used to make our domino run! The School Council had great fun designing the run and setting it up, trying not to knock any down until the set up was complete.



When the run was ready, Helen Foster from the One Can trust and the whole school were invited to watch the domino run take place.



The run was a success and we were delighted to donate the cereal boxes to the One Can Trust.

Many thanks for all of your generous donations.



## School Applications

### Nursery School Applications

We still have a few places available for this academic year and are currently taking applications for September 2025. If you would like to apply for a space, please submit your applications as early as possible. Application forms to join our Nursery are available on our school website or from the school office. Please note that we are able to take children after the first term they turn 3 years old.

## Parent Representatives

As per the last Parent Forum notes, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and I have decided to change the format of Parent Forum. Whilst your feedback remains as important to us, we feel that the current process of raising topics via the class Parent Representative may not be the most conducive way to gather discussion points and foster parent partnerships with the school. Instead, the school will offer a Google form questionnaire for parents and carers to complete a week before Parent Forum, which will move from half termly to termly. This information will be discussed at a SLT meeting, where themes will be identified, and answers will be played back to Parent Reps at the parent forum with notes, such as these. Parent Reps will still have the opportunity to discuss any points raised.



The next Parent forum meeting will be in May. Date to be confirmed.

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

## 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.

## 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)).

## 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)

## 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 speech bubble graphic containing the text "CONTACT US" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

**CONTACT US**

## 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.

## 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.

### Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February

#### Whole School

PE Days - [pe-spring-2-2025.pdf](#)

World Book Day - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/d496ba90-f04f-49d3-abdc-9c4c10eb0ca5/world-book-day-2025.pdf>

#### Reception

Wooley Firs - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/da4abc2a-c4af-4bd9-8479-c2e02be8a1ab/woolley-firs.pdf>

#### Year 1

Maidenhead Synagogue- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/e30ead00-6fa7-4e67-beba-d6a867008a14/maidenhead-synagogue.pdf>

PSHE Healthy me- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/2d289c3b-3765-4692-bfcc-bb7e8502e2d7/pshe-healthy-me.pdf>

#### Year 3

PSHE- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/06ce3f33-72a1-4e5d-a0a8-cffe46c3fa35/pshe-healthy-me.pdf>

Swimming Water safety- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/8cff7526-8948-439f-a08f-2dd76ae61882/swimming-lessons-water-safety.pdf>

#### Year 4

PSHE Healthy me- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/8ef6f1b1-837b-451d-8f02-af48710c2349/pshe-healthy-me.pdf>

#### Year 5

Bikeability – [bikeability-letter-to-parents.pdf](#)  
[burford-school-level-2-qr-parent-letter.pdf](#)

Woodrow- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/f59c3ac3-3c9d-42f3-8376-83d5fe5454c4/woodrow-final-arrangments.pdf>

### Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March

#### Nursery

Easter Nest – [nursery-and-reception-easter-nest-letter-stem-week.pdf](#)

#### Reception

Height and weight measurements – [bucks-school-year-r-ncmp.pdf](#); [parentportal-infographic-final-1.pdf](#)

STEM week - [reception-parents-letter-stem-week-resources.pdf](#)

Easter Nest - [nursery-and-reception-easter-nest-letter-stem-week.pdf](#)

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