

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 – Calleigh and Luna

Sycamore –

Pine – Darcie, Ruben and Arthur

Oak – Hope and Cora

Chestnut – Jacob and Rosie

Elm – Maisie

Beech – Joe and Bodhi

Cedar – Valentina and Emilia

Juniper – Dylan and Leanna

Willow – Caiden and Daelen

Cherry – Amelia D and George

Sequoia – Jessie and Max

Hawthorn – William and Cassius

Ash – Yuj and Lewis

Dear Burford families,

The children across our school are such a credit to you. They have all been really focused and engaged in their learning this term. This week, some of our curriculum governors came into school to conduct a learning walk to see the children in action. I hope the governors do not mind me saying on their behalf, but they were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm, engagement and overall enjoyment learning in their classes with staff. Equally, thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to attend the phonics and maths workshops in EYFS and KS1. Your time and engagement with school life really does make a huge difference.

Speak of, thank you to all the parent volunteers who donned their Roman costumes this week for Year 3's Roman day. I caught up with the children before home time and they were delighted to show me their 'bags of Roman wonder' and smelling pouches!

Well done to the children in upper KS2 for showing excellent leadership skills and initiative in running clubs for other children in the school. Currently, we have Reading Club and Basketball Club running on offer and so far, the uptake has been impressive. A huge thank you to Mrs Puddephatt for encouraging and supporting the children – they, like all of us, appreciate you developing their cultural capital!

In our newsletter, you will also notice a poster from Friends of Burford. Please take the time to read their poster and hopefully join in some of the events they have planned over the next few months. As always, we are thankful for their support in supporting the school.

Have a lovely sunny weekend, wrap up warm ☺

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

Statutory Assessments in Primary

The Government have updated information for parents on all the statutory assessments that children are required to take part in during their statutory journey. The information can be found through this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents>

Children in Reception (baselines), Year 1 (phonics screening check), Year 2 (phonics screening check resits, if required), Year 4 (multiplication times check) and Year 6 (SATs) will all take part in statutory assessments.

Please bear in mind that this information does not include information on the Secondary Transfer Test (11+), which is not statutory. Information on the Secondary Transfer Test is available on the Buckinghamshire County website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/grammar-schools-and-transfer-testing-11/the-secondary-transfer-test/>

For any questions about testing at Burford, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Puddephatt, who is assessment lead at Burford.

Clubs for Children, by Children

As 'outstanding' (Ofsted) in the personal development of our children, at Burford, we encourage our curious, responsible learners to be looking for opportunities to take charge, particularly when helping other children.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been stepping up this year by asking to run clubs by children for children.

In Year 5, Henry, Alina, Charlie and Safaa asked to run a reading club on Wednesday lunchtimes for half an hour, where KS2 children could gather in our library and read their reading book or First News, and we thought that was a great idea. It is a very popular club and one we are considering extending to a second lunchtime.


In Year 6, Audrey and Charlotte asked if they could run a basketball club for children in Year 1 to Year 3 and we thought this was another great idea. This club will run on Mondays, between 12.15 - 12.40, in our ballcourt.

Thank you to all these Burford children for their wonderful ideas and organisation. You are inspiring!








Family Support

Please see below some courses being offered by FACE Family advice.



February 2025
Newsletter

<p>Thursday 20th Feb 19:00 - 20:00 FREE</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">FREE SESSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supporting Healthy Screen Use</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens</p>
<p>Monday 3rd Feb 10:00 - 11:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Supporting a Child with ADHD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Facing Defiance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.</p>
<p>Tuesday 25th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Understanding the Teenage Brain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.</p>

facefamilyadvice.co.uk
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

Year 1 Phonics

The year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their phonics knowledge within the parent workshop which was held on Thursday 16th January.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending and both the children and their parents working in partnership to complete various different activities.



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

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](https://www.burfordprimaryschool.co.uk) | [SportCrest](https://www.sportcrest.co.uk)



Smartphone's

The Smartphone Free Childhood initiative in Marlow is gaining significant traction, with increasing parental support.

- An event titled "Marlow Discusses Smartphones: How Can We Protect Our Children?" is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday, February 5th at Spinfield.

The event promises to be an informative evening with high support from Headteachers all over Marlow, including Mrs Marshall. Due to high demand, there is a substantial waiting list. Ticket holders unable to attend are urged to cancel via Eventbrite to allow others to participate. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/marlow-discusses-smartphones-how-can-we-protect-our-children-tickets-1147037352599?aff=oddtcreator>

- At a Marlow Town Council meeting this week, Burford parents, alongside parents from various other Marlow schools, voiced their concerns regarding smartphones' impact on children's mental and physical health. In response, the Council has committed to taking a more active role in supporting a Smartphone Free Childhood in Marlow.

- Interested individuals are invited to join the Burford Whatsapp group to learn more about this movement and upcoming activities planned for Burford and Marlow town. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ED7FZvFVtpCLYjNaNEk1XJ>

Thank you to all the Burford parents who have played an active role in bringing about change and to the Burford staff who have shown their support.

Roman Day

On Monday, Year 3 travelled back through time by over 2000 years and transformed into Roman citizens for the day.

The school hall was transformed into Roman Verulamium where the children were introduced to the many innovative inventions that the Romans brought to Iron Age Britain.

Throughout the morning, the children participated in a range of activities that included making tiled mosaic, engraved brooches, clay charms, exciting games and even learnt to write on parchment using a special Roman alphabet.

The afternoon was filled with marching and learning different soldier formations, dancing and performing short plays.

The children even learnt some Latin words! It was wonderful to witness the children in character with their fantastic Roman outfits.

It was a really engaging day that the children thoroughly enjoyed. We can't wait to tell you more in our Year 3 Assembly in February.



PTA Announcement



Happy Bag

Collection: Friday
14th Feb
Donation drop off:
from 8am 13 Feb



Quiz Night

Saturday March 8th
Tickets available
soon, start planning
your teams!



Bingo Night

Friday June 6th
SAVE THE DATE!

This is a new event
and is going to be
really fun! We
desperately need
helpers, please GIT.



Committee Mtg

Wednesday 5th Feb,
8pm, ONLINE - GIT
for link



Football Tournament

Date TBC
Start planning your
teams now!



Get In Touch/More Info: 07951 009 626



Enjoy a walk in beautiful scenery and plant snowdrops in support of Child Bereavement UK, then join us for refreshments in West Wycombe village hall.

West Wycombe Park, Bucks

Sunday 2 February 2025 10:30am - 4pm

Last entry at 3:30pm

Only guide and hearing dogs permitted

Advance tickets purchased from our website:

£5 adults, concessions £3 (under 2s free)

Tickets purchased on the gate:

£7 adults, concessions £5 (under 2s free)



childbereavementuk.org/snowdrop

Charity No in England and Wales 1040419 and Scotland SCO42910



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

The dates for the Parent Forum meetings for this academic year are:

6th February 2025 (please submit any questions to your Parent Rep before 31th January)

20th March 2025

15th May 2025

12th July 2025



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://s3.amazonaws.com/primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/Burford_School).

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://s3.amazonaws.com/primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/Burford_School)

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://s3.amazonaws.com/primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/Burford_School)

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

Spring Term Calendar Dates:

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

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).

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

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

A blue, 3D-style button with the text "CONTACT US" in white, bold, uppercase letters. The button has a slight shadow and a small tail pointing downwards and to the right.

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.

Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 20th January

Whole School

Parents' Evening – [march-parents-evening.pdf](#)

Year 2

Mastering Numbers - [mastering-numbers.pdf](#)

Year 3

Roman Day- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/0c220cc5-b2fd-4ebc-b4bc-d647e726fc04/roman-day-reminder.pdf>

Year 5

Woodrow - [woodrow-january-letter-2025.pdf](#)

Woodrow Kit list- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/19919ee9-e1ba-4f15-81da-6c6b5793da5d/woodrow-kit-list.pdf>

Year 6

Tower of London - [tower-of-london.pdf](#)

Week Commencing 27th January

Whole School

Termly Contribution - [termly-contribution.pdf](#)

Gift of Opportunity - [gift-of-opportunity-fund.pdf](#)

Young Artists' Summer Show! - [art.pdf](#)

Happy School Bag collection – [HAPPY BAG COLLECTION](#)

Rock stars day - [ttrs-day-letter.pdf](#)

Parents Evening – You should have received a Parents Evening invite this week. If you have not received the invite, please contact the school office.

Newsletter -

Year 3

Year 3 will be performing their Roman assembly to their parents on Friday 28th February at 2.20pm.

Year 5

Woodrow - [woodrow-january-letter-2025.pdf](#)

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