

School News

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Dylan

Oak – Louis

Chestnut – Maddie

Elm – Adam

Beech – Peter

Cedar – Busby

Willow – Bertie

Cherry – Molly

Sequoia – Jackson

Ash – Dylan

Hawthorn – Freddie V



Dear Burford families,

Firstly, thank you for all your kind comments to staff and myself following the Ofsted report. Now that is out of the way, we can continue to look forwards, and refining our practice and policies in the New Year 😊

Thank you to everyone who came to the school fayre on Saturday. The fayre was a brilliant success and raised £4245 for the school! Thanks to the staff who came in on their day off, the school governors, Santa and the office staff who organised the event. Thank you also to all the parent helpers who were very generous with their time and of course, FoB too.

Today in assembly, we heard from Dr Danny, a micro-biologist who came in to talk to the children about germs! He encouraged the children to explore the Burford value of curiosity and become scientists! Dr Danny went on to lead workshops in Year 2 and Year 6 to link to their science topics.

Last week Year 6 went to Bletchley Park to link to their WW2 history topic. The trip not only fed their historical knowledge but inspired them to share this knowledge with others in their English lessons.

This week, the children from Y2 to Y6 came up to the wildlife garden with me and their teachers to toast delicious marshmallows over our school fire and squish them between two tasty biscuits to make a yummy treat. One child said, "this really feels like Christmas now". I am really looking forward to being with Y1 and EYFS next week in the garden.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Marshall
Headteacher



Burford Celebrates Christmas

Saturday 30th November saw the return of the Burford Christmas Fayre and it was fantastic to see so many of you there. Not only was it a thoroughly enjoyable day, it also raised an amazing £4245 for our school!

Many thanks to all the class reps, volunteers and members of staff who organised the tombola's, class games and craft activities, and to Friends of Burford and the Burford Governors for providing the food and drink. Without all of your help, the fayre could not have been possible.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us and meet the children and to his elves for helping to entertain the children while they waited.



Mr Walker did a fabulous job of preparing our amazing Burford Choir for their 2 performances to open and close the fayre.

Well done to everyone that entered one of our Christmas competitions! We have a lot of very creative children at Burford which made it very hard to choose the winners.

Congratulations to Kit and Indigo in Year 3 for winning this year's Burford Bake Off. The cake looked fantastic and tasted delicious too, Alessio (Sycamore); Zain (Elm); and Nathaniel (Willow) for winning the creative competition.



Congratulations also to Daniel in Acorns correctly guessed the number of chocolate coins in the jar, winning 84 chocolate coins. Enjoy! And to Molly in Year 6 for correctly guessing the name of the teddy, Bob!

If you are one of our lucky raffle winners, you have been contacted this week to collect your prize.



Burford Celebrates Christmas Continued

The countdown to Christmas continues and we have lots more fun activities planned:

Save the date for more Christmas festivities:

9th and 10th December – Reception and Year 1 Christmas Nativity @2pm. If you haven't yet received your tickets, please contact the school office.

11th December – Year 5 and 6 to GMS to watch their production of Aladdin.

13th December – Burford's Christmas Lunch

13th December – Christmas Jumper Day!

13th December – Class Christmas parties

16th December – Church Visits for KS1, Y3 and Y4

16th December – FOB Christmas Disco's

18th December – Church Visits for Y5 and Y6

18th December – Nursery Christmas party

19th December – School closes at 1.30pm for Christmas break



Year 4 – Christmas cake making

This week, Year 4 returned to Great Marlow School to decorate their Christmas Cakes. They all looked amazing.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who walked with us, GMS and to Mrs Cadogan.



S'mores with Mrs Marshall

This week, Years 4, 3, 6, 2 and 5 have enjoyed some wellbeing time with Mrs Marshall making s'mores in the outdoor learning area. The children (and adults) have all thoroughly enjoyed toasting their own Marshmallows and making their own s'mores.

Next week, the children in Year 1 will have the opportunity to enjoy s'mores with Mrs Marshall too, and the children in Reception and Nursery will be able to enjoy a Christmas story with a chocolate digestive biscuit instead.




Year 6 – Bletchley Park

On Monday 25th November, Year 6 visited Bletchley Park to learn more about code-breaking in World War II. This trip linked with our work in History. The classes have been writing about Bletchley Park and about their trip. Thank you to the parents who accompanied us on this trip!

Monday 5th December 2024
 We wrote a report about my visit to Bletchley Park.

On the 25th of November, the school of year 6 - Northern and Ash class - went to Bletchley Park. After a while we got on our coach. It took us around an hour and 30 minutes to get there. We arrived at about 10:30 and it was time for Milton Keynes and not that far. To our surprise it was massive and over 1000 acres. It was a (year 6) thought the reason we were there was because we found World War II fascinating and we were learning about it. Bletchley Park is famous for its role in breaking the German Enigma code. During the war it played a massive role in helping the Allies and it is now a museum and a place of interest. They would turn it into a park and a place of interest.




→ This is the Mansion at Bletchley Park.

When we first got there we went straight to the session and my (PhD) told us about the history of Bletchley Park. He showed us the machine they used to send the messages but in code. It was called the Enigma machine - and every time you pressed a letter it would come out a different letter so say if you typed 'A' and if you pressed 'A' again it would give you 'M'. It was like a magic machine. When you typed a letter it would give you a different letter. The machine was very complicated and it was so complex that it was impossible to crack. The machine was used to send messages in code. The machine was used to send messages in code. The machine was used to send messages in code. The machine was used to send messages in code.

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Bletchley Park was key to winning World War II but why? Interestingly, 75% of people who worked at Bletchley Park by 1945 were women. If you were asked to tell you something about Bletchley Park, what would you say? I would say that it was a place where women were asked to do a job that was very important. I would say that it was a place where women were asked to do a job that was very important. I would say that it was a place where women were asked to do a job that was very important.



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School Applications

Nursery School Applications

We still have a few places available for this academic year. 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.

Primary School Applications

Applications for Bucks primary schools opened on 1st November. If you, or someone you know is looking for a school place to start Reception in September 2025 and would like to tour our please contact the school office the application process closes on 15th January.

Secondary School Applications

For secondary school places in September 2025, the application deadline is now closed. You will receive your school allocation from Bucks on 3rd March 2025.

Parent Representatives

Many thanks for the questions and comments submitted for the Parent Forum meeting this week. Your feedback is invaluable to us and very much appreciated.

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://www.burford-school.com/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://www.burford-school.com/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.

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/>**

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)

Autumn Term Calendar Dates:

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

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



CONTACT US

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.

Friends of Burford

Thank you to everyone who helped run the bar at the Christmas fayre, in particular Toby Francis!

We have the total for the recent ASDA Cashpot campaign, thank you to all that took part.



SCHOOL DISCO – MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

It is time for your kids to have some fun with their school mates, dance, play games and enjoy at the Disco!

Tickets are £6 a child

Step 1 📌 sign up via Google form here: <https://forms.gle/RKhLbCLGEFclqsEY8>

Step 2 🌈 pay via Parent pay <https://www.parentpay.com>

Deadline on Monday 9 December!!

We are in need more parent volunteers to help at the Disco for YR, Y4/5&6 please. If you are able to help, please contact a member of the FOB team.

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).

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.



Year 4 Cake Sale – Friday 13th December

On Friday 13th December, Year 4 parents and children will be holding a Cake Sale on behalf of Friends of Burford. The sale will take place after school by the stamping shelter from 3:15pm.

We normally have a small supply of Gluten Free cakes available at our cake sales so please do ask a member of the Cake Sale team if your child would prefer one of those cakes.

If your child has any other very specific dietary requirements and would like them to be able to purchase cakes, we ask that you please provide your own cakes wrapped and labelled with your child's name and bring them to the stamping shelter between 3:00pm and 3:15pm on the day of the sale and we will ensure these are kept aside for your child.

If there are any staff or parents not in Year 4 who would like to make cakes for the sale, any donations are gratefully received. Obviously, all proceeds go to the whole school. Please bring your cakes to the stamping shelter the morning of the sale, to be stored in school during the day.

Children who attend **WrapAroundCare4U** will also be given the option to visit the cake sale and will be brought round by a staff member. Please give one of the WAC4U staff members your child's money in an envelope in advance.

We ask all parents donating cakes to respect the school's NO NUTS policy.



Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 25th November

Whole School

Smores - [smores.pdf](#)

Church Visits – [church-visits.pdf](#)

Funky Textiles - [funky-textiles-club-letter-burford-spring-25.pdf](#)

John Johnny Breakdance Academy – [john-johnny-school-dance-flyer-2025.pdf](#)

The Outdoor Project After School Club - [Burford ASC Spring 2025](#)

FOB Children's Disco - FOB Children's Christmas Disco - [fob-school-disco-christmas-16-dec-24.pdf](#)

The Christmas post box is now ready to receive the children's Christmas cards. If your child would like to post their Christmas cards in the post box, please ensure that the recipients name is on the envelope, along with their class.

Year 3

History off the pages - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/3b5bbd9d-75bf-43db-97d0-021aa8a1e81f/history-of-the-pages.pdf>

Year 4

Cake decorating - [year-4-cake-decorating-letter-27.11.24.pdf](#)

Week Commencing 2nd December

Whole School

Ofsted – [letter-to-parents-re.ofsted.pdf](#); [10341281-burford-school-110314-final.pdf.pdf](#)

Holiday Clubs – [school-holiday-clubs.pdf](#)

Christmas lunch – update regarding ordering - [christmas-dinner.pdf](#)

Art Club - [art-club.pdf](#)

Funky Textiles - [funky-textiles-club-letter-burford-spring-25.pdf](#)

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Swimming - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/e6d8028c-ef82-4643-b92b-b11786d0abc7/swimming-letter.pdf>

Year 5

Trip to GMS - [y6-and-5-letter-for-gms-trip.pdf](#)

Year 6

Trip to GMS - [y6-and-5-letter-for-gms-trip.pdf](#)

Reminder – Childhood measurement Programme - [year-6-national-childhood-measurement-programme.pdf](#)
[parentportal-for-childhood-measurement.pdf](#)