

School News

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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Headteacher Awards

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

Pine – Austin and Henry

Oak – Taylor, Luca

Chestnut – Carys and Freddie

Elm – Keegan and George

Beech – Beech Class,
Christopher,

Cedar – Cedar Class, Kit and
Jacob G

Juniper – Johan and Lilianna T

Willow – Sylvia, Charlie

Cherry – Lejla and Freddie B

Sequoia – Luna and Oakley

Ash – Lana and Kaya

Hawthorn –

Dear Burford Families,

Thank you for all your chocolate donations today. Mrs Branwhite's office resembles Willy Wonker's chocolate factory!

This morning in assembly, we talked about the importance of working as a team to showcase our Burford Values. We learnt about former Lioness Lianne Saunders in assembly and linked her journey to our own Burford girls football team. The assembly was elevated by a personalised message from Lianne Saunders to Burford School which really made the children beam with pride.

I am also delighted to announce that the playground project is now complete! The EYFS/KS1 zoned area now has a soft surface and a 'sunken' shipwreck for the children to play on and the awful silver slide has been dismantled.

Please see below...



I must say that this has caused a ripple throughout KS2 and I have received a petition from the children in KS2 to allow them into this area too! In the interests of democracy, they will be allowed in this area when the younger children have gone in at lunchtime (half an hour before KS2) and they can use this area as part of outdoor learning.

Congratulations to our newly trained Peer Mentors – I am confident that you will be amazing Burford ambassadors!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Year 1 – Victorian Day

We all had a brilliant day on Wednesday learning all about the Victorian Era. We took a trip to the 'Big House' where the children experienced needle work, fan making and postcard writing as well as cleaning, polishing and ironing. In the afternoon we all performed at the music hall- we had comedians, singers, actors, acrobats mind-readers and strongmen. What a variety show it was!



We would like to say a huge thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered on the day- we hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did.



Sports Fixtures

Running

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the 2nd running event of this year. Everyone ran a great race and represented Burford spectacularly.

An extra congratulations goes to William C who won his event. Well done William.



Many thanks to the parent helpers who assisted at the event.

- Race 3 – Lightwater Country Park – Thursday 21st November 2024
- Race 4 – Braywick Park – Thursday 30th January 2025

For the upcoming running season, in order to meet adult/child ratio and to be able to attend these meets, we will need some assistance at the races from some parent helpers. If you are able to help, please complete the Google form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyM9Mnljv9dKTehCdrIjdKWSwIV-4tF4mmkbNc8kJBZUgj3w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Year 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum

On 17th October, Year 3 were lucky enough to visit the Chiltern Open Air Museum to experience a day in the life of an early human. The day linked to our History topic, where the children have been learning all about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.

In the morning, the children travelled back in time to the Stone Age and met a hunter gatherer called Geoff who taught us how to hunt for food by throwing a type of spear called an atlatl. He also showed us how the children could create cave art using charcoal and vegetable fat and how to build a shelter from leather and twigs. The children even had the opportunity to light fires using a piece of flint and a fire lighter which was rather fiddly, but with lots of perseverance, many of the children were successful!

After our first workshop, we ate lunch and then moved to the Northolt Barn where we were shown how to make traditional Stone Age tools out of slate, sticks, dried grass and imitation melted horse hooves (the children used PVA glue as an alternative). The children managed to make very useful tools that once would have been used for scraping animal skins for early humans to make clothes from.

The children had a fantastic day learning how to be Stone Age hunter gatherers and they gained a lot of inspiration for writing Time Travel Stories which they will be writing this week.



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 opens on 1st November. If you, or someone you know is looking for a school place to start Reception in September 2025 please do contact our school office. We welcome parents to our open days on Thursday 14th November at 9:30am and 7:30pm. If you would like to apply for a place at Burford, or know someone that would, please contact the school office to book in for a school tour.

Secondary School Applications

For secondary school places in September 2025, the application deadline is 31st October 2024.

Year 5 – Egyptian Day

On Friday 18th October, Year 5 were lucky to celebrate their annual Egyptian Day. The children were very excited for a visit from 'History Off The Page' who shared various activities for the children to complete based on our Autumn term History topic (Ancient Egyptians).

In the morning, the children experienced a variety of fun activities. For example; mummifying, perfume making, Canopic jar creating and lots more. The children were also able to take home everything they had made. Some of the children were assigned special jobs to complete throughout the day.

In the afternoon, the children worked in groups to create a performance for the Pharaoh to gain his approval. Some children served the rest of the year group food and found out that someone had been stealing the bread and faced a serious punishment!

The Year 5 children had an incredible day and learnt even more about the Egyptians. A big thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered to dress up and support the children with this fun experience.



Peer Mentors

We are delighted to announce that on Thursday 7th November, fifteen children from Year 6 successfully completed their Peer Mentor training with Buckinghamshire Mind Peer Support Service.

Peer Mentors provide a supportive and safe space, during lunch times, to offer guidance and advice to younger pupils on a range of issues regarding social and emotional wellbeing.

Pupils in Year 6 apply at the beginning of the academic year to be a peer mentor and those who are selected receive specific training for the role so that they learn to actively listen and respond appropriately. They are positive role models who display compassion and empathy and understand the importance of confidentiality.

At Burford School, the Peer Mentor Programme forms an integral part of our wellbeing ethos. We strongly believe in the benefits of pupils helping each other as it provides the opportunity to gain confidence, improve communication skills, enhance a positive sense of self, increase problem-solving abilities and foster a sense of inclusion. Through this programme healthy relationships are formed; the Burford Values are promoted, and a culture of support and understanding is embedded throughout the whole school community.

Congratulations to all the new Peer Mentors!

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:

12th December 2024 (please submit any questions to your Parent Rep before 5th December)

6th February 2025

20th March 2025

15th May 2025

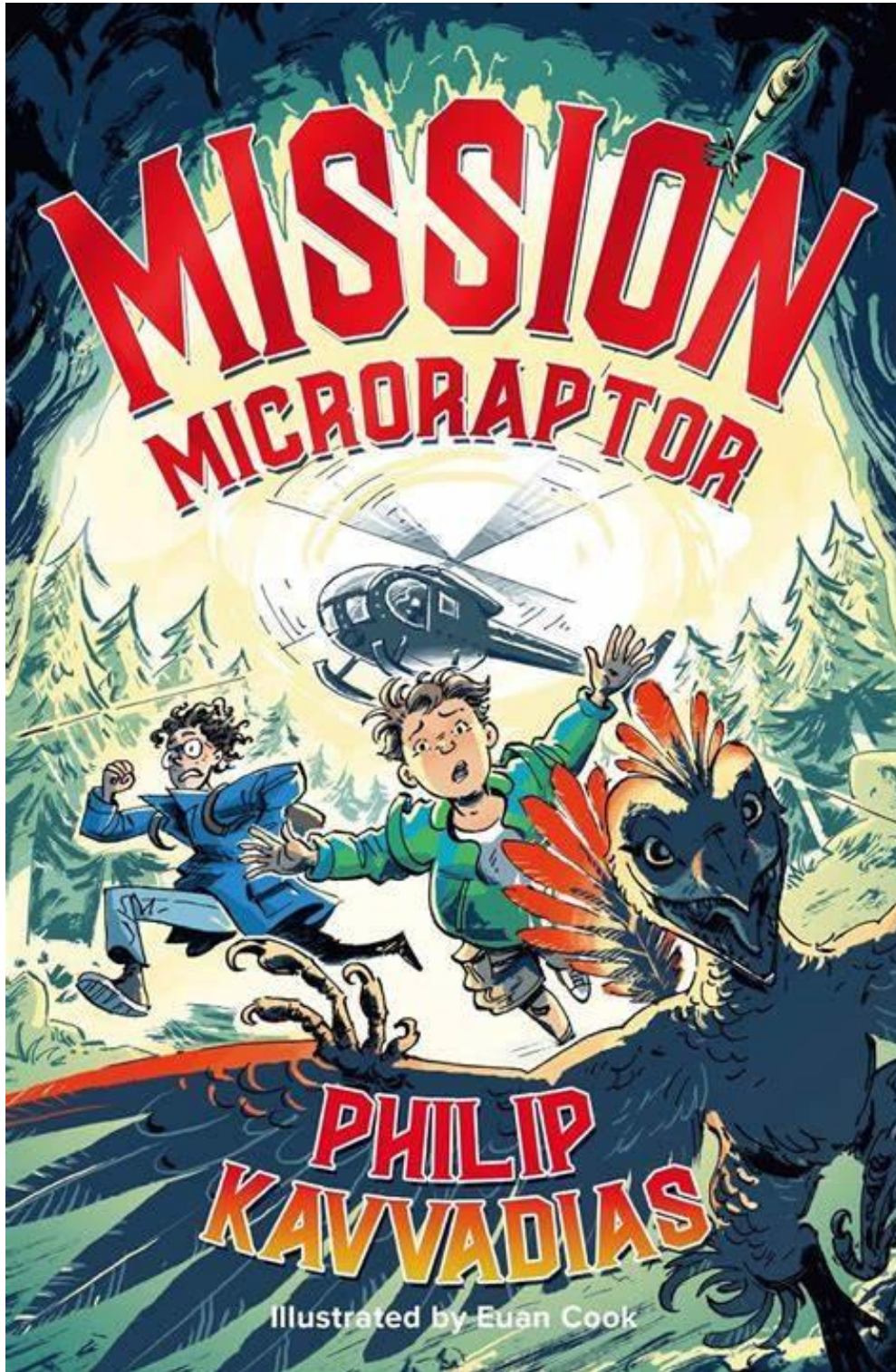
12th July 2025



Author Visit

On Friday 11th October 2024, we were delighted to welcome to Burford School, children's author Philip Kavadias who has just written a new book called 'Mission Microraptor'. As well as speaking to the children about his book, Philip mentioned to the children about a competition to win the chance to name the dinosaur in one of his books. The children were very excited about this prospect. If your child would like to enter the competition, please click on the link below for further details:

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/designadino>



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.co.uk/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.co.uk/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

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.

Burford Celebrates Christmas

Plans are well underway for the Burford Christmas Fayre.

The fayre will take place at school on **Saturday 30th November from 11am-2pm**. You will once again have the opportunity to purchase wristbands for a speedy entrance!

We will be holding raffles for the adults and children and have already secured some great prizes. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle or know of someone that could, please contact the school office. The extremely popular chocolate tombola will return for the Christmas Fayre and we will once again hold a chocolate line competition for the classes.

On the day, there will be food and drink stalls, Santa's grotto, craft stalls, Christmas games, tombolas and the opportunity for children to use their pocket money to buy family or friends a Christmas gift.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending you dates for the Christmas activities and liaising with the Class Parent reps for providing help with stalls.

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



Christmas Dates

Date	Time	Activity	Who
8th November		Chocolate Line Competition. Chocolate donations to be brought into child's class.	All
13 th November		Donations for gift stall. Any new unwanted gifts and unwanted Donations of christmas jumpers (for all ages)	All
21st November		Mufti for Tombola donations KS1 Any gift (toiletries, gifts, sweets) KS2 Bottles	All
22 nd November		Raffle tickets returned	All
27 th November		Filled sock returned- Fill a sock with small toys/sweets return to school	All
30 th November	11pm-2pm	Cakes to be handed in to the office by 11am to enter the competition. Burford Christmas Fayre	All
9 th and 10 th December	2pm	Christmas Nativity to Reception and year 1 parents	Reception And Year 1
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Lunch	All
19 th December	1.30pm	School Closes for the Christmas break. Return to school on 7 th January.	All

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/>**

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

Upcoming dates

For term dates, please visit:

2024 / 2025 - [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

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

Autumn Term Calendar Dates:

[2024 - 2025 calendar.xlsx \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/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.



Cool Milk

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).

Friends of Burford

Thank you to everyone that hosted, visited and donated to our wonderful Scarecrow Festival over half term, the entries get better every year and it is the most fantastic local event! Huge thanks to everyone involved in organising, we had many comments from locals that it was particularly well executed this year, thank you so much for all of your hard work! We will let you know how much was raised once all the numbers have been crunched.



Looking forward to the festive season beginning, please donate any old nativity costumes you may have so that we can sell them on to any that might need this year! Donation bin is the red postbox outside the reception garden. (Clean, bagged and labelled please).

Watch this space for more events and Christmas disco information!

ASDA and Joe Wicks!

- Let's raise funds for Burford with ASDA and Joe Wicks! In a fundraising campaign, fronted by Joe Wicks, the supermarket is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30th November 2024 to customers' primary school of choice – when they shop using Asda Rewards. Add Burford to your ASDA Rewards account to get more funds for our school. Cashpot for Schools is in addition to earnings generated to your personal Cashpot. *You will continue to receive all earnings into your personal Cashpot* from Star Products and Missions. Please contact your class rep for a link to a short video tutorial that shows exactly how to set this up. Thank you!

Have a great weekend everyone.

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.



TRADITIONAL LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Thursday 5th December 2024

We are warming up for Christmas and delighted to let you know about the Traditional Late Night Shopping evening arranged by Marlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce and what an evening we have in store.

On 5th December, starting at 6pm, the High Street is filled with commercial and charity stalls together with entertainment welcoming thousands of our local community into the town.

Father Christmas will be in his grotto, with live reindeer on guard outside. Various Christmas characters will be looking for photo opportunities. An array of carol singers, music, school performers and Marlow FM will be broadcasting live ensuring a festive backdrop for the whole event.

We will be updating you later with further exciting news of a new attraction.

Any questions, or if you would like to get involved, do get in touch – info@marlowchamber.com.

Please note: Whilst it is business as usual for all shops and hospitality, to enable safe management of the event, the High Street is closed to traffic from 13:00 to 22:00.



**Marlow and District Chamber
of Trade and Commerce**

Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 21th October

Whole School

Parent Governor appointments - [Burford School](#)

Poppy Appeal - [poppy-appeal-2024.pdf](#)

Staffing update - [staffing-update-25-10-2024.pdf](#)

Marlow Bottom Fireworks - [MBFIREWORKS.png](#)

October Half Term holiday club – The booking form is now closed. If you would like to book onto the club or to amend a current booking, please email both rmettler@burfordschool.co.uk and office@burfordschool.co.uk - [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Burford Celebrates Christmas - [christmas-dates-2024-parents.pdf](#)

Christmas Cards - [second-chance-for-christmas-card-orders-15th-november.pdf](#)

The Kids Lunch Co – The Kids Lunch Co. website is currently being updated with the new menus for after half term. This will be live for parents to order from Saturday 26th October. Orders for w/c 4th November will need to be made **by midday on Friday 1st November**.

Christmas Fayre - Our Christmas fayre is fast approaching, Saturday 30th November! If you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate, please see the office.

Nursery

Christmas - [nursery-christmas-celebration-2024.pdf](#)

Reception

Nativity - [reception-and-yr-1-christmas-play.pdf](#)

Year 1

Forest School – [year-1-forest-school.pdf](#)

Nativity - [year-1-forest-school.pdf](#)

Week Commencing 4th November

Whole School