

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 – Cecily
Chestnut – Annabelle
Elm – Theo
Beech – Indigo
Cedar – Jessica S
Juniper – Harry J
Willow – Gretel
Cherry – Lexi
Sequoia – Alina and Annie
Ash – Evie
Hawthorn – Theo M, Tyla W

Dear Burford Families,

Congratulations to our wonderful football teams, they have been spectacular in recent games with other schools. Not only have they had some fantastic success, they have done so with kindness and respect to the teams they played against. Thank you, Mr Mettler, for inspiring our girls and boys to reach their sporting potential!

Year 5 are having a wonderful time at the moment, learning about space and using this as a stimulus for their art lessons this week. One minute they have their head in space and the next, they've travelled back in time to experience life as an Egyptian. Today, Year 5 are enjoying their history topic in the hall and no doubt, there will be more to report on this in our next newsletter!

This week, Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs P, Mrs Hillyer and I had the pleasure of meeting with FoB to discuss working in partnership to raise funds for the school. As many of you know, your support goes a long way in financing extra-curricular activities such as STEM and Creative week, not to mention contributing to larger projects such as the playground equipment. Thank you, Burford families, for supporting us to support your children 😊.

Thank you to Mrs Cornelius for organising Hello Yellow day in support of YoungMinds, helping to show young people they're not alone with their mental health. Burford School raised a fantastic £292. Well done!

Please do take the time to read the letter that was sent out today regarding the changes to attendance.

Next week at the first parents' evenings of this academic year! Mrs Puddephatt and I will be 'doing the rounds' and we are looking forward to seeing you either on Tuesday, Wednesday (Y6 only) or on Thursday. Until then, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

October Half Term Holiday Club

We still have some availability for our half term holiday club. If you would like to book on to the club, please complete the form using the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEL-sTKGensil4nLyFntx7LX8bst7356uTTos1sJ5t57Oiyg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Here is an example timetable for a day at holiday club.

Time	Activity
8:30 - 10:00	Morning Start / Free Play
10:00 - 11:00	Playground Activities
11:00 – 11:15	Morning Snack Break
11:15 - 12:30	Morning Activities and Games
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:00	Free Play
14:00 - 15:30	Afternoon Activity
15:30-17:00	Movie and Calm Games

Activities will depend on the weather and the number and ages of the children present, however, they usually include playground games like 'Duck, duck, goose', sports, arts and crafts, colouring, card games (e.g. Uno), board games and challenges where they are tasked to make something in particular.

Sports Fixtures

Running

- 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/1FAIpQLScyM9MnIjv9dKTehCdrIjdKWSwIV-4tF4mmkbNc8kJBZUgj3w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Football

The Burford football teams have had a fantastic start to the season, with boys and girls winning all four of their games. Both teams have played absolutely brilliantly.

The girls' team won 5-0 in the cup against Kings Wood and won 6-4 in the league against Danesfield. Two stand-out performances from Molly F who has scored a hat trick in both games and Bella R who has scored twice in both games. The boys have started with two league wins from two. With a 4-0 win over Carrington and a 2-0 win over Danesfield. Standout performances from Ricco with 2 goals in one of the games and a defensive masterclass from Lewis in the second game.

Mr Mettler



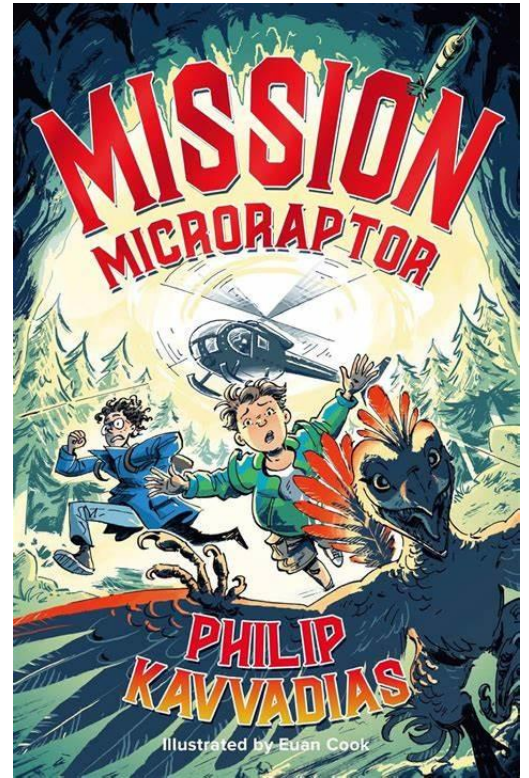
Author Visit

On Friday 11th October, Phillip Kavvidias came to our school to tell us all about his book 'Mission Microraptor'. At the start, Philip told us about his favourite books, games, food and hobbies. He is an interesting and wise person. Listening to Philip inspired me to write my own adventure stories in my English lessons. I'm so pleased that the teachers at Burford School arrange for author visits. We are lucky to have these opportunities.

It was intriguing to hear about the adventure book. Philip gave us a detailed summary of what happens when two boys find a new species of dinosaur, called a microraptor. I was excited to hear about how the bad guys try to cause trouble for the good guys. Hopefully, the good guys will win, but I will need to read the book to find out. I can't wait to get my own copy of the book to read as soon as possible!

I loved hearing about Philip's ideas for the books which will come after 'Mission Microraptor'. These books haven't been written yet. Philip gave us several options for what might happen in the next three books. He asked us what we would like to read about and what we would like to happen. All the KS2 children could vote for the ideas which sounded the best to us. I really hope that he actions some of the Burford children's ideas. It would be amazing to be a part of a future best-selling book, which hundreds of other children might read.

Written by James P, Cherry Class



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 7th November at 9:30am and 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 – Space Art

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been focusing on sketching techniques, inspired by the Space Art of Peter Thorpe. We have also been exploring different methods of creating a marbling effect with paint for a background to our creations.

After learning about the techniques and practising the marbling techniques, the children used the paint along with shaving foam, bubble wrap and tissue paper to develop their own marbled backgrounds.

We were all very pleased with the stellar results!



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



Maths

Thank you to all of the children who worked hard on Doodle Maths during the back-to-school challenge!



Burford School didn't win the national challenge, but...



...for our internal Doodle competition, Sequoia were the winning class – well done!

They earned 10 minutes extra play and some fun maths games!

We would also like to make a HUGE shout out to the following children who maintained a 14-day consecutive streak throughout the competition:

Francesca A, Nathaniel C, Bella L, Henry C, Holly D, Haaniya R, Gemma G, Olivia B, Benjamin M, Evie N, Rico A, Charlotte P, Mahnoor S, Amy N and Busby T

Writing

A colorful poster for a "500 Words Competition". At the top, a hand is drawing a yellow brushstroke that says "COMPETITION!". The Burford School logo is in the top right. The main text is "500 WORDS" in large, green, bubbly letters, with "OPEN FOR ENTRIES NOW!" below it. The background is dark blue with stars and a rocket. At the bottom, it says "Every story deserves to be heard!" with a book icon. A blue box says "CLOSING DATE 8TH NOVEMBER!". A QR code is in the bottom left. The bottom text says "Ask a parent to submit your entry or hand it in to Mrs Bull or Mrs Ashby-Harvey."/>

COMPETITION!

BURFORD SCHOOL
MARLOW BOTTOM

BBC

500 WORDS

OPEN FOR ENTRIES
NOW!

Every story **deserves to be heard!**

CLOSING DATE 8TH NOVEMBER!

Ask a parent to submit your entry or hand it in to Mrs Bull or Mrs Ashby-Harvey.

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

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.



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

A few "good to know" items from the Friends of Burford PTA

Uniform and costumes

These can be donated in the red post box located opposite the Reception outdoor area. Donated uniform consists of Burford specific items such as jumpers, cardigans, PE kit and ties. No trousers/skirts or white shirts please. Costumes should be enclosed in a bag labelled with a description and size/age. All donations should be laundered, folded and in acceptable resale condition. Regular uniform and costume sales will be held.

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!

Scarecrow Festival



Wow, we have a fantastic 70 scarecrows registered and we can't wait for the trail to start, it is going to be so much fun! Come and enjoy the scarecrow trail this half term, Sun 27th Oct to Sun 3rd Nov. Buy a map for £3 (or 2 maps @ £5) from the Barn Club, Tin Town or DaLuca and try to find all the fantastic scarecrows. Maps will be available from Sunday 27th. You can vote for your favourites, details are on the map. Please park sensibly, do not obstruct residents driveways or the cycle lane; there are car parks you can use by the Barn Club and the Village Hall. All money raised will be donated to the Burford school, we thank you for your support.

Have fun! 😊 🎃

Barn Club opening times:

Everyday during the event 11 am - 11pm. Parking spaces available. Food served 11 am - 5pm. Free kids disco everyday 4pm - 6pm.

Tin Town opening times:

Mon-Fri 7:30 am - 4 pm. Sat 8 am - 2 pm. Sun 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

DaLuca opening times:

Tue-Fri 10 am - 2:30 pm & 5 pm - 10 pm. Sat-Sun 12 pm - 10 pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/uAuVVRncaAt6P9HU/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

We are still looking for a new Chair so please get in touch if you are interested. Letter will be going out soon that will breakdown the position and any questions so please look out for that.

-Please consider joining our volunteer group - no commitment is required but anytime we need help we will put a shout out on that group and you can join in as and when it is convenient.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H2G449KmYak2ikweqkFQSF>

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 7th October

Whole School

Staffing update - [staffing-update.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

October Half Term holiday club – [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Reception

Maidenhead advertiser - [maidenhead-advertiser.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

KS2

Author visit - [parent-letter-ks2-author-visit-friday-11th-october-2024.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Year 2

From week commencing 7th October, the Year 2 PE days will change to Thursday and Friday. Please ensure you children bring in their PE kit on these days.

Year 5

Egyptian Day – We still require parent volunteers for Egyptian Day on Friday (18th October). If you are able to help, please email your class teacher.

Year 6

Swimming Ability - [year-6-swimming-ability-2024.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Week Commencing 14th October

Whole School

Attendance – [parents-update-on-attendance.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)
[lateness.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Parent Governor - [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Harvest Festival - [harvest-festival.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

October Half Term holiday club – [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

WOW Walking to school scheme - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/e61d941f-fd5c-488c-8d9b-3dd2f56e6b6d/wow-letter.pdf>

WOW Booklet- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/569c5ae7-efe5-47af-8cf5-daeefde889fd/wow-family-activity-booklet.pdf>

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