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'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!

Oak - Bryony

Pine – Caoimhe and Arham

Chestnut – Elvie and Evie

Elm – Ruby and Frank

Beech – Florence C and Felicity

Cedar – William and Bailey

Juniper – Rosemary and Elodie

Willow – Ella, Jackson and Miles

Cherry – Lily and Henry

Sequoia – Esme and Henry

Ash – Donya and Rico

Hawthorn – Ethan and Aisha

Dear Burford Families,

Firstly, please accept our apologies that our first newsletter of the new academic year is going out today rather than last Friday – we're clearly out of practice – and to be honest, time ran away with us last week with the various exciting events over the past week.

A huge thank you to our guest speaker last Monday, Mr Richards. Our KS2 children were in awe listening to his stories, especially the one that involved a crocodile! If you have any inspirational tales to tell, please get in touch with the school office and we would warmly welcome you to one of our Monday KS2 assemblies. On the subject of thank you, thank you Mrs Ashby-Harvey for organising the author visit for KS1. Kes Grey and Jim Field were equally hilarious and motivational with our youngest children who left the hall eager to create their own picture books. Thank you to our link worker from the NSPCC for organising workshops for the children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6. And finally, a huge thank you to all the families who donated £1 towards the charity 'Jeans for Genes' last Friday, your money will make a difference.

Forgive me for being typically British and talking about the weather, but it has been rather changeable over the past week. Therefore, with stormy weather set to continue this week, please can you make sure you child has a raincoat for breaktimes and outdoor learning, thank you very much.

Have a super week,

Mrs Marshall

Headteacher

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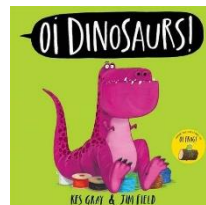
Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

EYFS and KS1 Author Visit

On Wednesday 11th September, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were extremely lucky to be joined by multi award-winning author Kes Grey and award-winning illustrator Jim Field, who came to introduce their brand new book called 'Oi Dinosaurs!'.

During the visit, the children were introduced to the frog that sat on a log from their book 'Oi Frog!', were guided through the alphabet of weird and wonderful animals from their book 'Oi Aardvark!' and finally taken back in time to when the dinosaurs existed.

Kes and Jim wore dinosaur costumes to read their book 'Oi Dinosaurs!' which had the children giggling at all of the interesting places that different dinosaurs chose to sit. Who would have thought that diplodocuses chose to sit on crocuses?!



The visit ended with Jim Field taking the Year 1 and 2 children through a tutorial for how to draw a cartoon dinosaur in the style of the book. The children created some wonderful drawings which they were able to take away with them. All children sat beautifully throughout the visit, showing kindness and respect to our visitors. Well done! Here are some pictures of the event.



Reception

The children in Reception and Nursery have had a great first couple of weeks settling into school. They have enjoyed getting to know their new friends and their new classrooms. All of the children have got to know the routines of the day well and are entering the school building incredibly independently. It has been a pleasure to see how well the children have done at starting school. We are so proud of them all!



Maths



Welcome back to maths at Burford!

Key Stage 2 children (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)

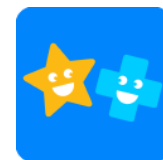
You have all been entered into the Back to School Doodle Maths Challenge!

This will start today on Friday 20th September and will run for the next 14 days!

It will finish on Thursday 3rd October.

All you need to do is Doodle a little every day!

We are also running an internal Burford Doodle competition!



The winning class with the highest percentage of pupils in the green zone, will be awarded with 10 minutes of additional play time and some fun new maths games for their classroom!

Objectives Meetings

As a reminder, the remaining objectives meetings for this academic year will take place on the following days.

Monday 23rd Sept - Year 6

Tuesday 24th Sept - Year 5

Wednesday 25th Sept - Year 3

Thursday 26th Sept - Year 4

Objectives meetings will take place in one of the year group classrooms between 2.30pm to 3.00pm, when teachers will run through curriculum and general year group information and take any questions parents or carers may have.

If parents/carers cannot attend the meetings relevant to their children, the slides will be made available on our website ([Year Group Pages](#) | [Burford School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)) and on Google classrooms. If you have any questions, please email your class teacher.

Upon arrival at the school, please sign in at the school office where you will be directed to the room that your meeting will be held in. Please note that the entrance to site should be from the main school gate and that the playing field car park will not be opened for the meeting to safeguard the children in school.

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.

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 in September 2025 please do contact our school office. We welcome parents to tour our school on Fridays.

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, applications open on 5 September 2024 and the deadline is 31 October 2024.

School drop-offs and collection

Start of day

All classroom doors will be open at 8:30am. Parents are asked to ensure that their children do not arrive in school before 8.30am as they will be unsupervised before this time.

All children to arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am.

Any child that arrives after this time must enter the school via the front office and will receive a late mark which affects their attendance record.

End of day

Our school day finishes at 3.15pm. Please ensure that you arrive on time to collect your child. If you are unable to collect at 3.15pm, please make alternative arrangements for your child's collection.

Parking

To help keep the safeguard our children, please **do not use** the staff car park after 8am or before 4.15pm, unless you are collecting a poorly child or if you have a permit. If you need to collect a child for an appointment, drop them in after an appointment of bring in forgotten items, you will be unable to drive up to the school.

NSPCC – Speak Out. Stay Safe.

Last week, the children in Years 2, 5 and 6 participated in workshops lead by the NSPCC as part of their Speak out. Stay safe. Programme.

Speak out. Stay safe. Is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.



For children in EYFS, we will discuss with them keeping private parts private and sing the PANTS song with them (please see below for more details.)

Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Parent Representatives

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a Parent Representative for this academic year so far.

If you would like to be a Parent Rep, please email office@burfordschool ASAP. If more than one parent per class volunteers, it is possible to share the responsibility.

Parent Representatives need to be able to attend Parent Forum meetings via Teams that take place once every half term on a Thursday between 09:30 and 10:00 on the following dates:

The purpose of the parent forum meetings is to gather constructive feedback and for the parents and school to work in partnership to improve outcomes for the children. Parent Reps will gather feedback from the parents in their class and have the opportunity to discuss this with me. This year, all comments and answers will be headed under phases of education (EYFS/KS1/KS2) to anonymise the parent feedback. We also ask for their help with cake sales and organising class stalls for the school fayres.

17th October 2024

12th December 2024

6th February 2025

20th March 2025

15th May 2025

12th July 2025

Many thanks
Burford School



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

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)

Kenya

At Burford we are delighted to have formed links with Kasimba school in Kenya.

Pupils at Kasimba school will learn about school and life in the UK and we will learn about what it is like to live in Kenya and attend an African school. We will gain knowledge about each other's culture and way of life.

All the pupils at Burford attended an assembly to introduce the project and then went on to complete work for our Kenya display board. We hope you like what you see and enjoy our work as much as we enjoyed creating it.



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).

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



After School Clubs

If your child is interested in any of the before or after school activities that we have to offer, please find the details of the club using the link below.

[School Clubs | Burford School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

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/term-dates-2025-2026.pdf)

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/2024-2025%20calendar.xlsx)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or comments regarding any of the events.

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



The poster features a central illustration of a scarecrow with a pumpkin head, wearing a green tunic and a brown hat, standing in a field with pumpkins and a fence. Text on the poster includes: '5th year!', 'Make a donation to enter your scarecrow', 'Prizes to be won', 'ENTER YOUR SCARECROW NOW!', 'Extra Pitches Available', 'Trail Map £3', and a sign that reads 'Please be considerate when parking and driving in and around Marlow Bottom'. A QR code is provided for more details, with the text 'SCAN ME' below it. The 'Friends of Burford' logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, there are social media icons for email, Instagram, and Facebook, along with the text 'More details overleaf'.

MARLOW BOTTOM'S ANNUAL
Scarecrow Festival
Sunday 27th Oct - Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

5th year!
Make a donation to enter your scarecrow
Prizes to be won
ENTER YOUR SCARECROW NOW!
Extra Pitches Available
Trail Map £3
Please be considerate when parking and driving in and around Marlow Bottom
Just Giving
SCAN ME
scarecrow@friendsofburford.org.uk : http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/MBScarecrow24 : Facebook.com/mbscarecrow
Instagram.com/mbscarecrow
More details overleaf

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

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 9th September

Whole School

Flu - [Ref: \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

PE - [pe-days-letter-05.09.24.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Homework Books - [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Curriculum objectives meetings- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/9e2502db-6a33-4d5a-950d-4316a3ea84ea/curriculum-objectives-meetings-2024.pdf>

School Pick Up – [2024-2025-school-pick-up-procedure.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

NSPCC – [nspcc-letter.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Nursery

Tapestry Form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZxOoIQwFnwr5Kn6qTCQICBPtUN5MWdi7r53E_RXwCyFsWw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Reception

Approved Pick Up list – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSellQShOr8vYPo6hHgsIk7fyCjuu_D1ttmbJRfig50R-UiEPA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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KS2

Choir - [senior-choir.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

The Outdoors Project - [After School Club Autumn 24 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Year 1

Victorian Day Workshop- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/33ac36c0-35e4-4691-b412-af970f8dcd50/year-1-victorian-day-workshop.pdf>

Year 3

Chiltern Open Air Museum- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/ad3fbd6e-63bc-46b4-9b32-d9985c48a280/chiltern-open-air-museum-17.10.24.pdf>

Week Commencing 16th September

Whole School

PE - [pe-days-letter-05.09.24.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Homework Books - [Burford School \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

School Pick Up – [2024-2025-school-pick-up-procedure.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com)

Scarecrow Festival letter- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/215820d2-194a-44d8-a6e8-6085805c1776/scarecrow-letter-2024-school.pdf>

Scarecrow Festival flyer- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/c5282416-117c-4b41-8164-83163ddf4fb2/scarecrow-leaflet2024.pdf>

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Homework- [https://burfordschool.sharepoint.com/sites/BurfordSchool-](https://burfordschool.sharepoint.com/sites/BurfordSchool-AdminShared/Shared%20Documents/AdminShared/Letters%20to%20Parents/2024-2025/Year%203/Homework%20Year%203%20(002).pdf)

[AdminShared/Shared%20Documents/AdminShared/Letters%20to%20Parents/2024-2025/Year%203/Homework%20Year%203%20\(002\).pdf](https://burfordschool.sharepoint.com/sites/BurfordSchool-AdminShared/Shared%20Documents/AdminShared/Letters%20to%20Parents/2024-2025/Year%203/Homework%20Year%203%20(002).pdf)

Year 5

Ancient Egyptian day- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/531c84d0-6be1-46ca-8073-557f02d037da/year-5-egyptian-day.pdf>