

School News

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed Together'



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Headteacher Awards

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

Sycamore – Mark
Holly – Ben and Amber
Pine – Millie and Jack
Oak – Lorena and Lara
Elm – Hope
Chestnut – Milly
Beech – Evelyn and Zachary
Cedar – Evelyn and Elvie
Juniper – Busby and Valentina
Willow – Harry
Sequoia – Milly and Amariah
Cherry – Freddie and Luke
Hawthorn – Ollie and Elizabeth
Ash – Molly and Alex

Millionaire Reader

Oliver H
Millie M
Dylan H

Dear Burford families,

Thank you to the Y6 girls – Sophia, Lily, Charlotte and Lejla – and all the children for their participation in last week's '26 somethings' at lunchtime. This fund-raising event for Project Shine was very successful and raised £650, smashing our £500 target, so thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Congratulations to our Reception cohort who had their first school trip this week to Mop End. The children, staff and volunteers said it was a wonderful experience with the children walking amongst the woodland area, bluebells and mini-beasts. Thank you to everyone who helped make the trip so successful. And, speaking of successful trips, Y2 went to the Lookout centre on Wednesday and had an equally, brilliant experience. I am told, by the children, they used their Burford Bodies to be curious learners whilst at the same time demonstrating their Burford values of respect, kindness and responsibility. Well done Team Year 2!

Congratulations to the Year 5 girls who have been selected to represent Burford School at Science Oxford with their winning science poster later this term. Otilie, Sylvia, Niamh and Nour's investigation into black ink was inspiring and transferrable to the real world. Let's see if the girls can inspire black pen retailers to design a pen that is washable, deep in pigmentation, does not run when drinks are spilt and can write on any type of surface – good luck girls!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

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Together'

Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Lantern church Fundraising

On Friday 1st May, Burford School came together for a fantastic lunchtime of fun, fitness and fundraising in support of The Lantern Church's *Project Shine*. The church, which is rebuilding its community space, invited local groups to take part in a special Marathon Challenge — and Burford was delighted to join in.

Led by our brilliant Year 6 pupils **Sophia, Lily, Charlotte and Leija**, along with **Mr Mettler** and **Mrs Marshall**, the whole school took part in our very own "26 Somethings Challenge".

There was a range of activities including bean-bag hoops for the Reception children, hoop-the-peg for years 1 & 2, bean-bag relay for years 3 & 4 and a 26-lap run of the ball court for Year 5 & 6.

A huge thank-you to all our pupils, staff and families for supporting our wider community and helping Project Shine glow even brighter.



Burford Community

We've recently received concerns from local residents regarding behaviour in the park and woods after school.

Please remind your children to be respectful of the local area, including not looking into the neighbouring residents' properties, looking after the environment, and being considerate of others using these shared spaces.

Many Thanks for your continued support.

Year 5 Bikeability

This week, some of our Year 5 children took part in their 'Bikeability' course.

They began by practising key skills on the playground before moving on to real-road cycling, where they showed growing confidence and excellent awareness.

Every child behaved brilliantly throughout the sessions, demonstrating the Burford School values in everything they did — from listening carefully to instructors to supporting one another as they learned new skills.

Thank you to Spokes Cycling for providing the fantastic training.

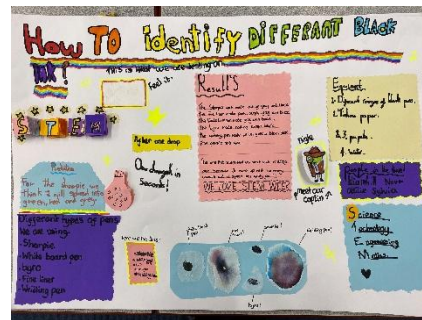
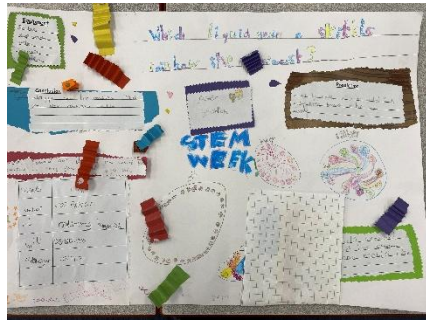
Science Competition

Well done to all the children who presented their Science investigations to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Azam. We were incredibly impressed by the quality of work, creativity, scientific knowledge and confidence shown by everyone involved.

It was no easy task deciding on the winners, as every entry demonstrated fantastic effort and enthusiasm. We are proud to announce that our KS1 winners are Caoimhe, Haima, Inaaya, Erin, Cecily and Izzy (Year 2). Our KS2 winners are Otilie, Sylvia, Niamh H and Nour (Year 5).

The most challenging decision of all was selecting one group to represent the school at Science Oxford this June. After much discussion, we are delighted to share that the Year 5 team have been chosen as the overall winners. They will be representing Burford School and presenting their investigation at this exciting event.

Well done to everyone who took part, you should all be very proud of your achievements!



Reception Trip

The Reception children had a great day out at The Field Studies Council in Amersham.

For many children, it was their first experience of travelling by coach, which was very exciting!

At the centre, the children used maps to explore the woodland habitat and the plants and animals which live there. It was interesting to see and to learn about the lifecycles of sycamore and holly trees.

In the morning, the children had fun hunting for minibeasts and drawing what they could see, hear, and feel in the woods.

Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch, followed by a trip into the beautiful bluebell woods in the afternoon. In the woods, the children designed and built shelters for their own teddy bears with great energy and enthusiasm.

It was a lovely first school trip for our children.



Year 2 Trip

Year 2 had a wonderful day at the Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We began our trip by boarding the coach, full of excitement and eager for the day ahead. On arrival, the children enjoyed a little time in the sunshine and a quick snack before heading inside to explore the wide range of interactive activities.

Both classes took part in an engaging workshop, where they learned more about classification and minibeasts before heading out into the woodlands for a bug hunt. The children were fascinated by the enormous ant's nest, bustling with hundreds of wood ants, it was truly a memorable sight!

For many, the highlight of the day was enjoying lunch together in the sunshine. Afterwards, we returned indoors to explore the remaining zones at the centre. Some of our bravest children even climbed the tower, where they were rewarded with stunning views over the forest.

It was a fantastic day filled with exploration, scientific discovery, and fun with friends. The children represented the school exceptionally and should be very proud of themselves for such a successful and enjoyable trip.



New Website – now live!

We're delighted to share that our newly designed school website is now live. It has a fresh, modern look and is much easier to navigate, helping families find key information quickly and confidently.

[Burford School - Home](#)

Over the next few weeks, you may notice a few small adjustments as we continue to refine and improve the site. One exciting addition coming soon is our online calendar, which will make it even simpler to keep track of school events and important dates.

We hope you enjoy exploring the new design.

TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

FRIDAY 15th MAY 2026
1.30pm–2.30pm

Burford Nursery is excited to open its doors to parents and preschoolers for a fun-filled afternoon. The afternoon will consist of music, stories and a chance to play and explore our fantastic Nursery Provision.

BURFORD SCHOOL



To book for our open afternoon, please email
office@burfordschool.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to Toddler Time at Burford.



Follow us on Instagram @ burfordschooleyfs

**SAVE THE
DATE**

BURFORD SCHOOL



**SUMMER
FAYRE**

**FRIDAY 3RD JULY
3.30PM - 5.30PM**

**BBQ · BAR · CHOIR PERFORMANCES
GAMES & ACTIVITIES**



**YEAR 6 CAKE
SALE
FRI 15TH MAY**

**FROM 3PM
COME AND SUPPORT
YR6. ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARDS THEIR
LEAVERS PARTY!**

Family Hub Service

Please find below the latest Family Hub Service updates and opportunities over the summer (May – August 2026). All the group dates below are for The Wycombe, Marlow and Princes Risborough areas (online courses are county-wide). To secure a space on any of the groups below (or find dates in other areas of Bucks) please use this link: [Courses and Groups | Family Information Service](#)

Parent Course dates

- **Parenting Puzzle Workshops (0–5 years)** – Hampden way Family Hub - HP13 7TY, Monday 8th June – 6th July 2026, 9:15am – 10:15am.
- **Little Talkers (18 months–3 years)** - Marlow Family Hub – SL7 1JW, Thursday 11th June to Thursday 2nd July, 9.15 am – 10.15 am or Mapledean Family Hub – HP12 4PR, Thursday 25th June to Thursday 16th July, 1pm till 2:30pm.
- **The Nurturing Programme (3–11 years)** – Castlefield Family Hub HP12 3LL, Tuesday 2nd, 9th and 16th June 2026, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.
- In person **Talking Teens (11 years+)** Wednesday 24th June 2026 10:00am – 4:00pm (full day) at Mapledean Family Centre or Monday 20th and 27th July 2026, 9:30am – 12:30pm (two half days) at Mapledean Family Centre.
- Online **Talking Teens ((11 years+)** - Monday 8th June to 6th July 6pm to 8pm OR Wednesday 24th June to 22nd July 6pm – 8pm.
- **Keeping Your Child in Mind** Some spaces are available in other areas. Please use the express interest in a group/referral form to get the next possible dates.
- **Balance-ability** - Castlefield Family Hub - HP12 3LL, Thursday 16th April to 14th May 2026, 9:15am – 10:15am or Castlefield Family Hub – HP12 3LL, Thursday 11th June to Thursday 9th July, 9.15 am – 10.15 am.

Young People's Courses:

- Virtual How to... Build Confidence and Self-Esteem - Tuesday 2nd June to 30th June 6pm - 7pm.
- Virtual How to... Cope with Stress, Anxiety and Low Mood – Please use the 'express interest in a group/referral form' to get the next dates.
- Virtual How to... Move up to Secondary School workshop for year 6s - Tuesday 26 May 1.30-3.30pm OR Wednesday 26 August, 1.30-3.30pm on Microsoft Teams .

Children's Courses:

- Starting Reception Pop Up Events – Poster attached with info and dates
- We will be announcing our new Juniors offer over the coming months.

All sessions are free and delivered by experienced practitioners in a welcoming, inclusive environment. I have attached a poster with descriptions of all of the groups. For more information or to book a place, parents can visit

[Courses and groups | Family Information Service](#)

If you would like any further information, please contact us at HighWycombeFamilyHub@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

High Wycombe Family Hub Team

Starting Reception
Pop-up events in Buckinghamshire

Your child's journey to school starts at home!
No matter your child's age, there is lots you can do to build their confidence and independence. This helps them (and you) feel emotionally and practically prepared by the time they start school.

- **Aylesbury Library**
Tuesday 14 April - 10am to 12pm
- **Wycombe Library**
Thursday 16 April - 10am to 12pm
- **Chesham Library**
Wednesday 22 April - 10am to 12pm
- **Burnham Library**
Tuesday 12 May - 1pm to 3pm
- **Buckingham Library**
Wednesday 13 May - 10am to 12pm
- **St Andrews Church, High Wycombe**
Thursday 14 May - 9:30am to 11:30am

There is no need to book. Scan the QR code for more information.

SCAN HERE

Family Hub Network
Buckinghamshire

BEST START IN LIFE

Free Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

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MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.

HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM 11 TO 19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD 11 TO 19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.

Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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LITTLE TALKERS
18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy

PARENT PUZZLE
1 to 6 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting

TALKING TEENS
11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME
7 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel

BALANCEABILITY
2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers

KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND
All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
- Explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum meeting will be held on 21st May at 9.30 am.

If you have any feedback that you would like discussed at the meeting, please complete the Google Form below before 11th May.

<https://forms.gle/RUALSuecfjLTF1tj6>

School Applications

Primary School Applications

We are delighted to offer prospective parents tours of our school fortnightly on a Friday. Please contact the school office to book an appointment: office@burfordschool.co.uk / 01628 979 040

After School Clubs

For a full list of After School Clubs offered at Burford, please visit our website.

If your child is booked into a school club and cannot attend, please inform the school office prior to the start of the club.

As well as the sports clubs offered by Burford, we have a number of additional clubs run by external providers, including sports, outdoor activities, arts and craft. For full details of these clubs, their information leaflets and how to book can be found on our website

(www.burfordschool.co.uk / Parents / School Clubs).



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).

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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://BurfordSchool(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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](http://BurfordSchool(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/>**

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:

Absences: Attendance@burfordschool.co.uk

Email: office@burfordschool.co.uk

School Phone: 01628 979 040

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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

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.

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.

Dogs

Dogs are **not** permitted on the school grounds at any time. This includes dogs walking or being carried.

Upcoming dates

For term dates, please visit:

2025/2026 -[Term Dates | Burford School](#)

Calendar Dates: [2025 - 2026 calendar.xlsx](#)

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

Lost Property

We have already have a large quantity of lost property.

Please ensure all clothing and shoes brought into school are labelled so that it can be returned to your child.

If your child has lost any unnamed items, please check the stamping shelter.

Parking Permits

If you have reason to require a parking permit or currently have permission to park on school grounds, you will need to submit an application form, and send a copy of your disabled badge, if applicable. We will issue a new permit if the application is valid. [application-for-parking-permit.pdf](#)

To ensure the safety of the children, please note that parents should not be driving in to the school car park during the school day, including for pick up / drop offs for appointments, late arrivals, or to bring forgotten items. Without a permit, the only time that you will be permitted to drive into the school is to collect a poorly child.

Weekly Letter Summary

Week Commencing 4th May

Whole School

Nursery

Sun Cream - [Nursery Suncream](#)

Reception

Summer Events – Please note the change of date for the Stay and play sessions in July - [Reception dates](#)

Year 1

Year 1 Science - [Science](#)

Year 5

Egyptian Day - [Egyptian Day](#)