

# 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 – Xander and Advia

Holly – Arlo and Adele

Pine – Whole Class and Luna

Oak – Whole Class and Mila

Elm – Hattie and Harper

Chestnut – Liam and Thomas

Beech – Keegan and Gracie

Cedar – Leo, Felix and Amy

Juniper – Lex and Lucas

Willow – Gabriel and Bella

Sequoia – Joseph and Sam

Cherry – Renee and Josh

Hawthorn – Skye and Charlie

Ash – Simmi, Matthew and Elsie

## Millionaire Reader

Nour

Kuby K

Rohan

Alina, Cameron B, Rupert, Henry H

## 2 million words

Felicity C

Nathaniel

Henry C

Dear Burford families,

What a lovely end to the term. This week we have had the pleasure of STEM week once again. The children have engaged in numerous workshops, investigations, maths challenges and even, for some, learning how to administer first aid. Thank you to everyone who organised STEM week – Mrs Azam, Mrs Martin, Mrs Creek, Miss Doherty and Miss Housden – without you, and all our wonderful parents, speakers and volunteers, this enrichment week would not be possible.

Thank you also goes to the Year 6 team and parents for taking the Year 6 children to the Oxford Castle, I've heard all about the 'interesting' ways prisoners were punished in the past, thank goodness it is 2026! Thank you also to the Year 2 team and volunteers for getting some pre-teaching in for STEM week with their trip to Science Oxford. They too had a great time on the trip.

As you are all aware, parking is a hot topic at the moment. I spoke to some children in Year 4 and they inspired me to pull on your heart strings by them creating their own 'parking safety' posters to encourage everyone to be more considerate on the road. Unfortunately, we could not publish everyone's posters, but thank you goes to Francesca, Bailey, Maisie, Jax, Jessie and Liliana whose posters feature in this newsletter 😊

For those families who have recently celebrated Eid, I hope you has a wonderful time with your loved ones. And, for those of you about to celebrate Easter next weekend, I equally hope you enjoy the time with your families and all the treats associated with this time of the year!

Have a wonderful spring break everyone, I look forward to seeing refreshed faces back through the school gates on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Marshall

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

## Message from Chair of Governors

I hope your children have all enjoyed the spring term. It's felt like a short one, but as usual the Burford staff have packed in loads of great activities: orienteering day, World Book Day, STEM week, Times Tables Rockstars day, Roman Day, an author visit from Piers Torday, and trips to Science Oxford, the Living Rainforest and Oxford Castle. Plus of course ducklings in Reception! Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who make these experiences possible.

Thanks to the hard work of Friends of Burford, and to the very generous parents who have donated money via the Gift of Opportunity, along with donations from local businesses, we've been able to make some exciting purchases this term: new wall bars and mats for the hall, a new stage, stage curtains and projector. I'm sure this means that this year's Y5 and Y6 production will be the best yet!

All the governors at Burford would like to wish our staff, children and parents a wonderful Easter break. Enjoy!

Sally Hillyer

## Year 1 – Trip to Science Oxford

On Thursday 19th March, Year 1 visited Science Oxford as part of our English and History topics. We had so much fun in the exploration room where we experimented with air, temperature and all sorts of other amazing experiments.



We then went into the Planetarium and looked at the solar system and constellations- we learned lots of interesting facts about space!

We also had a young explorer's workshop where we really needed to think about similarities, differences, patterns and why certain things happen.

## Netball

Well done Burford!

Even though we didn't win, we powered through and stayed strong.

Summer – with her great interceptions

Flossie – with her great passes

Caitlin – with her great space

Olivia – with her great change of direction

Sophia – with her amazing change of channel

Amelia – with great offering

Otilie – with amazing shooting

And last but not least,

Skye – with her amazing shooting and motivation

Well done Burford, we will get there next time.

## STEM Week

What an incredible STEM Week we've had! The school has been buzzing with excitement as children from every year group threw themselves into a whole host of hands-on activities designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and problem-solving.

Our robotics workshops were a huge hit, with pupils programming bots to move, react and even dance. The K'nex engineering challenges brought out some brilliant teamwork, as children designed and built everything from bridges to moving models. Maths escape rooms had classes racing against the clock, cracking codes and solving puzzles with impressive determination.

We were also lucky to welcome specialists from **Three**, who led engaging workshops that opened the children's eyes to the technology all around them. Throughout the week, we were supported by a fantastic range of visitors, including STEM Ambassadors from **Eton College** and **SWBG**, as well as enthusiastic teachers from **GMS**, all of whom brought fresh perspectives and exciting demonstrations.

A particular highlight was hearing from parents working in STEM industries. Their talks gave pupils a real insight into the many paths STEM can lead to, and the children were full of questions afterwards. A huge thank you to **Mr Treharne, Mr Bower, Mrs Horn, Mr Cleaver, Mr Drake and Mr Dearman** for taking the time to share your experiences and inspire our young learners.

From start to finish, the week was packed with discovery, challenge and plenty of "wow" moments. We're so proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children were, and we hope STEM Week has sparked ideas that will stay with them for years to come.

# STEM Week Continued



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## Working with our wider community

The staff at Buford School are very proud to be part of such a supportive community. It is our aim to work with the local residents in the Village to promote harmony between the school and village.

Unfortunately, we have had feedback from local residents about a number of things, including:

- parking – please do not park across our neighbours' drives
- please remind you children to place their litter into the bins around the school site and Marlow Bottom Playing Fields
- when in the playing fields, please supervise your children as in the wooded areas, there are pallets and other unsuitable materials that could cause harm to your children. We appreciate they like building dens, but they could

## Bucks Mind – Parent Webinar

In April, Bucks Mind will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> and final parent webinar of the school year focusing on **Exams, Stress and Transition**. Parents are welcome to join us for this 1 hour webinar looking at how we can support our young people through exams and transition. We will discuss general tips and tricks for looking after our mental wellbeing as well as supporting others through difficult transitions (primarily y6 - secondary).

You are able to attend the online webinar by following this link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/10e056b9-3198-44a1-b5c4-c93858432050@ced1639b-ebc2-4536-94b9-61d16cb5c697>



## Year 6 – Oxford Castle

Earlier this term, Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to visit **Oxford Castle & Prison**, a historic site that has stood for more than 1,000 years. The trip brought history to life as we explored the real stories, characters, and events that shaped crime and punishment through the centuries.

The day began with a **guided tour** of the Castle and former prison. Students climbed the steps of St. George's Tower—one of the oldest surviving parts of the castle—and took in the sweeping views of Oxford. They also descended into the atmospheric 900-year-old crypt and explored the prison cells that once held inmates from the Victorian era to the 20th century. Our guide shared fascinating stories, from daring escapes to everyday life behind bars, helping everyone imagine what it would have been like to live and work there.

After the tour, the class took part in **two engaging workshops**.

The first was a dramatic re-enactment of the **trial of Mary Blandy**, one of Oxford's most infamous 18th-century murder cases. Students stepped into the roles of judges, witnesses, lawyers, and Mary herself, examining evidence and debating. The workshop sparked lively discussion about whether Mary was guilty or innocent.

The second workshop explored **crime and punishment through the ages**, giving pupils the chance to examine replica artifacts, consider how laws and penalties have changed over time, and reflect on how different historical periods viewed justice. From medieval stocks to Victorian reform, the session highlighted how society's ideas about punishment have evolved.

The trip was both educational and memorable, providing the classes with a deeper understanding of history in a hands-on and engaging way.

We would like to thank the parents who came with us on the trip for giving up their own time to accompany us.



## Reception - Ducklings

Over the past few weeks, the children in EYFS have had the wonderful opportunity to watch four ducklings hatch, grow, and find their feet. During this time, the children have learnt all about their life cycles, created some fantastic duck inspired art and learnt lots of facts about ducks. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to look after, care for and hold the ducks. Showing kindness and responsibility. The children even got to see the ducks have their first swim in one of our water trays.

On Friday last week, the ducklings left Burford and travelled to their forever home — a fantastic farm. There, they will have plenty of space to roam freely, explore the outdoors, and enjoy a large lake where they can swim to their hearts' content.



## EID

The Reception children were excited to learn all about Eid from Mrs Ashan last week.

Thank you Mrs Ashan for reading a book to the children, answering their questions, and providing many lovely resources for the children to explore. It was a wonderful and engaging experience which was greatly enjoyed by all.



## KS2 – Author Visit

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, KS2 were incredibly lucky to welcome award-winning author Piers Torday into school where he shared his work relating to 'Tree Thing'.

Piers shared the inspiration behind his writing, talked about the power of imagination, and encouraged pupils to look closely at the natural world around them.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our young readers and writers to learn from a real author, and we are so grateful to Piers for giving his time so generously.



"I liked how he told us stories and read us some of his books. I like that he was very funny and creative".

"We enjoyed how he talked about his past and how this relates to his book".

I liked how he is very passionate for nature and how all of the books includes nature".



## Snacks

At Burford School we endeavour to be a healthy school, teaching the children about how to make good choices for their health including what they eat and how this contributes to their wellbeing.

We know how important it is that your child has the right fuel to keep them going from breakfast until lunch and we encourage you to provide them a snack for morning break time. As they don't have time to sit down and eat for long and getting outside to play is also very important, please don't send them with too much.

Please remember that all key stage 1 children have the option of free fruit and vegetables as part of the government school fruit and vegetables scheme, therefore, there is no need to send a snack for key stage 1 pupils from home if you choose not to.

Year R children do not need an additional snack as they are provided with milk and fruit at school.

**Please note that break time snacks should not come from packed lunches, please choose simple, nutritious options like fruit, vegetables, or other healthy options to keep children energised and ready to learn - we have a strict NO NUTS policy.**



## Parking

Keeping our children safe is always our top priority, and we need your help to make sure our school gates remain a safe place for everyone.

Recently, more and more cars have been parking on the yellow lines, blocking driveways, or parking in ways that make it difficult for children and families to cross safely.

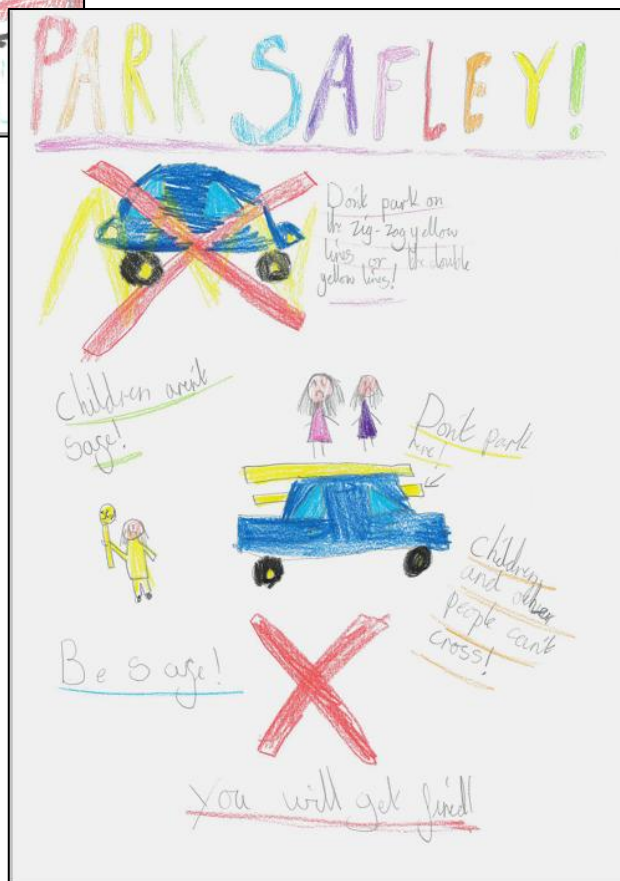
To support our whole community, please take a moment to park considerately especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Some of our Year 4 children have been learning about road safety and have created some brilliant posters to remind us all how important safe parking is.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe and considerate.



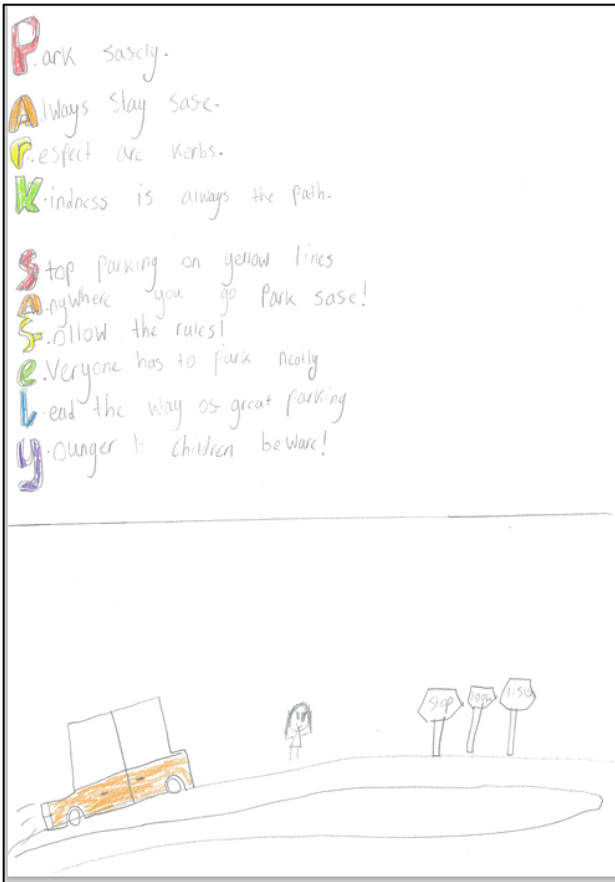
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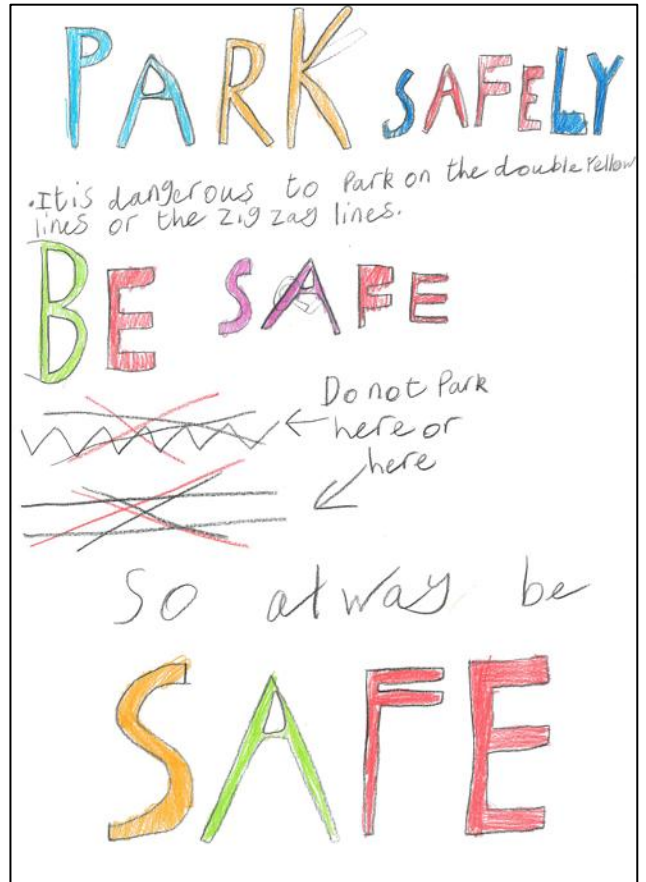
By Francesca

# Parking Continued

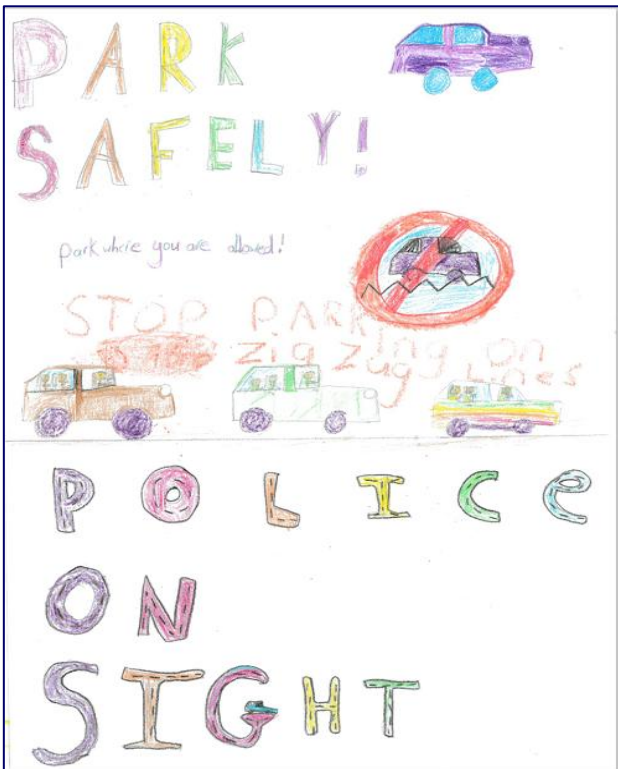
By Maisie



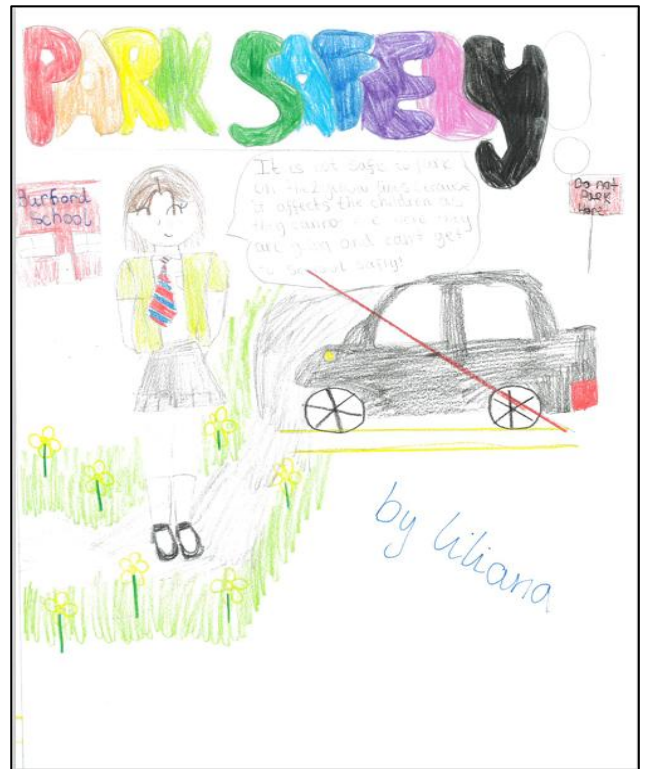
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By Jessie



By Liliana



# 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](mailto:office@burfordschool.co.uk).

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



Follow us on Instagram @ burfordschooleyfs

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**BURFORD SCHOOL**



**SUMMER  
FAYRE**

**FRIDAY 26TH JUNE  
3.30PM - 5.30PM**

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

## Friends of Burford

A small ask from your school community 🧡

We're so lucky to have such a wonderful school community and as parents we all want the very best for our children; not just in the classroom, but in the wider experiences the school can offer.

Over the past year, The Friends of Burford has worked hard to organise events that bring families together while raising valuable funds for the school. These funds go directly towards enriching our children's experience; from resources and activities to those "extras" that make school life so special.

However, we've recently found that attendance at events has been much lower than expected. For example, our recent quiz night had to be cancelled due to low sign-ups, which was incredibly disappointing after the time and effort that went into planning it.

We completely understand how busy life is — many parents had intended to come but simply didn't get around to booking. Even so, without enough support, these events become difficult to run and risk costing the school rather than raising funds.

So we're asking, as a community, if you're able to:

- Come along to an event when you can
- Encourage other parents to join in
- Or even make a small donation if attending isn't possible

Every bit of support, big or small, really does make a difference.

We'd also love to hear your thoughts. We've created a short anonymous form to understand what might make it easier for more families to get involved — whether that's timings, types of events, or something else entirely.

<https://forms.gle/myK62kn4jz3W7ygg6>

We truly want to create events that work for as many families as possible, so your feedback is incredibly valuable.

Thank you for being part of our school community; together we can make a real difference for all of our children.



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MARLOW BOTTOM



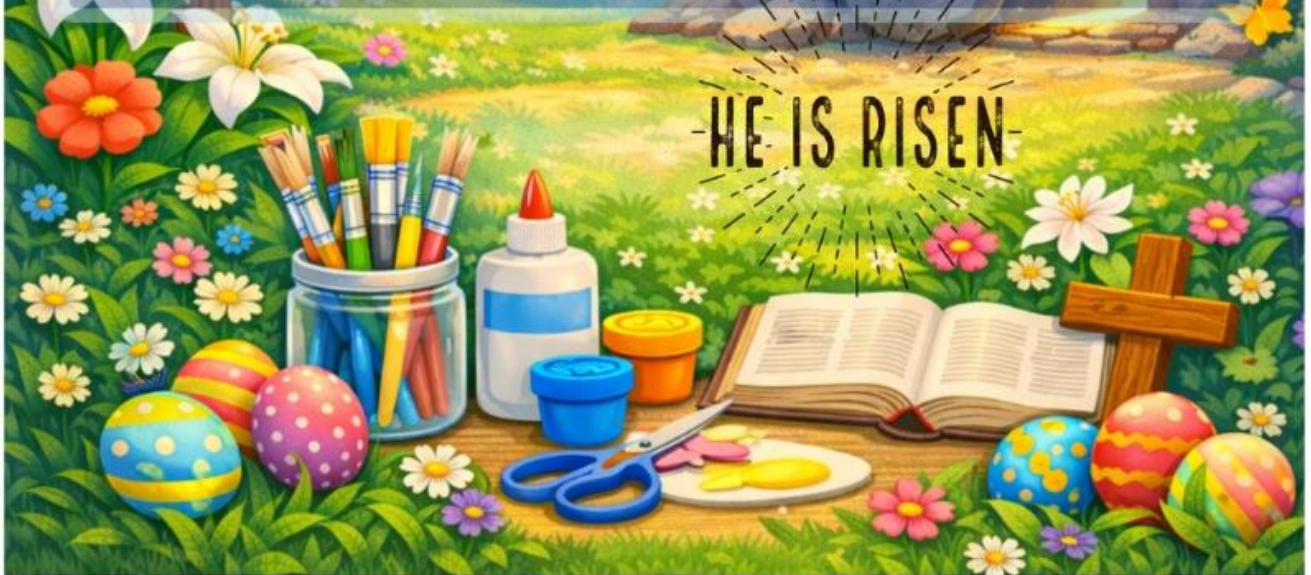
# Easter Craft & Fun Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10-12am

For primary age children  
£5 suggested donation  
Sign up via link or QR code



<https://marlowanglican.churchsuite.com/events/g7baohzo>

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## Parent Forum

Many thanks to everyone who submitted comments and questions for the Parent Forum meeting this week. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

## 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](mailto:office@burfordschool.co.uk) / 07598 250888.

## 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](http://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](http://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 Mobile:** 07598 250888



## 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:

[Calendar Dates | Burford School](#)

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 16<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Whole School**

TT Rockstars Day - [tt-rockstars-day.pdf](#)

Parent Forum - [parent-forum-notes-march-26.pdf](#)

#### **Reception**

Field study Council- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/ed7e33e6-3462-4a98-9090-72b719c1361b/field-studies-council-new.pdf>

#### **Year 5**

Bikeability – There are still a few places left on the Bikeability course. To book your child's place, please complete the booking form within the letter - [bikeability-letter-to-parents-2026.pdf](#); [burford-school-level-2-gr-parent-letter-2026.pdf](#)

#### **Year 6**

PSHE - [Burford School](#)

### Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March

#### **Whole School**

Marlow Education Trust - [met-update-to-burford-parents.pdf](#)

School Uniform - [school-uniform-update-march-2026.pdf](#)

PE Days - [pe-summer-2025-2026.pdf](#)

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#### **Year 2**

Look-out Discovery Centre – [year-2-look-out-discovery-centre-6-may-2026.pdf](#)

#### **Year 3**

PSHE Healthy me- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/92065b80-ae86-4749-921d-4e1f219549fa/year-3-pshe-healthy-me.pdf>

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Egyptian Day - [Burford School](#)

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#### **Year 6**

Liddington Code of Conduct- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/746841cd-b1d8-4d61-9d69-322f8c08d031/burford-school-code-of-conduct-for-pgl-liddington.pdf>

Liddington Kit list - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/1fc36cc0-a364-4667-b0b2-e20582919edf/liddington-kit-list.pdf>