

School News

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Headteacher Awards

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

Sycamore – Oscar
Holly –
Pine – Elijah
Oak –
Elm – Peggy
Chestnut – Harry
Beech – Angus
Cedar – Theo W-M
Juniper – Jess
Willow – Seth
Sequoia – Whole class
Cherry – Whole class
Hawthorn – Whole class
Ash – Amelia R and Whole class

Millionaire Reader

2 Million Words
Om M

Dear Burford families,

I cannot believe that after all the months of planning for the Y6 residential trip to Liddington, it is already over! The Liddington Team 2026 had a thoroughly enjoyable time and, thankfully, the weather wasn't as poor as predicted. A big thank you to the staff who gave up their personal time to accompany the children on their final trip at Burford School - the week after the SATs. Thank you to the children and parents in Y6 for supporting us with their behaviour so that they could outshine some other schools who attend PGL site 😊, and finally, to those classes who had a change of teacher to allow Miss Tolmie and Miss Housden to attend the trip, thank you too!

Speaking of trips, thank you to everyone who helped plan, attend and support the Reception trip, Year 2 trip and most recently, the Y5 Egyptian Day! It is truly a delight to see their learning come to life and to see them working together to enrich the curriculum.

As we down tools for a week, and head into a bank holiday weekend, the weather looks stunning. In assembly today, I reminded the children how to be safe in the sun and reminded them of water safety if they get the opportunity to bathe or swim over the next coming week.

May I politely remind you that we are back to school on **Tuesday 2nd June** as Monday 1st June is an INSET day. We look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, have a wonderful SCORCHIO half term!

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Year 6 – Liddington PGL

This week, Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable three-day residential trip to PGL Liddington! It was an action-packed experience filled with exciting challenges, teamwork and plenty of fun!

From the moment we arrived, everyone showed enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things. Over the course of the trip, we took part in a wide range of outdoor activities that pushed us out of our comfort zones and helped us build confidence.

One of the highlights was the zip wire, where pupils soared high above the ground, cheering each other on as they took the leap. Another favourite was the giant swing, which tested bravery as participants were lifted into the air before swinging at speed. There were lots of smiles - and a few nervous laughs too!

We also tackled Jacob's Ladder, which required teamwork, balance and communication as pairs helped each other climb higher and higher. The climbing wall gave everyone a chance to challenge themselves, and it was fantastic to see pupils encouraging one another every step of the way.

On the water, pupils took part in canoeing, where they worked together to paddle, steer and stay afloat! This activity was great fun and at the end everyone was able to jump into the lake and get wet!

We also enjoyed Survivor, where groups worked together to build different types of shelters, used fire-lighting tools and whittled wood with knives. Buggy building was another great activity, as teams had to make a vehicle using giant plastic drums and wooden logs of different sizes and practise different knot ties. At the end, they had to move the vehicle with a child riding on top.

In the evenings, the fun continued. A highlight was the balloon drop, which had everyone trying to protect their water filled balloon and carrying out team challenges. A lively and energetic way to round off our last evening!

Overall, the visit to PGL Liddington was a huge success. Year 6 represented our school brilliantly with their positive attitudes, determination and excellent behaviour throughout. They were kind and supportive to each other and upheld all of our Burford Values. It is a trip that will be remembered fondly by all who took part!

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our trip and to the staff who accompanied us and looked after everyone so well.



Liddington Continued



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KS1 Online Workshop

On Wednesday, Key Stage 1 took part in a wonderful online event called *Where the Sticks Become Stories: A Musical Journey*. The children had the exciting opportunity to meet an author and talented musicians who brought the story to life through music, storytelling, and an engaging interactive workshop.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the musical adventure, using their imaginations to create their own illustration of their stick journey and sharing their ideas with enthusiasm and creativity. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and inspired throughout the session.

It was also especially lovely for Year 1 to join the Year 2 classes in their classrooms, making the experience even more special as the children learned, created, and enjoyed the event together.



Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday, the children celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day with a fantastic day of learning beyond the four walls of the classroom! The school grounds were buzzing with excitement as pupils embraced fun, hands-on activities in the fresh air.

Year 3 explored the outdoors by creating colourful nature-inspired colour charts, while Year 6 became budding filmmakers as they captured memories from their trip to Liddington. Year 2 enjoyed an exciting science investigation involving Teddy's zipline and even gathered around the fire pit to make delicious popcorn together.

The day was filled with laughter, teamwork, creativity, and curiosity, giving the children the chance to learn in a fun, engaging, and interactive way. It was wonderful to see everyone so enthusiastic and inspired by taking their learning outside a truly amazing day enjoyed by all in the sun!



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.

Year 2 - Froglets

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about life cycles throughout the year. Earlier this year, the children were lucky enough to observe the life cycle of ducklings alongside Reception. During the spring term, they explored the life cycle of a butterfly, watching caterpillars transform into chrysalises before emerging as beautiful butterflies.

This term, the children have been fascinated by the life cycle of a frog. Starting with tiny tadpoles at the beginning of term, they have carefully observed the changes taking place each week. A huge thank you goes to Mr. and Mrs. Dearman for their amazing support in helping to care for the tadpoles by cleaning the tank and providing food. We are proud to announce that we now have little froglets in our tank! The children have loved this hands-on learning experience and are looking forward to releasing the froglets into our wildlife pond very soon.



Year 5 – Egyptian Day

The Year 5 children had a fantastic time on Wednesday as they stepped back in time for **Egyptian Day**, led by *History Off the Page*.

Throughout the day, the pupils took part in a wide range of hands-on activities and discovered what life was really like for ancient Egyptians.

Their costumes were brilliant — the hall was filled with pharaohs, scribes, craftsmen and even a few mummies.

A huge thank-you to our wonderful parent helpers for supporting the day and making it such a success.



Burford SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

NEON THEME

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

SWEET LINE
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE




COLLECTING
TEDDIES FOR THE
TEDDY BEAR
TOMBOLA
FROM NOW!

26TH JUNE
MUFTI DAY
IN EXCHANGE FOR
TOMBOLA ITEMS

KS1
TO BRING
NEW UNUSED
GIFTS



KS2
TO BRING
A BOTTLE/
ALCOHOL



**NEON PORTRAIT
COMPETITION**
PAINT/DRAW/CRAFT
YOURSELF IN THE
BRIGHTEST WAY
POSSIBLE!



THESE WOULD NEED TO
BE GIVEN TO YOUR CLASS
TEACHER BY THE
26TH JUNE.

 **RAFFLE TICKETS
AND WRIST BANDS
FOR ENTRY ON SALE
AFTER HALF TERM!**

 **IF YOU HAVE ANY
RAFFLE PRIZES YOU
WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
PLEASE BRING TO THE OFFICE**

Community Events

Are you looking for something a bit different to do? Why not enter Wild Marlow's wildlife photo competition? With a closing date of 31st August, there's still plenty of time to get creative with your cameras and smart devices!

The competition is open to everyone, of all ages and abilities (except professional photographers), and you can use your phone, a camera or a tablet.

The judges are looking forward to seeing some fabulous pictures of Marlow's wide range of wildlife, from ducks and swans, bees and moths, to otters and hedgehogs. You can even choose to take a picture of your local wildflower patch, hedgerow or woodland: it's all wildlife!

The judges are looking for still photos – colour or black and white — and the pictures must be taken within the Marlow area (SL7). There are three categories: primary school age, secondary school age, and adult. The best photos in each category will be featured at the 2026 Wild Marlow photo exhibition and in the Wild Marlow 2027 calendar.

Go to <https://www.wildmarlow.org.uk/competition> for terms and conditions and email your entries to wildmarlowphoto@gmail.com.



FUN PHOTO COMPETITION 2026

Wild Marlow

- * Free Entry
- * £100 of prize money
- * Everyone welcome

*** Categories**

- Primary School Age
- Secondary School Age
- Adult

*** A chance to have your photo included in the Wild Marlow exhibition and calendar.**

SUPPORTED BY MARLOW CAMERA CLUB

for more details go to www.wildmarlow.org.uk

2025 Calendar
Celebrating and protecting the wildlife and biodiversity of Marlow

2021 Calendar
Celebrating and protecting the wildlife and biodiversity of Marlow

2023 Calendar
Celebrating and protecting the wildlife and biodiversity of Marlow

Parent Forum

Thank you for your feedback for the Parent Forum meeting this week. Please find below the dates for the Parent Forum meetings for the next academic year.

- Wednesday 4th November 2026, 9:30am
- Wednesday 24th March 2027, 9:30am
- Wednesday 9th June 2027, 9:30am

Parents will be able to provide feedback for these meetings using the Google Form which will be available from September.

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://Burford School (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://Burford School (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



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 11th May

Whole School

Summer Fayre- [Summer Fayre](#)

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

DT - [Year 1 DT](#)

Year 5

Year 5 PSHE - [Year 5 PSHE](#)

Egyptian Day - [Egyptian Day](#)

Year 6

Baby Photos- Please be reminded that the deadline to bring your child's photo in for the "Babyboard", is the 5th June. Please bring your photos to the office.

Week Commencing 18th May

Whole School

Class Photos - [Class Photos](#)

Burford's Got Talent - [Burfords Got Talent](#)

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

PSHE - [Burford School](#)

Year 2

PSHE - [PSHE](#)

Geography - [Geography](#)

Year 3

PSHE - [PSHE](#)

Year 5

Bread making - [Bread making](#)

Year 5 PSHE - [Year 5 PSHE](#)

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