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

Sycamore – Bonnie, George, Berke and Jiya

Holly – Mathilda, Jasper and Ella B

Pine – Aaron and Remy

Oak – Jack and Emilia

Elm – Lachlan and Jackson

Chestnut – Wren and James

Beech – Aoife and Eva

Cedar – Zac M and Freddie F

Juniper – Jax and Emilia

Willow – Ralph and Jacob

Sequoia – Leanna and Betsy

Cherry – Ruby and Niamh

Hawthorn – Lara, Flossie and Max

Ash – Skyler and Matthew

Millionaire Reader

Alina

Cameron B

Rupert

Henry H

2 million words

Felicity C

Nathaniel

Dear Burford families,

Where has the sunshine gone? Yesterday was glorious outside, and that was not just down to the weather — we were all having super fun (including the adults!) being characters from our favourite books. The children enjoyed an array of activities to celebrate World Book Day and their love of reading. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making yesterday so successful, and to Miss Edwards, our Reading Lead, for organising WBD 2026.

In other news, Reception welcomed five duck eggs to school on Monday, and by mid-week the little ducklings had hatched! When the news arrived at the front office that the first one had popped its head out of the shell, it was the adults who swarmed into the classroom — as well as the children — to get a first glimpse!

Congratulations to all the children who entered the Walk to School *Design a Badge* competition. Mrs Fowler-Marsh has created a wonderful display in our corridor for the whole school to enjoy, celebrating the children's creativity and commitment to sustainability. A super well done goes to our three chosen entries for the competition: Lola, Miles and Mila – best of luck!

In EYFS, we have launched our own Instagram page! Please read on for more details.

A huge thank you for all the donations to Early Years from across the school — the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with them. I know for some pre-loved toys it is hard (for parents) to part with them, but equally, it is so lovely to see the resources being appreciated once again (think *Toy Story 3* 😊).

I hope you all have a good weekend and the sun decides to pop out!

Take care,
Mrs Marshall

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Together'

Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

WOW – Walk to School Challenge – Badge Design Competition 2026!

We are excited to be taking part in this year's **WOW – Walk to School Week Badge Design Competition 2026!** 🚶 ☀️ This national challenge encourages children to travel to school in active, healthy and environmentally friendly ways, while having lots of fun along the way. As part of the challenge, children were invited to design a creative badge that celebrates walking, wheeling and travelling sustainably.

We have been so impressed with the number of entries received for this year's walk to school week badge competition. The quality of the designs is so fantastic we have created a display to showcase all of them. Sadly, we can only select 3 designs to enter the final stages of the competition but we are pleased to say that the 3 selected to move forward to the next stage are:

Lola - Year 2

Miles - Year 5

Mila – Year 6.



Netball

On Friday, Year 5 and Year 6 played netball against Claire's Court. It was great fun! Year 6 won their league match 21–3 and Year 5 won their friendly 8–5. Everyone played really well and tried their best.

As Year 6 Team Captain for the afternoon, I am so proud of all the players and they should be proud of themselves too. The attacking players were great at getting the ball to the shooters, who rarely missed a goal opportunity. The defending players saved lots of attempts from the opposition.

Congratulations to the Year 6 players of the matches – Skye and Amelia.

Well done to everyone who played!

Flossie C (Year 6 – Hawthorn)



Reception - Ducklings

On Tuesday this week, Reception was treated to a very special delivery when duck eggs arrived in their classroom. Excitement spread quickly and the children (and adults) were absolutely thrilled to welcome these tiny new arrivals and to watch them hatch.

All five ducklings hatched on their very first day in Reception. The children were fascinated as they observed the eggs crack and the ducklings slowly emerge.

Once hatched, the ducklings stayed in the incubator until their feathers had dried and fluffed up.

They have now been moved into their new home in the classroom, complete with fresh water and food.

Reception are already enjoying caring for them, and the ducklings are proving to be a wonderful addition to the week.

Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



EYFS - Instagram

We are delighted to share that the Burford School Early Years team have launched a new Instagram page, where they'll be posting regular updates on the wonderful activities the children have been enjoying. It's a lovely way to get a glimpse into their learning and play. You can follow along at [@burfordschooleyfs](https://www.instagram.com/burfordschooleyfs).



World Book Day

On Thursday this week, Burford was bursting with colour, excitement, and creativity as we celebrated World Book Day.

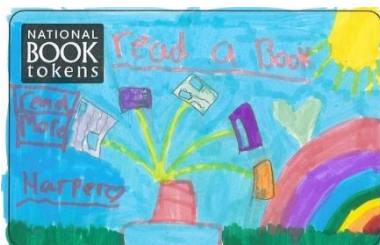
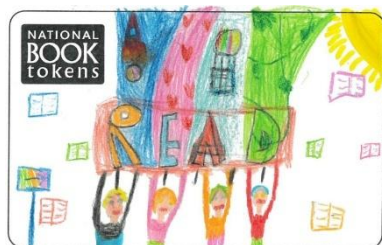
The children, and the adults, all looked fantastic in their costumes.

Throughout the morning, classes took part in a series of book-themed activities. They enjoyed class swaps, where they had chance to visit another classroom and share their favourite stories with older or younger children.

The children in Years 4, 5, and 6 also enjoyed quiz and reading activities, adding a fun challenge to the morning



In the afternoon, all KS1 and KS2 classes took part in the Decorate a Book Token activity for the World Book Day competition whilst Reception children spent the afternoon sharing their favourite books with each other.



World Book Day is always a highlight of the school year, and Thursday was no exception. The children embraced every activity with enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see so many conversations sparked by books, characters, and stories.

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.

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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 26TH JUNE
3.30PM - 5.30PM**

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

Parent Forum

Next terms Parent Forum meeting will be held on **12th March at 9.30am**.

If you have any feedback that you would like discussed at the meeting, please complete the Google Form below, before **2nd March**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSex0iGcMB9FXyxQoZ7EatRFkleAovb3pM03jCCPUy1880U_Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor

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 / 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 / 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 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.

Week Commencing 23rd February

Nursery

Stay and Play - [nursery-stay-and-play.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>

National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP) – 4th March 2026:

[all-bucks-schools-year-r-ncmp.pdf](#)

[NCMP Parent Portal](#)

[School height and weight measurements](#)

Year 1

Science Oxford- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/2f69c374-b12c-473d-9ecb-436c02765fb2/science-oxford.pdf>

Year 2

Assembly - [year-2-assembly-letter.pdf](#)

Choir - [junior-choir-intake-2026.pdf](#)

Year 3

Swimming - [swimming-lessons-water-safety-letter.pdf](#)

PSHE - [year-3-pshe-healthy-me.pdf](#)

Choir - [junior-choir-intake-2026.pdf](#)

Assembly - [year-3-assembly.pdf](#)

Year 4

Living Rain Forest- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/c5d571ca-85ab-4c3d-8ce1-cf0924ba5bee/living-rain-forest.pdf>

Year 5

Bikeability - [bikeability-letter-to-parents-2026.pdf](#); [burford-school-level-2-gr-parent-letter-2026.pdf](#)

Year 6

Oxford Castle- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/1fa35b6c-c493-49a5-a405-940af7d6fb3d/oxford-castle.pdf>

Week Commencing 2nd March

EYFS

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Nursery

Stay and Play - [nursery-stay-and-play.pdf](#)

Reception

Height and Weight measurements - [bucks-schools-r-ncmp.pdf](#)

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 1

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Year 2

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Choir - [junior-choir-intake-2026.pdf](#)

Year 3

Choir - [junior-choir-intake-2026.pdf](#)

Assembly - [year-3-assembly.pdf](#)

Year 4

Living Rain Forest- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/c5d571ca-85ab-4c3d-8ce1-cf0924ba5bee/living-rain-forest.pdf>

Year 5

Bikeability - [bikeability-letter-to-parents-2026.pdf](#); [burford-school-level-2-gr-parent-letter-2026.pdf](#)

Year 6

Next week, due to our visit to Oxford Castle, PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 6 Phones - [year-6-phones.pdf](#)

Oxford Castle- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/1fa35b6c-c493-49a5-a405-940af7d6fb3d/oxford-castle.pdf>