

# 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 – Paige, Noah S, Rose and Louis

Holly – Ruben, Sienna, Hetty and Louis

Pine – Ivy and Millie

Oak – Harley and Callan

Elm – Charlotte and Ori

Chestnut – Casey and Haima

Beech – Maddie and Harry

Cedar – Hayden and Zain

Juniper – Frank and Frank

Willow – Chris and Bella

Sequoia – Jack and Marley

Cherry – Sylvia and Misha

Hawthorn – Tiffany and Gemma

Ash – Sebby and Bella

## Millionaire Reader

Alina

Cameron B

Rupert

Henry H

2 million words

Felicity C

Nathaniel

Dear Burford families,

Yesterday, despite the rain, the children thoroughly enjoyed their orienteering day on the main playground. When I asked Mrs Nash, our Geography Lead, what her highlight of the day was, she said it was when the Year 6 children were supporting Reception to complete their orienteering activity. To observe the eldest children in the school embody the school's values to nurture the youngest cohort, Mrs Nash said it was very special. Thank you, Mrs Nash for organising the day!

Last week, Burford's Senior Choir went to the Young Voices concert in Wembley. They performed with other schools in the South East to combine together to make one school choir consisting of 5,000 children. We had a spectacular day rehearsing and in the evening, performing to the audience. Thank you so much to Mr Walker, our fabulous Choirmaster, for teaching the children the songs and organising the event. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who helped make this trip to Wembley Arena possible.

Elsewhere in the school, I have had the pleasure cooking up magical pancakes with Nursery, Reception, and less 'magical' but tasty pancakes with Y4 as part of our outdoor learning. Thank you to the staff and children who helped with this enrichment activity.

Last, but not least, thank you to all the polite and courteous adults who walk, scoot, cycle and drive their children/grandchildren to school. Being polite and kind are simple acts that help us all keep the children safe. Thank you to our wonderful school crossing patroller, Linda, who does an amazing job. Thank you PCSO, Chris Bis, for his support too with reminding drivers where they can and cannot park.

Have a wonderful half term everyone,

Mrs Marshall



### Get to school safely



**STOP**  
behind the  
patroller



**WAIT**  
until they tell  
you to cross



**WALK**  
Cross the road in front  
of the patroller

'Enjoy, Achieve, Succeed  
Together'

Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

## Burford Choir - Young Voices

Last week, the Burford Choir had an incredible opportunity to perform at Wembley Arena as part of the Young Voices Concert; the largest school choir concert in the world!

The excitement began in the afternoon when they joined thousands of children from other schools for rehearsals. The conductor, David Lawrence (who founded Young Voices) led the way teaching everyone how to sing as one huge choir!

As well as singing, the children learned dance moves with Andy and the amazing Urban Strides! Everyone, children and adults, were on their feet dancing.

After an afternoon of rehearsals, it was time for the concert. The children performed brilliantly to an audience of over 5000 people.

The atmosphere was amazing as the children sang the songs that they have been rehearsing, along with singing alongside Alison Limerick, whose voice filled Wembley. They sang their hearts out and danced all day and night.

A huge thank you goes to the amazing Mr Walker for all of his hard work and the time that he has put in with rehearsals and preparation for the event, and to the staff and parents that accompanied the Choir on the day.

We are so proud of everyone who took part and represented Burford so brilliantly.

Well done, you were all stars!



## Orienteering Day

On Thursday 12th February, Burford was buzzing with excitement as we welcomed visitors from *Cross-Curricular Orienteering* for a special whole-school experience day. Every child—from Reception all the way up to Year 6—had the chance to take part in an action-packed orienteering adventure.

Throughout the day, pupils worked together to complete a series of fun, fast-paced challenges using the latest electronic orienteering timing technology and a Burford school map designed especially for the event. This high-energy themed day is designed to get children moving, thinking and collaborating as they navigate their way around a themed course. Our younger children in Reception and Year 1 also had the chance to buddy up with children from Year 6 to support them in their activities.

The Electronic Timing competition added an extra layer of excitement, allowing pupils to track their progress and challenge themselves to beat the clock. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, develop problem-solving skills and enjoy a memorable outdoor learning experience.

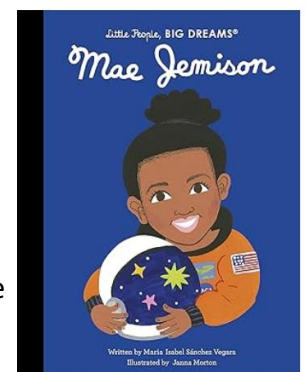


## Reading – Oak Class

In Oak Class this term, we have read *Little People, BIG DREAMS* - Mae Jemison.

We read this non-fiction book about Mae Jemison who was the first African-American female astronaut to go to space. Mae spent 8 days orbiting Earth and carrying out experiments.

We would recommend this book to other children because it is interesting and you can learn about history and what it takes to be an astronaut. We learnt that you have to be a good swimmer, diver and understand physics. You also need to be brave!



## Pancakes with Mrs Marshall

### Early Years

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Marshall joined the Early Year classes to help celebrate pancake day!

Mrs Marshall read 'The Runaway Pancake' to the children and then performed a little bit of 'magic' transforming the batter into scotch pancakes, which the children invited to eat.



### Year 4

As part of the children's outdoor learning session today, Mrs Marshall made pancakes with the Year 4 children, over our open fire.

The children used ready made pancake batter to make their pancakes and had the choice of lemon and sugar, or maple syrup as a topping.



## Winter Olympics



Year 6 brought the Winter Olympic spirit into their PE lesson last week when the heavy rain kept them from heading outside. Instead of letting the weather dampen the fun, the children took part in an indoor curling session.

They learned how to glide the stones with control, work as a team, and think tactically about placement.

It was a great way to stay active, try something different, and celebrate the excitement of the Winter Games, all without stepping out into the rain.



## Parking

Over the past few weeks, we have received a growing number of concerns from parents and members of the local community about parking behaviour at drop-off and pick-up times.

Reports have included inconsiderate parking, vehicles stopping in unsafe or illegal places, and, on a few occasions, verbal abuse directed at those who have politely reminded drivers of the rules. This does not model the respectful behaviour we teach the children.

We are asking all families to ensure that they park safely and considerately to support us in keeping everyone safe.

As a reminder, here are the key Highway Code rules for around schools:

- **Do not stop, park on or opposite the zig-zag lines outside the school gates.** These areas must be kept clear to ensure visibility for children crossing.
- **Do not park on double yellow lines or on the pavement.** This restricts access for pedestrians, pushchairs, wheelchairs, and emergency vehicles.
- **Do not block driveways or junctions.** Residents must be able to enter and exit their homes as required.
- **Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop children off.** This creates a serious hazard and disrupts traffic flow.
- **Always show courtesy to staff, parents, and local residents.** Aggressive or abusive behaviour is never acceptable.

If you are able to walk, cycle, or park a little further away and “park and stride,” we strongly encourage it.

We have also spoken with our local Police Community Support Officer, Chris Bis, about these issues and have requested that they visit the school at the peak times to assist where he can.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and for supporting a positive, respectful environment around our school.



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Of  
Burford**

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# CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 6th March

**VENUE: SCHOOL HALL, BURFORD SCHOOL**

**TICKETS £18 PER PERSON**  
Booking at [www.ticketsource.com/fob](http://www.ticketsource.com/fob)

\*\* Ticket includes curry dinner \*\*  
Doors open 7:30pm

## 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> March**.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSex0iGcMB9FXyxQoZ7EatRFkleAovb3pM03jCCPUy1880U\\_Q/viewform?usp=publish-editor](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](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.

## Week Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### **Whole School**

Extra Resources- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/d7df6657-8c5d-477d-a5c3-675d5e11d4de/extra-resources.pdf>

### **Nursery**

Pancakes - [evfs-pancakes.pdf](#)

### **Reception**

Pancakes - [evfs-pancakes.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>

National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP) – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026:

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

[NCMP Parent Portal](#)

[School height and weight measurements](#)

As part of our Chinese New Year celebration, on Tuesday 10th February, the Reception children will be able to try a Chinese prawn cracker and will be encouraged to discuss the taste and texture of the crackers with their peers. If you **do not** want your child to try a cracker, please let your class teacher know ASAP.

### **Year 1**

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

Orienteering- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/86fe5028-7e67-4fe5-82b8-e9e1fafd056c/orienteering-day-12.02.26.pdf>

### **Year 2**

Orienteering- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/86fe5028-7e67-4fe5-82b8-e9e1fafd056c/orienteering-day-12.02.26.pdf>

### **Year 3**

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### **Year 4**

Please note that after half term, w.c. 23rd February, your children will have PE with Mr Mettler on Thursday afternoons rather than on Monday afternoons.

Pancakes - [year-4-pancakes.pdf](#)

Orienteering- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/86fe5028-7e67-4fe5-82b8-e9e1fafd056c/orienteering-day-12.02.26.pdf>

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**

Please note that after half term, w.c. 23rd February, your children will have PE with Mr Mettler on Monday afternoons rather than on Thursday afternoons.

Orienteering- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/86fe5028-7e67-4fe5-82b8-e9e1fafd056c/orienteering-day-12.02.26.pdf>

### **Year 6**

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

Orienteering- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school-marlow/UploadedDocument/86fe5028-7e67-4fe5-82b8-e9e1fafd056c/orienteering-day-12.02.26.pdf>

## Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> February

### **Whole School**

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Newsletter -

### **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>

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[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 3**

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

### **Year 4**

Please note that after half term, w.c. 23rd February, your children will have PE with Mr Mettler on Thursday afternoons rather than on Monday afternoons.

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**

PSHE - [year-5-pshe-healthy-me.pdf](#)

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### **Year 6**

PSHE - [Burford School](#)

Oxford Castle- <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/burford-school->