

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 – Sophia and Miley
Holly – Lorena and Archie
Pine – Millie
Oak – Blythe
Elm – Molly
Chestnut – Elodie
Beech – Om
Cedar – Elvie
Juniper – Nuvraj
Willow – Albie
Sequoia – Caiden
Cherry – Niamh
Hawthorn – Jessie
Ash – Charlotte

Millionaire Reader

5 Million Words - Felicity

Dear Burford families,

Wow, what a week! It all kicked off on Monday with Reception and Key Stage One's sports day. The children were absolutely amazing team players – all of them – from the children in the younger years participating, to the wonderful role models in Year 6 who were demonstrating their leadership skills in aiding the activities under the watchful eye of Mr Mettler. I have to say, the 'super bowl' Macarena interval was a highlight for everyone there too! Also, what a fabulous KS2 sports day on Wednesday. The highlight here was how the children encouraged and supported each other over the finishing lines – true Burford values in action – we were all super proud of you all!

Speaking of highlights, it would be remiss of me not to mention the toddler and parent races on both days – what a competitive and willing bunch you are 😊 As I said to many on Wednesday, I too am good at running – a bath – and that's about it! Thank you so much for rounding up sports day with such enthusiasm and joy. A huge thank you to the children, staff and Mr Mettler for organising the event and to Mr Walker for supporting on the mic and playlist!

In other news, well done to our junior choir who performed at the Marlow Regatta last Sunday – you were amazing ambassadors and for some of you, who were a little nervous to start with, really shone through! Thank you, Mr Walker and Mrs Lewis, for your support on the day too.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and remember, stay safe in the sun and enjoy!

Best wishes,

Mrs Marshall
Headteacher

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Burford School & Nursery, Marlow Bottom

Sports Day

The sun shone brightly this week as, after weeks of training, the Burford children enjoyed their Sports Days.

Reception and KS1 children threw themselves into the fun with bean bag throwing, football dribbling, bean bag races and running races. Their enthusiasm was matched by the brilliant parents who joined in the parent races.

Our KS2 children showed fantastic determination and teamwork as they took part in running races and the ever-popular skipping obstacle races.

Well done to Topaz who won both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days!

A huge thank you to Mr Mettler for organising the Sports Days, the training, the teams and the events, and to Friends of Burford for kindly providing drinks to keep everyone refreshed.



Year 5 – Breadmaking at Great Marlow School

Over the past couple of weeks year 5 enjoyed a walk to Great Marlow School for a hands-on bread-making session with Mrs Cadogan.

Mrs Cadogan demonstrated each step of the process, from mixing and kneading the dough to shaping it with care and creativity. The children then had the chance to make their own bread, adding toppings if they wished to personalise their creations.

We are very grateful to GMS and Mrs Cadogan for hosting us and for the parent helpers who accompanied us. The children represented our school beautifully and showed the Burford values throughout the visit.



Science Investigation Share at Science Oxford

On Tuesday 16th June, I had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 5 girls to Science Oxford after they won our school science competition. They were invited to share their science investigation and presentation alongside 14 other schools from across Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

It was a wonderful day filled with exciting learning opportunities. The girls enjoyed exploring the interactive exhibits at Science Oxford, taking part in pond dipping activities, and meeting other young scientists. They also had the chance to present their scientific investigation to children, teachers, and professionals from the STEM industry.

The girls did a fantastic job presenting their work with confidence and enthusiasm. They answered questions thoughtfully and demonstrated an excellent understanding of their investigation. It was wonderful to see them engaging with a range of audiences and sharing their findings so professionally.

They represented our school brilliantly throughout the day, and I am incredibly proud of everything they achieved. Well done Otilie, Nour, Niamh and Sylvia, you were absolute **superstars!**

Mrs Azam



Marlow Regatta



The Junior Choir gave a truly outstanding performance at the Marlow Town Regatta on Sunday, joining voices with other local schools as part of the combined Junior School Choir. Our talented Year 2 and Year 3 singers have been rehearsing enthusiastically for weeks during their lunch breaks, showing real dedication.

In preparation for the event, the children had the privilege of working with Sheila Wilson, a celebrated local composer and conductor. Sheila visited the school to rehearse her specially composed songs with the children, and she was deeply impressed by their musical competency, focus, and engagement.

Their performance on the day was full of energy, teamwork, and confidence.

We are incredibly proud to be part of this vibrant community celebration and delighted to see our young singers shine.

Thank you to Mr Walker for the hard work and energy he has put in to the rehearsals and performance with the children.



Car Parking

This week, we have noticed that a number of cars are left idling in the playing fields' car park during pick-up time. While some of these vehicles will be electric, many are still petrol or diesel powered and idling engines release unnecessary particulate pollution right where our children are playing and walking.

We kindly ask all parents and carers not to leave engines running while waiting. Switching off your engine helps reduce air pollution, protects children's lungs, and supports our school's commitment to a cleaner, healthier environment.

Additionally, we would like to remind all parents that the school car park **should not** be used for when collecting children from clubs, even after the gates open automatically at 4.15pm. The only access to the school car park is for staff and collection from Wraparound. If you do use the carpark for this purpose, please only use a parking space and do not block any cars in.

Thank you for helping us keep the school grounds safe and pleasant for everyone.

Burford
SCHOOL
SUMMER
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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

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://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

A blue speech bubble graphic pointing downwards with the text "CONTACT US" inside in white capital letters.

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 12th June

Whole School

Summer Fayre dates reminder - [documents.asp](#)

Burford's Got Talent - [documents.asp](#)

Headlice - [documents.asp](#)

Coat Hangers – If you have any spare children's coat hangers at home, we would be grateful for donations to help us organise our lost property. Please leave any hangers in the Hexagon.

Nursery

Sun Cream - [Nursery Suncream](#)

Reception

Post Vision Screening Parent Letter – [documents.asp](#)

Week Commencing 17th June

Whole School

Volunteers for Yr 6 Careers Day – [documents.asp](#)

Summer Fayre dates reminder - [documents.asp](#)

Burford's Got Talent - [documents.asp](#)

Nursery

Forest School - [documents.asp](#)

Sun Cream - [Nursery Suncream](#)

Reception

Forest School - [documents.asp](#)

Year 1

Forest School - [documents.asp](#)

Year 5

Production – [documents.asp](#)

Year 6

Production – [documents.asp](#)