



# Burford Primary School

'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

School Website <https://www.burfordprimaryschool.org.uk/index.php>

Dear Parents/Carers

The Governors and I would like to praise and thank our Year 6 children this week on how they conducted themselves in their SATs. They were all here bright and early for breakfast, had fun with their peers and then went calmly into the hall and did their best. We could not ask for anymore! For their hard work, the children have been treated this morning with a trip to the Priory's Cinema to watch a film. Thank you also to the Governors who came in to help our staff.

Please remember that on Monday, we have the school photographer in taking class photos together with our Year 6 leavers.

Our term ends next Friday when we will finish at 3.15 p.m. – as normal, there will be **no afterschool club** provision on this day.

After the half term, starting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – we have been notified by the School Lunch Company that the price of lunches will increase to **£2.60**. This is due to the National Minimum wage and NI increase, together with cost of food costs. They have kept it to a minimal increase and feel it still represents great value for money. ScoPay will be adjusted ready for next term's orders.

Rags2Riches will be here on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June @ 9.00 a.m. to collect any surplus clothes you may have. Please just use black bags. The company pay the school money by the weight of the bags they collect. Please use half term to sort your wardrobes and raise money for your school.

Forces Day on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Following the letter, can I just clarify that the Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 children will be taking part in team building and craft activities during this day but they will remain in school. This means that they will also have the opportunity of having a hot school meal that day and do not need a packed lunch. Years 3 – 6 will be going to St Christopher's in Langford and all pupils will be having a picnic packed lunch. Please let the office know by 23<sup>rd</sup> June if you would like school to provide one.

The Skateboard club will resume again after half term. If you would like to enroll your child onto the club, please book them on using this link:-

<https://bookwhen.com/brokenboardsclub?tags=burfordschool>

In the Community –

Please find attached information on a free Kellogg football club. One and only criteria is for someone to purchase a Kellogg cereal box – then use the code on the box for a free day of football skills in the summer holiday at TOA. Details can be found on this link:-

[Book Oxford United FC Football Courses & Soccer School Sessions](#)

Happy Friday everyone. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Rachel Veeder, Executive Head Teacher

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

SATS 2025

It's been a busy week locally and nationally for Year 6 pupils who have had SATs. The governors would like to say a big 'well done' to our Year 6 for working really hard and managing their six different tests like seasoned professionals: their behaviour was exemplary in the exam hall and they can be proud of themselves. We would also like to say a big thank you to Ms Brown and the staff who have clearly prepared everyone thoroughly; it's fantastic to see learners who are confident about tackling challenges. (Do have a look at some SATs online if you want to get an idea of the kind of challenges – 36 arithmetic questions in 30 minutes...!)

Hannah Lake  
Burford LGB

### Meeting Mrs Veeder and the LGB (school governors) Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

#### What was the purpose of this event?

It was an informal opportunity for parents and carers to come and chat to Mrs Veeder and school governors over a coffee. Parents were invited to give feedback and ask any questions.

#### What was some of the positive feedback you gave us?

- 'It's great that we have such an approachable exec head and headteacher – we feel able to talk to them directly.'
- 'Thanks for these opportunities to meet governors and headteachers.'
- 'The regularity of the fortnightly newsletter is good.'
- 'It's lovely to see our children in photos on DOJO, and also thanks for reminders!'
- 'Thanks for the extra-curricular clubs on offer and for some of the wonderful opportunities offered, e.g. star-gazing.'
- 'My child is happy and engaged and enjoying school – thank you.'
- 'It's good to see governors around school more.'
- 'Thanks for going the extra mile to help my child when they were worried about a trip.'

#### What would you like to see us work on?

<i><b>You said:</b></i>	<i><b>Our response:</b></i>
<u>Parking</u> continues to be a problem outside school, and this is compromising safety. Can you do more about this issue?	We will put a reminder in newsletter to all about safe parking. We will contact the community police officer to help with traffic enforcement. We are putting this item on the agenda for governors to revisit.
<u>Reading records</u> – how do frequently do you listen to my child read? How do I know if you don't write it in the record.	We will discuss how we use reading records throughout the school. We will make this clearer to parents with a sheet in the front of reading records (as well as the info on the website).
<u>Clubs</u> – we appreciate the great clubs on offer but is it possible to have more advance notice for planning? Also, are there any clubs for younger children?	We will try to give as much advance warning of clubs as possible in future. We have run clubs for younger children and will do so again.

<p><u>DOJO / ParentMail / Communications</u> – how are different communications used by the school? Could we have some clarity about what to expect?</p>	<p>Mrs Veeder, Mrs Docherty and the governors are already looking at communications as a Senior Leadership Team; we look forward to providing you with more on this soon.</p>
<p><u>Parent support</u> - how can parents help and support the school, practically and financially? Can you tell us more about what the school needs?</p>	<p>Coming along to events like these is always helpful – thank you!  You can support through FoBPS.  We are putting this item on the agenda for governors to consider further.</p>

Thank you to all those parents who attended. This was a really positive and helpful meeting, and we appreciate your taking the time to talk to us. As ever, we value our stakeholders, and your feedback matters.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that I am regularly on the gate and will always welcome a chat with you.

Hannah Lake  
Chair of Burford LGB

# Burford Best

We have participated in some sporting events over the past few weeks. We are so proud of all that took part, representing our Burford Best values.





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## Future dates for your diary:-

**Class Photographs and Year 6 Leavers Photos** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May through the morning.

**Bikeability (Cycling Proficiency)** for Year 6 children – w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 Enrichment Day @ Burford School – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Term Ends – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.15 p.m. No afterschool club**

**Term starts – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please note that this is NOT an inset day**

**Rags 2 Riches** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 9.00 a.m. collection. Raise funds for the school by collecting reusable clothes. Please bring in your bags of unwanted clothes to school at collection on the Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June or drop off on 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**FoBPS Walk to the Moon Fundraiser** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

**Parents of Years 4 & 5 meet with HT & Head of Year 7 from Burford School** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 3.30 p.m.

**Year 2 Music Festival** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**Induction Days for Year 6 to Secondary** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Move Up Classes** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. (New Reception children morning/Nursery children afternoon)

**Sports Day** – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Wysdom & Priory (KS2) Performance** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Party in the Paddock** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 p.m.

**Leaver's Service** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Academic Year Term Ends** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3.15 p.m.

# Burford Best

Each week we will be giving out certificates to a child in each class who have been 'Burford Best'

Last week they were:-

Warwick Class - Kieran Dadge  
Windrush Class – Tilly Silvester  
Tolsey Class – Hugo McKinlay  
Wysdom Class – Lexi Stewart  
Priory Class – Toby Hayes

This week they are:-

Warwick Class – Henry Castle  
Windrush Class – George Green  
Tolsey Class – Grace Hatton-Phillips  
Wysdom Class – Sadie Williams  
Priory Class – Connie Hadland and all the Year 6's



This week's 'Perfect Presentation' award goes to Alfie Carpenter

