



Burford
Primary School
'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'

Burford Primary School Newsletter - 9th October 2026

A message from Mrs Docherty and Mrs Veeder

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe it's the end of week 6 already, so much learning has been taking place and we are still enjoying some October sun out on our paddock.

Learning Focus

In each newsletter we will now be adding a 'Learning Focus' section to help keep you up to date with school life and enable you to support your child(ren) further at home. Each newsletter we will pick a different area of school life to focus on and share hints and tips with you - please let us know what you would like us to share! Any ideas please share them with the office office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk

This week's focus is the importance of '**Good Attendance**' and the impact this has upon the wellbeing and academic outcomes of our children. The benchmark for good attendance is **98%**. We have designed a one-page attendance policy for you and attached it to this newsletter; any questions please just ask Mrs Docherty or Mrs Veeder as the school's Attendance Champions. We want all of our children and families to feel safe, welcomed and settled at Burford Primary School and if you have a barrier to good attendance that you believe we can help with please do let us know.

The one Page Policy includes our Support Pathway Procedures so please do take time to read it.

Learning starts at 8.30am each morning and arriving in school after 8.50am will incur a late mark - 10 or more of these and you will be invited to attend a meeting with us to discuss steps we can take to improve your child's attendance. Arriving at 9am each morning means your child is missing 2.5 hours of learning each week. Persistent lateness and poor attendance can put children at risk of lower engagement in learning, significant gaps in foundational skills, lower attainment, social isolation and increased risk to anxiety.

Please do let us know what we can do to help.

Harvest Celebration in Burford Church

We would like to thank our wonderful parents and carers for supporting us at our Harvest Celebration. It was lovely to see so many of you there to share the singing, artwork and Harvest based learning the children have been enjoying this term. BESOM were especially grateful for your food donations too, thank you for supporting our community.

Burford Best Mathematician

We have introduced a new certificate to our Friday Celebration Assembly; Burford Best Mathematician. Each week we will be celebrating the Burford Best maths we have seen around school in each of our classes.

Year 6 Priory Class Trip

Last week Y6s in Priory Class enjoyed a trip to Rewley Road Fire Station in Oxford where they learnt about safety in many different scenarios such as cycling on the road, water safety and stranger danger. This will be particularly relevant as they become more independent and manage different scenarios themselves. Run by emergency services personnel, this gave them a safe space to practise what they would do in an emergency, including making a practice 999 call. All of the children worked hard, listened well and learned lots - well done Y6!

Cross Country

Our Upper School Cross Country team had a fantastic time challenging themselves and supporting one another last week. Every runner showed great determination, resilience and team spirit. They beautifully demonstrated the School Games intentions to **Improve Health & Wellbeing** and **Promote Success & Achievement**. A Big Well done to Sam C who came 1st in his race.

Well done to all our runners — your hard work and positive attitude have made us very proud! You really were Burford Best.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Docherty and Mrs Veeder

Status	Attendance Rate	Estimated Days Lost	Estimated Hours of Learning Lost	Academic Impact
 Excellent Attendance	98% – 100%	0 to 4 days	0 to 20 hours	Best chance of success; fully immersed in learning.
 Good Attendance	96% – 97%	5 to 7.5 days	25 to 37.5 hours	Meets school targets; easily catches up on minor absences.
 Attendance Concern	93% – 95%	9.5 to 13 days	47.5 to 65 hours	Gaps in learning start to emerge; impact on confidence.
 Persistent Absence	Below 90%	19+ days	95+ hours	Serious concern; missing crucial foundational skills.







Dates for your Diary



- Monday 12th October - PCSO Darren Moulding - Visiting Warwick Class
- Tuesday 13th October - U11 Football Event
- Wednesday 14th October - Rags 2 Riches School Collection
- Monday 19th October - Warwick Class Visit Fire Station
- Friday 16th October - FoBPS Halloween Disco (see poster)
- Monday 2nd November - Whole School Inset Day
- Thursday 5th November 9.30am - Open Morning for potential new EYFS families
- Thursday 5th November - U11 Hockey
- Monday 9th November - Childhood Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 10th November - School Photographs Siblings/Individual
- Tuesday 10th and 11th November - Parents Evening (sign up to follow soon)
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day (more info to follow)
- Monday 23rd November - U11 Boccia Event
- Friday 4th December - Christmas Fete
- Thursday 10th December - Nativity Play
- Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 11th December - The Snow Queen - Pantomime Day

- Wednesday 16th December - Upper School Christmas Carol Concert at 5pm
- Friday 18th December - last day of school **EARLY FINISH 1:30PM**
- Monday 4th January - INSET DAY



RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.
Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING	
☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	☒ Jewellery and Accessories
☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear	☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT
POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDS OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:
Wednesday 14th October 2026

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

Afterschool Clubs

We have some exciting school clubs available this term.

Please see below breakdown:

Gardening Club - Monday 14th September - 19th October 15:15-16:15

Available to book on Bromcom.

Cross Country - Tuesday 15th September - 20th October 15:15-16:15

Available to book on Bromcom.

Football Club - Tuesday 8th September - 20th October 15:15 - 16:15

<https://enrolmy.com/footy-kids/activity/551->

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Burford Best Celebrations



Friday 9th October

Hilton S - Warwick Class

Teddy - Windrush Class

Ben - Tolsey Class

Oliver B - Wysdom Class

Billy E - Priory Class

Perfect Presentation

Espen H - Windrush Class

Oakley S - Wysdom Class

Burford Best Mathematician

Sadie W - Priory Class

Friday 2nd October

Bella K - Warwick Class

Nora - Windrush Class

Harry W - Tolsey Class

Grace C - Wysdom Class

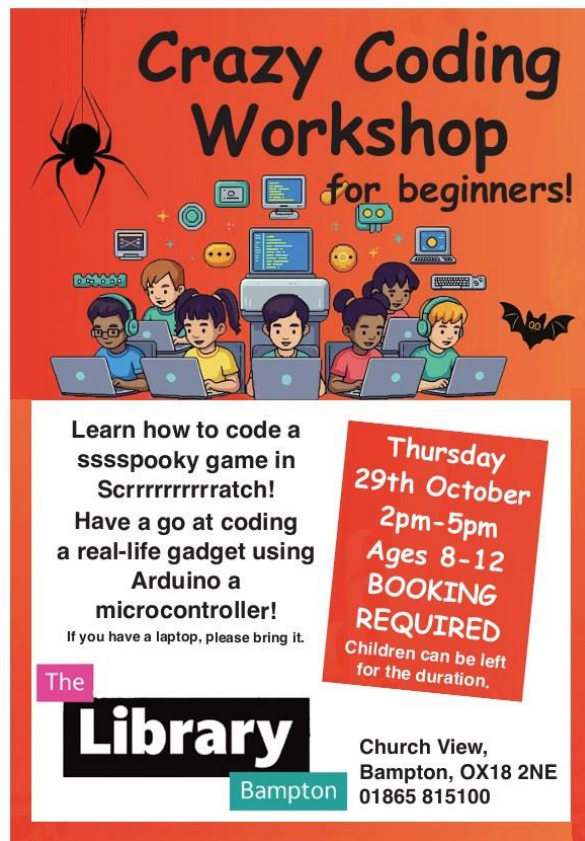
Rose K - Priory Class

Perfect Presentation

Nora- Windrush Class

Well done everyone!

Community Information



Crazy Coding Workshop
for beginners!

Learn how to code a
sssspooky game in
Scrrrrrrrrrratch!
Have a go at coding
a real-life gadget using
Arduino a
microcontroller!
If you have a laptop, please bring it.

Thursday
29th October
2pm-5pm
Ages 8-12
**BOOKING
REQUIRED**
Children can be left
for the duration.

The
Library
Bampton

Church View,
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FOOTY KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US
Dates: Mon 26th - Thu 29th Oct
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)
Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

Daily Tournaments • Fun Games • Themed Days
Plenty of Fun • Lots of Smiles

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

To register your child, please go to www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids
www.footykids.org ✉ tomspeers@footykids.org [f](#) Footykids
☎ or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

WITNEY VIKINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

U12 WASPS




TEAM PLACES AVAILABLE

YEARS 6 AND 7

 **TRAINING**
THURSDAYS
7 - 8PM

 **LEAGUE GAMES**
SATURDAY
MORNINGS

Making Bug Hotels with Mrs Broccoli !

Saturday October 17th
2.30pm - 4.00pm
at Bampton Library




Ages 5-12 years
Booking essential!
Children can be left for the duration

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

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