



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

April 25th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a sunny and relaxing Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and to see them all settling back so well into their learning.

Staffing update

This week we welcomed Mme Hanney to our school as our new French and German teacher. Not only did she teach her first lessons this week, but she also joined the Year 4 children on their Languages Day at Burford School. Merci, Mme Hanney!

Year 4 Languages Day

As mentioned above, the Year 4 children spent the day in Burford School on Wednesday for the partnership Languages Day. They spent the day taking part in lessons planned by the Year 9 Language Leaders and I know that not only did they have fun, but they also represented the school beautifully. Thank you to them and to the adults who supported them, especially Mme Smith who returned to school to support this visit.

Bushcraft

The Year 4 children have more adventure in store next week as they will be setting off for their Bushcraft residential on Wednesday morning. Please look out for an email on Monday with final details about arrangements.

Burford School Coffee Morning – 1st May

Next Friday morning, Gemma Simpson, the Burford Student and Family Support Officer, will be hosting a coffee morning from 8:30am after drop-off in the school hall. Any families of children in Year 5 and 6 are welcome, but particularly the families of children who will be joining Burford School in September. This is an opportunity to chat to Gemma about the pastoral side of school life at Burford and any other general questions you have.

Reception / KS1 reading books

Please could parents of reception and Key Stage 1 check at home for any school books which need returning. In Reception we are particularly short of the



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photocopied Phonics books that go home on a Friday to be returned on a Monday. Children should only have 2 reading books at home – one given to them by their teacher and one chosen by parents from the boxes outside. Please do not collect extra books as our stocks are currently very low.

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Please see document attached to this email for our term dates for next year.

Lifesaving course

The date of the Saturday Lifesaving course has been changed to the 24th May. If you would like to be added to the list for this date please let the office know (The 18th May course is now fully booked).

Dates for the Diary

Date	Details	Who
29 th April, 6 th & 20 th May, 3 rd June	Year 6 Swimming – Chipping Norton	Group A
30 th April – 2 nd May	Bushcraft Residential	Year 4
1 st May	Burford School Coffee Morning (at Wychwood)	Year 5/6 Parents
6 th May	Visit to Kingham Lodge	Year 5
7 th May	U9s Tennis Tournament	Selected Yr 3 & 4
12 th – 15 th May	SATs	Year 6
13 th May	U9 Quad Kids (Athletics)	Selected Yr 3 & 4
18 th & 24 th May	Lifeguarding course	Parents
19 th May	U11s Quad Kids (Athletics)	Selected Yr 5 & 6
20 th May	Enrichment Day @ Burford School	Year 5
23 rd May	Year Group Photos	Reception & Year 6
26 th – 30 th May	Half Term	All
4 th June	Burford School Transition meeting 3.30pm (at Wychwood)	Year 4/5 Parents
4 th & 5 th June	IMPS Visit – Horton Hospital	Year 6
10 th 17 th & 24 th June, 1 st & 8 th July	Year 6 Swimming – Chipping Norton	Group B
12 th June	Sports Day	All
3 rd July	Year 1 and 2 trip to Warwick Castle	Year 1 and 2
4 th July	Year 2 Sleepover	Year 2

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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