



Shine as Lights in the World
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6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6th February

It was great to see the children dressed up for digits today. Thank you to all of you who have made donations towards the NSPCC. If you haven't done so and would like to make a donation, please head to ParentPay.

Year 3 Multi-skills

Our Year 3 children had a great morning at Burford Secondary School taking part in this partnership sporting event. They represented the school so well and we hope they enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all of the adults who supported this event.

Tennis Balls

Please ensure that your child does not bring tennis balls to school. We have had lots of issues with tennis balls getting stuck in drainpipes and causing leaks in school. We are working on different ways to offer more ball games at playtimes, as we know this is a popular activity. Many thanks for your support with this.

Art Competition

Don't forget to enter the Royal Academy of Arts - Young Artist's Summer Show 2026. You have until **Monday 23rd February** to submit your work to the school office or Mrs Wheatley. Parents need to fill in a **consent form** (collect from the Office) and include a **short artist description**, written in the artist's own words where possible. Artists are encouraged to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words. Please give the artwork a **title and note down the medium used**.

Kilvrough Parent Meeting

Thank you to all who attended this meeting. We have sent out the information shared at the meeting to you via a separate email so please look out for that.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be having a special assembly on Monday where we will think about what mental health is and the steps

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we can take to look after it. We will be focusing on our termly value of 'resilience' and how children's mental health and resilience are closely linked, with each influencing the other in important ways. Research consistently shows that resilience—the ability to cope, adapt, and recover from stress—acts as a protective factor that supports better mental health outcomes in children. You can't build resilience without facing challenges and so we are encouraging the children to think of the word 'yet' when facing something they can't do... yet!

Smart Phones

Many of you will know that Burford Secondary School has introduced a new policy for smart phones whereby they are not allowed on site for students in most year groups. I hope that this will reduce the pressure felt by some parents to buy their child a phone before they leave primary school. For those of you whose children have smart phones, please do check that the apps they are using are age appropriate. We have had reports of Snapchat being used – often leading to problems - and I would like to remind you that this app has an age restriction of 13+.

Dates for the Spring Term

Date	Details	Who
9 th February	Deposit due for Year 4 residential	Year 4
12 th February	U11s Tag Rugby	Selected Yr 5/6
16 th – 20 th February	Half Term	All
24 th February	Visit from Zactiv	All
25 th & 26 th February	Parent Teacher Meetings	All
27 th February	Visit to the Story Museum	Reception
3 rd March	U9s Football tournament	Selected Year 3/4 children
9 th – 13 th March	Kilvrough Residential	Year 6
9 th – 12 th March	Bikeability	Year 5
12 th March	Street Dance @ Burford	Year 4
13 th March	Hill End Visit	Year 5
20 th March	Swimming Gala	Selected Year 5/6 children
23 rd & 24 th March	Year 3 & 4 Performance	Children and Parents
25 th March	MFL Day @ Burford	Year 4
27 th March	Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.30pm	All

Thank you for your continuing support,

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