

# Burford Primary School

'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'



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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support at morning drop offs. This week we have seen a significant improvement in punctuality meaning that early morning work has been far more productive in every class across the school. Our motto is 'every minute matters'.

Our current whole school focus is 'Burford Best Handwriting' and I am pleased to say that we have seen some beautiful presentation in our books this week, that both the children and staff have been incredibly proud of.

As always the door is always open.

Happy Hot Chocolate Friday!

Holly Docherty, Head of School

## EVERY. MINUTE. MATTERS.

Attendance Matters!



For our pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. Absences may be investigated by the Education Welfare Officer.

The Absence Policy is available on the school website.

**PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY ABSENCE BEFORE 9AM BY TELEPHONING SCHOOL ON 01993 822159. PLEASE DO NOT DOJO OR EMAIL.**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 95%**



- ❖ **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 15:20** – Hot Chocolate Friday in the school hall
- ❖ **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 10:00-15:00** – Snowdrop Sunday at Burford Priory
- ❖ **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Heights & Weights Screening for Reception and Year 6
- ❖ **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Vision Screening for Reception
- ❖ **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day
- ❖ **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening
- ❖ **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents evening
- ❖ **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Lower School Trip to Science Oxford Centre



### Party Invitations

From now on Party Invitations must NOT be handed out in school.

These are not our responsibility - if your child is having a party please deal with the invitations outside the school grounds as it is a private matter.



Please could we remind all parents that playtime snack is fruit or vegetables only, no chocolate or crisps please.

Chocolate or crisps are accepted in lunchboxes but we ask no sweets are provided to children.



We would love to celebrate the children who have really pushed themselves to try hard in their times tables.

A massive congratulations to the top 5 children who put in the most time on Times Tables Rockstars:

Ralph - 183 minutes  
Toby (Wysdom) - 63 minutes  
Finley - 63 minutes  
Bobby (Wysdom) - 33 minutes  
Oliver (Wysdom) - 33 minutes



We have seen an increase in football and Pokémon cards being brought into school.

Please can we ask that these do not come in school as they cause significant distress when they are lost or swapped.



We were lucky enough to have a keeper from Cotswold Wildlife Park attend our school to allow the children the opportunity to ask questions they may have to the keepers.

Please see the link to the video - <https://fromsmash.com/Burford-Primary-School-video>



## 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:-

Noah Corfield Yates - Warwick Class

Alfie Carpenter - Windrush Class

Kayleigh Dadge - Tolsey Class

Finn Fleming - Wysdom Class

Lila Wiggin - Priory Class

This week they are:-

Gracie O'Loughlin - Warwick Class

Rex Mustoe - Windrush Class

Grace Carter - Tolsey Class

Frankie Dix - Wysdom Class

Toby Hayes - Priory Class

## PERFECT PRESENTATION

Last week's 'Perfect Presentation' award goes to Kieran Dadge – Windrush

This week's 'Perfect Presentation' award goes to Leo Lake – Tolsey.

## ECO CLUB

Our Eco Council have led lots of our pupils in activities linked to the Big Garden Birdwatch and enjoyed making bird feeders on the paddock this week.

Thank you to all those who made donations that enabled the children to take part.



## Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics event

Our Year 5 and 6 children made us proud at the school Sports Hall Athletics event at Burford Secondary School.

What an incredible sporting event for our children to attend. We saw incredible team building and communication skills.



## Ashmolean Museum Trip – Tolsey Class

Tolsey class enjoyed a trip to the Ashmolean in Oxford on Tuesday as part of their work on Ancient Egypt. The children loved seeing the artefacts and enjoyed the talks from the experts.





# WORLD BOOK DAY MENU



Thursday 5th March 2026

## Horrid Henry's Greedy Crispy Bun

*Crispy Chicken Burger served with Lettuce & Mayo in a  
fresh Bread Bap*

## BFG Burger

*Homemade Quorn Burger with Mayo & Lettuce served in  
a fresh Bread Bap*

## Gruffalo's Terrible Tusks

*Potato Wedges*

## Jack's Magic Beans & Peter Rabbit's Carrots

*Baked Beans, Carrots*

## Dessert

### Oompa Loompa Bar

*Chocolate drizzled Shortbread*



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CHD Awareness Month

**WEAR RED  
THIS FRIDAY**

for the heart warriors,  
the heart angels,  
and every family affected by  
congenital heart disease.

**6TH FEBRUARY**

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# HOT CHOCOLATE + CAKES



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**February Half Term**

**The North Wall Arts Centre**

**NW Explorers**  
Under 8s

**Family Dance Party**  
14 February  
10.30am & 1pm

Join us for a 'hip-hopping, toe-tapping' daytime disco for all of the family. Featuring bubbles and balloons, movement activities and dance games, sensory play and face painting! With DJs playing party classics, for you and your little ones.

Tickets Pay What You Feel



**NW Inventors**  
Ages 8-11

**Character Creations**  
16 - 17 February  
9am - 12pm

Invent your own characters in this fun, interactive drama workshop: describe and design them, and bring them to life with physicality, facial-expression and voices – then see what happens when when they all mix and meet!

Tickets £40  
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**Read Out Loud**  
*month*

Come & Join us at  
**The Library**  
Bampton

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
11:00 - 12:00 noon

Whether you are a chatterbox or as quiet as a mouse, today is your day!

Come and celebrate the power of reading with us.

Reading aloud helps build literacy skills (listening, comprehension, vocabulary), especially in children.

Denise Beaumont, the author of  
**ALICE THE PALACE POSTWOMAN**  
will be hosting a cheery children's event...

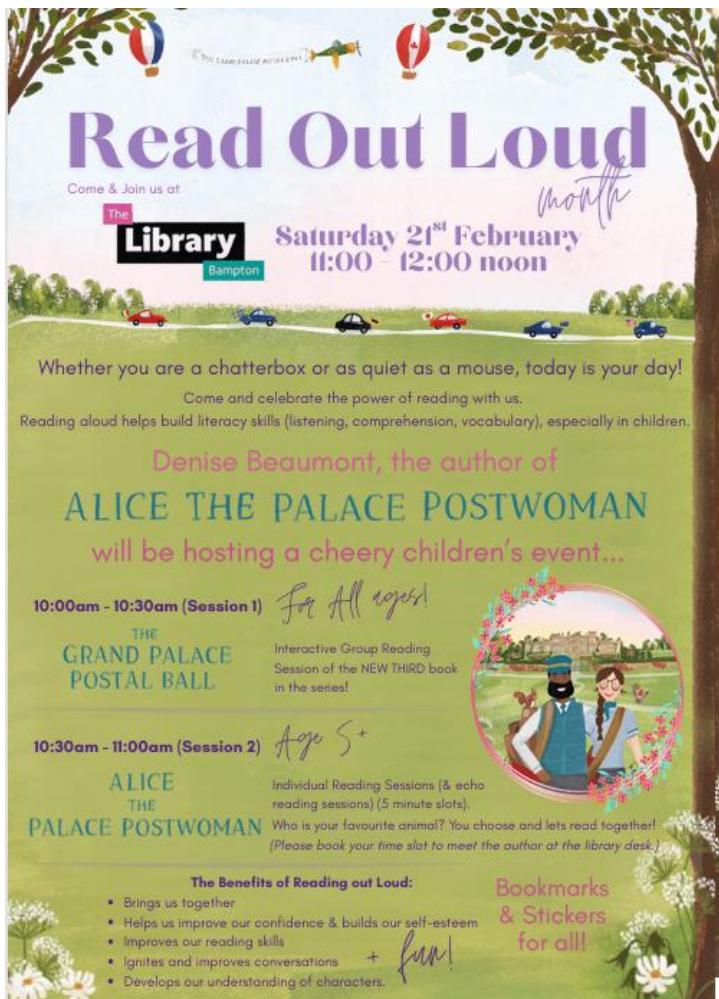
10:00am - 10:30am (Session 1) *For All ages!*  
**THE GRAND PALACE POSTAL BALL**  
Interactive Group Reading Session of the NEW THIRD book in the series!

10:30am - 11:00am (Session 2) *Age 5+*  
**ALICE THE PALACE POSTWOMAN**  
Individual Reading Sessions (& echo reading sessions) (5 minute slots). Who is your favourite animal? You choose and lets read together! (Please book your time slot to meet the author at the library desk.)

**The Benefits of Reading out Loud:**

- Brings us together
- Helps us improve our confidence & builds our self-esteem
- Improves our reading skills
- Ignites and improves conversations
- Develops our understanding of characters.

**Bookmarks & Stickers for all!**



**WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.**

**AGES 4 - 18**  
**MUSICAL THEATRE.**  
**COMEDY AND DRAMA.**  
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## THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

Abingdon School

Sunday 26th April 2026

Registration Deadline

Friday 20th March 2026



### Registering

1. Create a team of four children, then choose your team name!
2. Select one parent to register your team's interest in the event via the link above (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
3. You will receive an email to confirm if your team has or hasn't been successful 3 weeks after the deadline date given above
4. If your team is given a place, we will email all parents within the team to invite them to register their child for the event

Register Here



Fundraising & RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £60, with a target of £100. You can set up an online JustGiving page or download a sponsorship form.

Your fundraising supports Restless Development: a global charity who champions the collective power of young people to create a better world. Watch [this video](#) to learn more!

Head to our FAQs for more info and to find out what's included!

| Year Group | Swim | Cycle | Run  |
|------------|------|-------|------|
| Year 3 & 4 | 50m  | 100m  | 750m |
| Year 5 & 6 | 50m  | 100m  | 750m |
| Year 7 & 8 | 50m  | 200m  | 750m |

As a relay, each participant completes these distances

email us: [schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org](mailto:schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org)



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**30 & 31 March 2026**

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