



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

January 17th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum Overviews

Our Curriculum Overviews for each phase can be found by clicking the links below.

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/assets/KS1-Curriculum-Overview-SpringTerm-1-2024-25.pdf>

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/assets/LKS2-Curriculum-Overview-SpringTerm-1-2024-25.pdf>

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/assets/UKS2-Curriculum-Overview-SpringTerm-1-2024-25.pdf>

Parking

We have received a number of complaints from our neighbours who own businesses in Wychwood Business Park about the behaviour of a small number of our parents. They have reported incidents of rudeness directed at them when they have approached parents to talk about their use of the carpark there. Please can I ask that, when you are parking anywhere near the school, you do so considerately and that when you speak to others, you model the same high standards of respect and courtesy that we expect from our children.

The best way to avoid the congestion around the school at drop-off and pick-up is to walk/cycle/scoot to school or to 'park and stride' (parking farther away and walking from there). Read on to find out how our Eco Councillors are hoping to tackle this issue.

Walk to School Challenge (WOW)

Parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Key Stage 2) will have received an email yesterday announcing the launch of our Walk to School Challenge. The children in Key Stage 2 attended a special assembly on Thursday held by the school's Eco Council to tell them all about it and there is much excitement about the potential to earn badges throughout the year while also reaping the many benefits of having more active journeys. We hope you will take the time to read the letter if you



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haven't already and that you will take part in this pilot. If it is successful, we plan to roll it out to the rest of the school.

Children's Mental Health Day

Children's mental health week takes place from 3rd – 9th February 2025. The theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' in partnership with *Here4You* and the *Inside Out 2* characters. On Friday 7th February we are going to have a Children's Mental Health Day where we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform. If they would like to, they could dress in a colour based on one of the *Inside Out 2* characters.



We are fundraising for Place2Be which is a children's mental health charity who provide mental health support in schools. Rather than bringing cash into school, a payment item will be available next week for you to make a donation via Parent Pay.

Alternatively, we will be displaying posters during children's mental health week with a QR code that allows you to donate directly to Place2Be.

Calling budding ornithologists!

You may be interested that the RSPB Garden Birdwatch is taking place on the weekend of 24-26th January. Fun, free and for everyone, taking part means you will spend an hour counting birds in your garden or local park. The RSPB then use this information to help understand how UK birds are doing. To find out more, click on the link below:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

We would love to hear about what you see!

Talk from Burford Headteacher on children's use of mobile phones

Mr Albrighton, headteacher of Burford School, will be joining our school next **Friday 24th January at 8:45am** to present a short talk to parents of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 about the use of mobile phones by children and young people. Following the presentation, he will then be available to talk to parents and answer any questions you may have about Burford School. Please put the date in your diary.

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
20 th January	National Childhood Measurement Programme	Reception and Year 6

20 th January	Visit to the Gurdwara	Year 5
21 st January	Visit to the Gurdwara	Year 6
24 th January	Talk by Burford Head – Mr Albrighton	Parents of Year 4,5 & 6
27 th January	U11s Sports hall Athletics	Selected Year 5 & 6
28 th January	Jungle Jonathan Visit	Year 1 & 2
31 st January	Cross Country Finals	Year 3 and 4 winning team from 1 st round
31 st January	Pyjama Party – 5 – 6.30pm	Reception
5 th February	Year 3 Ball Skills	Year 3
7 th February	Children’s Mental Health Day – non-school uniform	All
12 th February	U11s Tag Rugby Tournament	Selected Year 5 & 6
13 th February	Kilvrough Information Evening, 5.30pm	Parents of Year 6
17 th – 21 st February	Half Term Holiday	All
10 th – 14 th March	Kilvrough Residential	Year 6
10 th – 13 th March	Bikeability Course	Year 5
14 th March	Hill End Visit	Year 5
23 rd April	Year 4 Languages Day (Burford School)	Year 4
30 th April – 2 nd May	Bushcraft Residential	Year 4

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Lenie (Oak) and Ruby (Silver Birch). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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