



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 10th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

1) Weekly Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for last week. The Government expectation is 96% and this should be the minimum that we are all aiming for this year!!

Attendance for Monday 3rd February 2025 – Friday 7th February 2025

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	92.7%
Year 4/5	96.7%
Year 3/4	96.7%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 1	91.9%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	97.9%

Last week we only had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.9% which is below our 96% target. Slightly better than the week before but still below where we would like to be.

2) Mrs Kane

I am delighted to inform parents / carers that Mrs Kane will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 17th March 2025. Mrs Kane will resume her job share with Mrs Liddle. Both members of staff will be working 4 days a week with their time split between teaching the Year 3/4 class and completing their leadership roles across the school: Deputy Head role (Mrs Liddle) and SENDCo role (Mrs Kane)

- Mrs Kane (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – all day)
- Mrs Liddle (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – all day)

Mrs Kane has kept in touch with our current Y3/4 class with regular visits across the Autumn term and attending training days. Mrs Kane will be in school on Monday 17th February to work alongside Miss Smith and I to ensure everything is transferred for her return. Mrs Kane will also be resuming her SENDCo duties and has already been into school on numerous occasions to work alongside myself to ensure she is up to date with SEND.

3) Miss Smith

Miss Smith will be leaving us on Thursday 20th February to explore other opportunities. Miss Smith has been with us since September 2022 and has been a dedicated member of staff working in Year 4 and covering Mrs Kane's maternity leave in Y3/4. I am sure you will join with us in wishing Miss Smith every success as she moves onto pastures new.



4) Miss Watt's maternity leave

I am delighted to tell all parents / carers that Miss Watts is expecting her 1st baby at the end of the Spring Term and is due to start her maternity leave as we break up for our Easter holidays.

Following a successful recruitment process over the last few weeks, I am delighted to welcome Mrs Jones to our Burradon teaching team to cover Miss Watts' maternity leave. Mrs Jones is a highly experienced Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 6 and Year 5) class teacher with the vast majority of her experience delivering high quality teaching and learning in Y6. Therefore, Mrs Jones has extensive experience of administering the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests which will take place the week of Monday 12th May 2025 for our Year 6 pupils.

Since the start of January, Mrs Jones has been delivering small group and 1:1 support in our Year 6 class particularly with English and Maths. I am sure you will join with us in wishing Mrs Jones the best of luck for her new role at our school.

5) Play Park and Skate Park

As the nights are starting to get a bit lighter we find that an increasing number of children, of all ages, use the community facilities after school, at the weekend and over the holidays periods.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents / carers that the play park and skate park are unsupervised areas of the community site? These areas are not the responsibility of the school.

6) February half term holidays

A reminder that school breaks for the February half term holidays on Friday 21st February for a week. The children will return to school on Monday 3rd March.

7) School inbox, School Comms. Facebook and Seesaw during February half term holiday

A polite reminder that my team will not be making any Facebook or Seesaw posts during the February half term holiday. In addition, the school inbox and School Comms will not be regularly checked over the holidays and emails will be responded to when we return to school on Monday 3rd March 2025. The governors and I appreciate the support you have shown my team during the first half of this academic year.

Yours Sincerely

A.L.Hunter

Miss A.L. Hunter
Headteacher



Upcoming events at Burradon Community Primary School

Letters for events and activities below, where appropriate, will follow.

11 th February	Safer Internet Day 'Too good to be true?'
14 th February	Y2 working with skipping coach (afternoon)
21 st February	Careers Sharing Assembly at 9:05am
21 st February	<u>School closes at end of today for February half term holidays</u>
3 rd March	<u>School re-opens after February half term holidays</u>
6 th March	World Book Day
7 th March	British Science Week (7 th – 16 th March) – theme is Change and Adapt
10 th March	Empathy Week
10 th March	Y6 Financial Education talks (afternoon)
13 th March	Y2 visit to Newcastle Cathedral (afternoon)
18 th March	9am – Burradon Helpers
18 th March	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (online booking will follow)
19 th March	Y2 visit to Newcastle Quayside and Discovery Museum (all day)
19 th March	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (online booking will follow)
21 st March	Red Nose Day
31 st March	Road Safety sessions for FS2-Y6 (morning)
11 th April	<u>School closes at end of today for Easter holidays</u>
28 th April	<u>School re-opens after Easter holidays</u>
30 th April	FS1 Minibeast session for parents / carers at 9am
1 st Mat	FS2 Minibeast session for parents / carers at 9am
5 th May	<u>School closed for Bank Holiday Monday</u>
12 th May	<u>Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs week</u>
21 st May	Y3/4 visit to Newcastle University for Coding Enrichment (afternoon)
22 nd May	Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activities Centre visit for Y6 (Y6: 8:15am into school and back to school at 4pm)
26 th May	<u>School closes at end of today for May half term holidays</u>
2 nd June	<u>Teacher Training Day 4 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
3 rd June	<u>School re-opens after May half term holidays</u>
16 th June	National School Sports Week
16 th June	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) sports day at 9:30am (main school field)
17 th June	Y3/4 Newcastle History trip (all day)
17 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 (Upper Key Stage 2) sports day at 2:30pm (main school field)



18 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1) sports day at 2:30pm (main school field)
19 th June	Y4/5 Newcastle History trip (all day)
20 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 (Lower Key Stage 2) sports day at 2:30pm (main school field)
23 rd June	EYFS trip to Cullercoats (all day)
25 th June	Phototronics taking class photographs in school (morning)
3 rd July	Y6 trip to Alnwick Gardens (all day)
7 th July	Y6 transition day for pupils going to North Gosforth Academy (Day 1)
8 th July	Y6 transition day for pupils going to North Gosforth Academy (Day 2)
18 th July	<u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u>

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