



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Where did the first half of this academic year go! I hope that you all had a nice half term break and are ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the academic year.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	97.3%
Year 4/5	99.2%
Year 3/4	94.8%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 1	97.4%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	93.7%

The week before half term, we had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 97% which is above our 96% target. A much better week – we need to keep this up.

### 2) School Uniform

Firstly, can I say huge thanks to parents / carers who fully support the school with all aspects of their child’s school uniform? Your support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

During our parents’ / carers’ evenings for EYFS and Y1-Y6 on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, staff will be mentioning uniform to parents / carers as part of their meeting as we do have a number of children who are still not in the correct school uniform. We also want to ensure that those children who are wearing our school uniform every day get the praise they deserve.

To support parents / carers, we will have our pre-loved school uniform items on display in the school hall on both parents’ / carer nights’. If you need any items of school uniform or your children have grown out of things and need a bigger size, please have a look in the hall after your parents’ / carers’ appointment to see if there is anything that would be suitable.

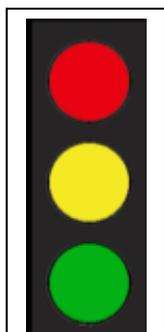
If parents’ / carers’ have any school uniform that they no longer need, please consider donating this to the school for our uniform swop shop. Anything will be very gratefully



received. If you need any further support with school uniform, please email the school and Mrs Little and I will be happy to try and support.

### 3) End of Spring Term Attendance

A reminder that at the end of this term, parents / carers of children from FS2 (Reception) to Year 6 will receive their child's current attendance percentage to date and which colour zone your child is in for their attendance - Green, Amber or Red.



**Danger Zone** ~ inadequate attendance ~ **90% or less** = **Red**

**At Risk Zone** ~ attendance that requires improvement ~ **between 90.1% and 95.9%** = **Amber**

**Safety Zone** ~ good attendance ~ **96% or more** = **Green**

As a school, we aim for every child to be in the 'Safety Zone' with attendance over 96%. It is fantastic if your child is in the green zone!! If your child's attendance is in the amber zone (at risk zone), we will look at ways to support you to improve your child's attendance including a period of attendance monitoring.

If your child's attendance is in the red zone (Danger Zone), your child's attendance may be referred through the Local Authority Fast Track system to the Education Welfare Officer. Having 90% attendance means that your child is absent from school on average half a day each week. Miss Hunter will be in contact with you to discuss your child's attendance and to see if there is anything the school can do to support you to improve your child's attendance. There will also be a period of attendance monitoring.

### 4) Jewellery

It is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school, including clear earrings. I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety. Jewellery can be a serious risk to the children's safety during P.E sessions, playtimes, lunchtime sport activities and after school activities. There are lots of opportunities for children to get jewellery caught which can cause nasty injuries. The only exception is a watch which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. No SMART watches, please.

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.

4 <sup>th</sup> March	RNLI talks with KS1 and KS2 (morning)
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week (7 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> March) – theme is Change and Adapt
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Empathy Week
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Financial Education talks (afternoon)
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 visit to Newcastle Cathedral (afternoon)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – Burradon Helpers
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (online booking in place)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 visit to Newcastle Quayside and Discovery Museum (all day)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (online booking in place)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day (letter to follow)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Animal Antics visit in school (morning)
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Road Safety sessions for FS2-Y6 (morning)
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Active mile event (in school)
11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>School closes at end of today for Easter holidays</u></b>
28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>School re-opens after Easter holidays</u></b>
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 and Y2 Safety Works trip (morning)
30 <sup>th</sup> April	FS1 Minibeast session for parents / carers at 9am
1 <sup>st</sup> May	FS2 Minibeast session for parents / carers at 9am
5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>School closed for Bank Holiday Monday</u></b>
12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs week</u></b>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y3/4 visit to Newcastle University for Coding Enrichment (afternoon)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activities Centre visit for Y6 (extended day) (Y6: 8:15am into school and back to school at 4pm)
26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>School closes at end of today for May half term holidays</u></b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b><u>Teacher Training Day 4 (school closed to all pupils)</u></b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b><u>School re-opens after May half term holidays</u></b>
16 <sup>th</sup> June	National School Sports Week
16 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS (Reception and Nursery) sports day at 9:30am (main school field)
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 Newcastle History trip (all day)
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and Year 6 (Upper Key Stage 2) sports day at 2:30pm (main school field)
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1) sports day at 2:30pm (main school field)



19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5 Newcastle History trip (all day)
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and Year 4 (Lower Key Stage 2) sports day at 2:30pm (main school field)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	EYFS trip to Cullercoats (all day)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Phototronics taking class photographs in school (morning)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 trip to Alnwick Gardens (all day)
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 transition day for pupils going to North Gosforth Academy (Day 1)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 transition day for pupils going to North Gosforth Academy (Day 2)
16 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am – Year 6 leavers assembly for parents / carers of children in Y6
18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u></b>

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