



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 28th April 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

1) Autumn and Spring Term Attendance update

Below are the individual class attendance figures for across the whole of the Autumn term 2024 and the Spring term 2025. The Government's expectation is 96% and this should be the minimum that we are all aiming for this year.

Attendance for Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Friday 11th April 2025

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	93.3%
Year 4/5	93.6%
Year 3/4	93.7%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 1	88.9%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	82%

Last week, we had 0 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 across the Autumn and Spring terms was 93.1% which is well below the 96% national expectation. Let's hope we have a better week when we return after the Easter holidays!

Attendance letters were sent out before the Easter holidays. All red letter pupils will have a period of monitoring for rapid improvements across May 2025. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance with me, please call or email the school office and I will book an appointment over the phone or face to face.

2) Punctuality

Our gates open at 8:40am so that children can come into school and be ready for good start to their day.

A reminder that school officially starts at 8:50am with registration. Our lessons start promptly at 8:55am. We have a number of children who are coming in through the key stage doors between 8:55am and 9am and a few children who are coming in through the main door after 9am. This means that they are missing the start of their lesson which causes disruption for them but also for the rest of the children in the class who are ready to learn. Please can I ask for your support to ensure your child is in school on time at 8:50am? Many thanks.



3) School Uniform

To ensure we start the Summer term off in good fashion, a quick reminder of our agreed school uniform, **including black shoes** and PE kit.

Our agreed school uniform

<u>School Uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White or yellow polo shirt• Royal blue sweatshirt• Grey or black trousers• Grey or black skirt• Blue or yellow checked dress (in summer)• Grey or black shorts (in summer)• Black shoes

Please can I ask for your full support with our agreed school uniform? Phone calls home will be made where children are not in the right uniform. Many thanks.

4) PE Uniform

All children, from FS2 to Y6, will need to bring their correct PE kit into school and leave on their peg each week to get changed into. **The correct school PE kit must be worn**. We will make phone calls home to arrange for the kit to be brought in or will provide a spare kit for your child to wear if they do not have the correct kit. **Children are to wear their school jumper if it is cold on top of their PE uniform.**

Our agreed PE uniform

<u>PE uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White t-shirt• Dark shorts (navy blue or black)• Dark tracksuit bottoms (navy blue or black for the colder weather)• Suitable footwear, e.g sandals or trainers• School jumper (if cold)

We have our Year 4/5 class (Wednesday afternoon) going swimming across the Spring term with the letter being sent out before the holidays via School Comms. Your child's class teacher will let you know the dates for individual class PE lessons in their class newsletter for this half term.

5) Jewellery

Please can I remind parents / carers that it is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school. 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.

Towards the end of last term, staff have noticed pupils coming into school with necklaces, chains, rings, bracelets and earrings. Clear earrings are also not allowed in school or plasters over earrings.

The only exception to our no jewellery policy is a watch which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. A reminder that we do not allow SMART watches in school as they have the facility to take pictures and send messages which is against our safeguarding policies and procedures.

Please can I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety from our pre-school to Year 6. Many thanks for your support.

6) Names

Please can we ask parents / carers to ensure that all items of their children's clothes are names including jumpers and coats? One Y2 sized jumper looks very much the same as another Y2 sized jumper. Lost clothing, once located, is much easier to return to the rightful owner if it is named! Many thanks for your support with this.

7) Reading

Reading fluency and the enjoyment of reading are a high priority across the school. As parents / carers, you can continue to support at home by reading regularly at home with your child and by writing regular comments in their reading diaries each week. You are never too young or old to read or be read a story to!!!

We want to get off to a flying start with reading this Summer term and very much appreciate regular reading taking place at home. It makes a real difference and the children love telling the teachers when they have been heard read at home and by who!

8) Safeguarding

As we start the summer term, can I remind parents / carers that safeguarding is everyone's business? If you have any Child Protection or Safeguarding concerns, please speak to

- Miss Hunter (Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Liddle (Deputy Head and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Kane (SENDCo and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Hopper (HLTA and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Any member of staff (who will pass on your concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead)

I am sure you will agree that we all need to work together to ensure that our children are safe both in school and out of school.



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.

28 th April	<u>School re-opens after Easter holidays</u>
29 th April	Y1 and Y2 Safety Works trip (morning)
30 th April	FS1 Minibeast session for parents / carers at 9am
1 st May	FS2 Minibeast session for parents / carers at 9am
5 th May	<u>School closed for Bank Holiday Monday</u>
6 th May	9am – Burradon Helpers' meeting
7 th May	North Tyneside Parent Forum Session (1:45pm – 2:45pm)
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 (extended day) (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>
4 th June	North Tyneside Parent Forum Session (1:45pm – 2:45pm)
6 th June	Y2 Skipping Festival at The Lakeside (afternoon)
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)
24 th June	9am – Burradon Helpers' meeting
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)
16 th July	9:30am – Year 6 leavers assembly for parents / carers of children in Y6
17 th July	Burradon's Got Talent (pm)
18 th July	<u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u>

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