



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	85%
Year 4/5	93.8%
Year 3/4	98.6%
Year 2	99.5%
Year 1	89.4%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	94.6%

Last week, we had only 2 class above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.3% which is well below our 96% target.

### 2) Year 2 Skipping festival

Well done to our year 2 class who won the North Tyneside skipping festival on Friday! The children have worked very hard over the past few weeks to learn different skipping skills in preparation for the festival. Our Year 2 pupils achieved gold awards for their 'keep the pot boiling' team jump, silver awards for their 'run-jump-out' team jump. They also won a range of gold, silver and bronze awards for individual skipping skills. Great work, year 2!

### 3) Sports Days

A reminder that our sports days take place week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting!!

- 16<sup>th</sup> June FS2 and N4 (Early Years main school) sports day at 9:30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> June Y5 and Y6 (Upper Key Stage 2) sports day at 2:30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> June Y1 and Y2 (Key Stage 1) sports day at 2:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> June Y3 and Y4 (Lower Key Stage 2) sports day at 2:30pm

These will take place on the school field with the bottom school gate (alongside the church) being the way in and out of the school for the sports day events.

Our pre-school will be taking in their mini movers' sessions with Active North Tyneside which starts on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Parents / carers of our preschool sessions are



invited to come along to those sessions which are across 5 weeks. A message has been sent out to pre-school parents via school comms.

#### **4) Budget and Staffing**

Our school has a published admission number (PAN) of 27 with infant class sizes for Reception, Y1 and Y2 and no limit on numbers for classes in Key Stage 2. The vast majority of our classes are much, much smaller than this.

Schools are primarily funded from the number of pupils in their school. When you have lots of small classes this inevitably puts pressure on a school budget. The Staffing & Finance Governors, Mrs Noor and I have been working tirelessly, since March, to set a balanced budget for our school when costs are rising and our budget is very tight linked to pupil numbers.

The Staffing Governors and I are now finalising our main staffing and organisation plans for the next academic year 2025-2026. I intend to write to parents / carers about the school structure, organisation and staffing for September 2025 at the end of June / start of July, once this has been fully finalised.

#### **5) Whole school transition morning**

All children in school will take part in a transition morning on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July where they will meet their new class teacher and be in their new classroom. Teaching staff and year groups for September are still being finalised, and it is my intention to write to parents / carers regarding teachers and classes for September 2025 at the end of June / start of July, once this has been fully finalised. Once I have staffing finalised, I will also be setting up dates for parents / carers to meet their child's next class teacher.

#### **6) School Leadership Team for 2025-2026**

The Leadership Team from September 2025 is:

- Miss Hunter (Headteacher)
- Mrs Liddle (Deputy Head)
- Mrs Baty (EYFS Lead)
- Mrs Kane (SENDCo)

#### **7) End of year reports**

May I remind parents that end of year reports will be coming home at the end of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July (with the exception of morning FS1 nursery who will receive their report at lunchtime unless 30 hours)?

If any child is absent on that day, parents can collect their report from the office at the end of the day, or we will hold onto it until they return to school. If children are on holiday we will hold onto the report until they return to school or if they are off until the start of the new academic year, they will be posted out.

#### **8) Disability Living Allowance Applications**

As we approach the summer, the Governors and I would just like to clarify the school rules on Disability Living Allowance (DLA) applications and the school completing a section of this form. We have seen an increase in the number of DLA forms coming into school.



- Only the Headteacher, Miss Hunter, can complete a Disability Living Allowance application for a child on behalf of Burradon Community Primary School.
- Miss Hunter will only complete a DLA professional section for a child who is currently at Burradon Community Primary School and has been in school for 6 months or more.
- Miss Hunter cannot complete any DLA forms for children who are no longer at Burradon or for children who have not been at our school for at least 6 months.
- Miss Hunter will only complete the DLA form if all other sections have been fully completed by the parent / carers and the completed form has been handed to the School office.
- Miss Hunter will endeavour to complete and return any DLA forms within 10 working days of receiving these but cannot guarantee this in every case. (This does not include weekends and holidays).

We have also seen an increase in the number of direct phone calls we are receiving from the Department for Work and Pensions (Government Agency) where parents / carers have named a member of school staff and the school as a contact, but school have not been made aware of the application and have not completed the professional's section.

We respectfully ask that, if Burradon Community Primary School is named by parents / carers on a DLA application, that Miss Hunter is made aware of this via an email into the school inbox. Any phone calls received from the Department for Work and Pensions are dealt with by Miss Hunter. Your support with the above is much appreciated.

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.

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)
24 <sup>th</sup> June	9am – Burradon Helpers' meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Phototronics taking class photographs in school (morning)
June / July	Transition visits to a range of secondary schools will take place for our Year 6 pupils across June / July. Secondary schools will be contacting parents / carers with details
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)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 trip to Discovery Museum (all day)
14 <sup>th</sup> July	In school transition morning for next academic year
16 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am – Year 6 leavers assembly for parents / carers of children in Y6
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Burradon's Got Talent (pm)
18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u></b>

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