



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 13th October 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 6th October – Friday 10th October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	94.6%
Year 4/5	93%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 1	89.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	98%

Last week we had 2 classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.4% which is still well below our 96% target.

2) School Uniform

A very good start to our uniform rules in school with nearly all pupils correctly wearing our agreed school uniform all of the time – we really do appreciate the parental support with this. We do have a few shoes creeping in that are not black but I am sure that this will not be the case after the holidays and all pupils will have their black shoes on. A reminder about 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

Our



agreed PE uniform



PE uniform

- 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)

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.

3) Names

As we approach the end of the first half term, please can I ask parents / carers to have a quick check that all uniform, coats, hats and gloves are named. This makes it far easier for clothing to be found if it goes missing – with P.E sessions and other activities there are a lot of opportunities for clothing to be misplaced!

Uniform and PE kits cost a lot of money, and we always have lost items. These are difficult to link with children as one blue 5–6-year-old Burradon jumper looks very similar to another blue 5-6 year old Burradon jumper!

4) Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations in school with the children, we would like to collect donations from parents / carers and members of the local community. These donations will go to the Cramlington Foodbank. Thank you in advance for your support.

- Dried food can be brought into school from **Monday 13th October.**
- Any donations of fresh fruit and vegetables can be brought into school from **Monday 20th October until Wednesday 22nd October.**

5) Halloween Pumpkins

A reminder that children can bring in a decorated pumpkin on Thursday 23rd October. There will be a prize for the best pumpkin in each class.

6) Children in Need

Friday 14th November is Children in Need Fundraising day. The children have asked to come to school in non-uniform or pyjamas on this day and to bring in a suggested £1 donation for this worthwhile cause. Can I ask parents to ensure that their child also has a warm coat with them as the weather is definitely getting colder!!! Many thanks.

7) Flood update

Please can I ask parents / carers to be careful if they are around the school and community site on the training day and over the October half term holidays. This is due to the fact that



North Tyneside Council will be working on site (behind the bin bay and in the pre-school yard) to remove the water tanks that are in our top floor plant room.

During the October holidays, the small school water tank will be being drained, removed and replaced with a new water tank. The large community water tank, which failed and caused the flood, will be removed and replaced with a new water tank.

This work can only take place during the October half term holidays as school will be without water (hot and cold) for 5 days whilst this work take place. We have not been able to do this work any sooner as pupils and staff are in school working and we have prioritised keeping school open for all pupils, as I am sure you will appreciate.

On Friday, the specialist flooring restoration company returned to undertake further investigative works in the hall and kitchen floor areas. We are now awaiting the report with their findings and any works that may / may not need to be carried out. This report, once written, needs to go to the loss adjuster and then the insurance company

Unfortunately, all of this takes time. We are working as fast as we can but have to follow the correct procedures and processes to repair the significant damage caused by flood. The governors, staff and I appreciate your support and understanding in what is a very challenging time!

8) October Half Term holidays

Where does the time go – hard to believe we are already nearly at half term!!! Can I remind parents that the children break up for ½ term holidays at the end of Thursday 24th October as we have a training day on Friday 25th October? Children will return to school on Monday 3rd November.

9) School inbox, Facebook and Seesaw during October half term

A polite reminder that my team will not be making any Facebook or Seesaw posts during the October half term holidays. In addition, the school inbox and School Comms will not be regularly checked over the half term holidays and emails will be responded to when we return to school on Monday 3rd November.

The governors and I appreciate the support you have shown my team during the first half term 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.

23 rd October	Halloween / Non-Uniform dress up day
23 rd October	World War Presentation for Y4/5 and Y5/6
24 th October	<u>Teacher Training Day 2 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
27 th October	<u>October half term holidays</u>
3 rd November	<u>School re-opens after half term holiday</u>
4 th November	Phonics meeting for FS2 (Reception) parents (TBC)
5 th November	Y3 visit to the Hindu temple in Newcastle
7 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken in school
10 th November	Odd socks for Anti-Bullying week
10 th November	Anti-Bullying week 'Power for Good' theme
10 th November	World Nursery Rhyme week
11 th November	Northumbria Police 'Internet and Us' sessions for Year 5 and Year 6
11 th November	9am – Nursery Rhyme session for parents / carers of FS1 (Nursery) pupils (TBC)
14 th November	Non-uniform or pyjamas for Children in Need
14 th November	9am – Nursery Rhyme session for parents / carers of FS2 (Reception) pupils (TBC)
19 th November	9am – Burradon Helper's meeting
19 th December	<u>School closes at end of today for Christmas holidays</u>
5 th January	<u>Teacher Training Day 3 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
6 th January	<u>School re-opens after Christmas holidays</u>

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