



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 20th 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 13th October – Friday 17th October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	97.7%
Year 4/5	99.6%
Year 3	94%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 1	93.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	91%

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

2) Y4/5 and Y5/6 talks with members of the village

On Monday 13th October, our Y4/5 and Y5/6 class welcomed some members of our local community to come into school to talk to them about their experiences of living in the village during World War II. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit and asked some very insightful questions, gaining lots of knowledge from our visitors.

I have since received an email from Mr Chris Wray, who attended with our visitors, that I would like to share with parents / carers and the children.

“I write further to the residents visit (Irene Coates 82, Marlene Redpath 88, Joan Shields 92 and Ralph Wilson 92) to Burradon Community Primary School on 13 October 2025 to talk to the children regarding their experiences living in the village during World War II. The residents were really impressed with the children’s questions, and it is apparent that they have developed a genuine knowledge of World War II during their history lessons and recent visit to the Discovery Museum.

The residents were overwhelmed with the reception that they received from the children. The children were polite and courteous and are a credit to the school and the local community.

Please pass on the resident’s gratitude to the children, Mrs Jones and Miss Solway for their kindness and consideration during their visit to the school.”



3) 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 has started coming into school – many thanks for the donations.
- Any donations of fresh fruit and vegetables can be brought into school from **Monday 20th October until Wednesday 22nd October.**

4) Halloween

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.

Please find below a link from the Child Accident Prevent Trust on how to keep children safe this Halloween.

https://capt.org.uk/halloween/?utm_source=capt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parentsoct25&mc_cid=376a41f0ed&mc_eid=d72f37d350

5) Flood update

Unfortunately, following the further investigative works to the hall and kitchen floors last week, we have some significant work that needs to be carried out linked to the kitchen floor and back part of the hall floor adjacent. This is due to water getting underneath the concrete slab which has caused moisture to be sitting on the membrane above the underfloor heating. As a result, the kitchen equipment and benches need to come out so that the kitchen floor can be taken up to support the work that needs to be carried out to remove the water and moisture from under the floor in the kitchen and at the back of the hall.

I have a meeting booked into my diary next week with the loss adjuster, who is liaising with the insurance company, to review the work that needs to be carried out linked to the flooring investigations alongside the other work/quotes I am still awaiting approval for including some linked to the kitchen.

Unfortunately, all of this takes time. Hopefully, we will have approval by the end of next week so I can then have a clear timescale to work with. 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!

6) 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.

7) 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
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
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
19 th November	Y3 trip to Woodhorn Colliery (all day)
25 th November	White Ribbon Day
26 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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