



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 1st December 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!!

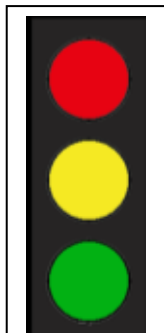
Attendance for Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	91.9%
Year 4/5	98.5%
Year 3	96%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 1	89.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	98.6%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.4% which is well below our 96% target.

2) End of Autumn 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**

We would love to see all children in the green zone (safety zone)!!!

If your child's attendance is in the amber zone (at risk zone), their attendance is below the standard set by the Government. As a school, 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. If your child is in the red zone, 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 their attendance.

3) Whickham Thorns

Last week our Y1-Y6 children all went to Whickham Thorns for a full day of Outdoor and Adventurous activities to support our autumn term PE and Sport statutory curriculum.

Behaviour was exemplary and the children fully embraced the wide range of different learning activities that were on offer for individual classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and their active day. We were lucky that, for the majority of each day, the rain held off for the children.

Below are a range of comments from the children about their day at Whickham Thorns.

- I really enjoyed rock climbing - it was so high and incredibly challenging, but I succeeded!
- The Laser Tag was brilliant because it felt realistic and fun.
- Whickham Thorns is an excellent place. I enjoyed the virtual rock climbing - it was exciting when we had to hit the moving targets and try to beat the highest score.
- Finding the flags during orienteering was great! I enjoyed working together with my team.
- Snowtubing was fun. First, I was by myself and then I did it with my friend.
- It was super fun because we went snow tubing.
- Whickham Thorns was exciting. My favourite part was the snow tubing! I went fast!
- I enjoyed orienteering and looking for each kite. I felt relaxed afterwards.
- It was brilliant and I loved the Bushcraft especially lighting a fire and eating the marshmallows!
- I liked the Laser Tag because it was fun and active! It was also competitive.
- The climbing wall was fun, and we all cheered for each other! I felt scared but I was really brave. I did it and I was resilient.
- I would like to go have another go of the climbing wall.
- I loved being outdoors and active all day! I loved working in teams.
- The orienteering was fun! I was really good at reading the map! I liked spotting the markers with my team!
- It was really good because when we went rock climbing, they made sure we were fastened in properly.
- It was really fun, and I would like to go back because we did lots of good activities.
- It was excellent. I liked everything because there was lots of stuff to do.
- I really liked Laser Tag because it was really fun. It was hard because the sensor was on your head!
- I liked rock climbing because you were fastened in and you could go as high as you want and touch the ceiling.
- I really enjoyed laser tag when we had to capture the flag and use teamwork.
- I enjoyed exploring all around.
- I loved laser tag and liked it when the teachers joined in.



4) 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 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!

5) A new arrival!

I am delighted to tell parents / carers that Miss Forbes gave birth to a baby boy last week. Both mother and son are doing well, and I am sure you will join with us in sending our best wishes and congratulations to Miss Forbes, her partner and her older son on their new addition to the family.

6) Christmas holidays

Children will break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December 2025. Children will return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

7) School inbox, Facebook and Seesaw during Christmas holidays

A polite reminder that my team will not be making any Facebook or Seesaw posts during the Christmas holidays. In addition, the school inbox and School Comms will not be regularly checked over the Christmas holidays and emails will be responded to when we return to school on Monday 5th January for our training day.

This has been an extremely challenging term for many reasons. The governors, staff and I would like to parents / carers for the positive comments we have received as we continue to navigate a tricky flood restoration project. The full support and understanding of parents / carers is very 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.

2 nd December	Y2 attending online science festive farming quest workshop
12 th December	EYFS Polar Express Day
15 th December	EYFS, including Pre-School, Christmas party (morning)
15 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties (afternoon)
16 th December	EYFS Pantomime 'Clumsiest Elf' at Fordley Primary (am)
16 th December	KS1 and KS2 Pantomime 'Agent Frostbite' at Fordley Primary (pm)
17 th December	Year 3 and Year 4/5 Christmas parties (afternoon)
18 th December	Year 5/6 Christmas party (afternoon)
19 th December	Pre-School 'Night before Christmas' morning
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>
15 th January	Year 6 Safety Works visit (am)
2 nd February	Year 2 skipping training (afternoon)
10 th February	Safer Internet Day 'Smart Tech Safe Choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'
13 th February	<u>School closes at end of today for February half term holidays</u>
23 rd February	<u>School re-opens after February half term holidays</u>
9 th March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week
13 th March	High Borrans Residential weekend (for pupils in Y5 and Y6 who have signed up to go)
16 th March	High Borrans pupils return to school (mid-afternoon)

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