



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 2nd February 2026

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 26th January – Friday 30th January

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	95.2%
Year 4/5	91.2%
Year 3	89.6%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 1	89.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	89.5%

Last week we only had 1 class above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 92.3% which is well below our 96% target. An awful week for attendance linked to the sickness and diarrhoea bug that has swept the school alongside coughs and colds. Fingers crossed for a much, much better week this week.

2) Careers Dress Up Day and Sharing Assembly

A reminder that our careers dress up day and sharing assembly are on Thursday 12th February at 9:05am.

3) Ofsted Update linked to new report cards and grades

OFSTED have made changes to the way that they inspect schools. We have a new inspection framework, and they have designed new-look report cards for parents / carers. These new report cards are designed to give parents / carers a clearer picture of what is working well in a school and where the next steps for improvement are.

OFSTED no longer give one overall judgement such as 'good', 'outstanding' or 'requires improvement.' Instead report cards show colour-coded grades for different areas and these areas are graded on a new scale. The different areas are:

- Attendance and behaviour
- Personal development and well-being
- Inclusion (how well the school meets the needs of all children)
- Achievement
- Curriculum and teaching
- Early Years
- Leadership and governance



OFSTED now grade these areas on a new scale:

- Exceptional
- Strong standard
- Expected standard
- Needs attention
- Urgent improvement.

OFSTED also report on whether safeguarding responsibilities are 'met' or 'not met'.

The 'expected standard' means that a school is doing everything that it should be doing and is a high standard. This is represented as a green colour coding on the report card.

The 'strong standard' marks out excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners.

'Needs attention' is an indication that there is work to be done to reach the 'expected standard.' This is represented as an orange colour coding on the report card. It is not a 'fail' but highlights where action needs to be taken / areas addressed to ensure the 'expected standard' is reached.

Parents / carers may see a mix of grades across a report card: it's perfectly possible to achieve highly in some areas and require a little more focus in others.

If parents / carers would like to know more about the new report cards, OFSTED have a YouTube video entitled 'New OFSTED report cards and grades: A guide for parents' which can be accessed from the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kb10FvY976g>

4) Names

Please can we ask parents / carers to ensure that all items of their children's clothes are named 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.

5) February half term holidays

A reminder that school breaks for the February half term holidays on Friday 13th February for a week. The children will return to school on Monday 23rd February.

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 February	Year 2 skipping training (afternoon)
3 rd February	9am – 10am – Connect Mental Health Team Parent / carer drop in
4 th February	9am – Fairytale session for parents / carers of FS1 children
4 th February	Y2 visit to Newcastle Cathedral (afternoon)
5 th February	9am – Fairytale session for parents / carers of FS2 children
6 th February	Y1 phonics checker meeting for parents / carers at 9am
10 th February	Safer Internet Day 'Smart Tech Safe Choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'
10 th February	House Team event linked to online safety
11 th February	Child pedestrian training program with NT Council for FS2 – Y6 children
12 th February	Careers dress up day for the whole school
12 th February	9:05am – Careers sharing assembly for parents / carers in the hall
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>
3 rd March	Parent / Carer Evening (online booking will follow closer to the time)
4 th March	Parent / Carer Evening (online booking will follow closer to the time)
5 th March	Y4 Multiplication tables check meeting for parents / carers at 9am
9 th March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week
11 th March	Connect Mental Health Team playground walk around (8:30am – 9am)
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)
25 th March	Y2 trip to Newcastle Quayside and Discovery Museum (all day)
1 st April	Y3 trip to Arbeia Roman Fort (all day)
2 nd April	<u>School closes at end of today for Easter holidays</u>
20 th April	<u>School re-opens after Easter holidays</u>
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday (School closed to all pupils)
11 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
22 nd May	<u>School closes at end of today for May half term holidays</u>
1 st June	<u>School re-opens after May half term holidays</u>
15 th June	National School Sports Week
15 th June	9:15am – Early Years (FS2 & FS1) Sports day on main school field
15 th June	2:30pm – Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2) Sports day on main school field
16 th June	2:30pm – Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & Y4) Sports day on main school field



18th June

2:30pm – Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 & Y6) Sports day on main school field

17th July

School closes at end of today for summer holidays

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