



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 26th January 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 19th January – Friday 23rd January

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	94.4%
Year 4/5	94.2%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 1	92.6%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	90%

Last week we only had 1 class above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95% which is below our 96% target. We are still experiencing the impact of this sickness bug but hopefully we are seeing the end of this now in school.

2) School Council Holocaust Memorial Event

Our School Council represented our school at the North Tyneside Holocaust Memorial Event in North Tyneside on Friday where our Year 6 pupil's work was showcased alongside other schools. Miss Hopper was very proud of our School Council for their listening skills and the respect that they demonstrated across the morning. Well done, School Council.

3) Uniform

Overall, an excellent start to the year. Huge thanks to parents / carers and pupils for supporting our agreed school uniform and PE kit. Our pupils looked extremely smart in their school uniform including their completely black shoes, wearing it with a sense of pride.

4) Jewellery

A reminder that earrings must not be worn in school. It is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school, including earrings of any type (also the very small, plastic ones) and SMART watches. I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety.

5) Water bottles in school

It is really important that all children have a water bottle in school so they can re-hydrate on



a regular basis in school. Staff will continue to encourage the children to drink regularly including if they have milk in school.

A polite reminder that there should only be **water** in children's water bottles which they access in the classroom. We have seen an increase in juice being brought into school and we are a water only school in line with the 'Food in Schools' guidance from the DfE. Your full support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

6) Thrive Ambassador school with excellence in relationships award

We are delighted to tell parents / carers that we have now been awarded Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Relationship.



Our assessor wrote the following wonderful comments about our school and the work we do in this area.

Congratulations on achieving your Ambassador award for relationship. Your evidence and website clearly show the work you do to develop relationships with both parents and pupils with the support of your governors and other stakeholders such as links to external mental health support when required. Your use of Thrive online to identify pupils needs supports staff to use the relational approach in an age related way to help form secure relationships which support children to feel safe and engage in learning. I hope you will continue to work towards your other awards to become a Thrive school of excellence.

Huge thanks and congratulations to Mrs Little and Mrs Hopper who lead our Thrive work in our school. Huge thanks and congratulations also must go to all of our fantastic children, dedicated staff and supportive parents / carers who support our Thrive, behaviour and personal development and well-being systems throughout the year – a real team effort and well deserved!!!

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.

26 th January	Y6 SATs meeting for parents / carers at 9am and repeated at 3:30pm
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
18 th June	2:30pm – Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 & Y6) Sports day on main school field
17 th July	<u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u>

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