



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Where did the first half of this academic year go! I hope that you all had a nice half term break and are ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the academic year.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	96.4%
Year 4/5	94.6%
Year 3	91.6%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 1	93.2%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	97.6%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.4% which is well below our 96% target.

I am meeting with a member of North Tyneside’s attendance team this morning to review the attendance across the school and to also look at pupils currently below 90%. We will also be looking at any punctuality concerns we have linked to children arriving late for school or being collected late from school on a regular basis.

### 2) School Uniform

Firstly, can I say huge thanks to parents / carers who fully support the school with all aspects of their child’s school uniform? Your support with this school rule is very much appreciated.

Just a polite reminder that our agreed school uniform includes pupils wearing black shoes. We have noticed an increase in pupils not wearing black shoes and would appreciate full parental support with this part of our uniform.

During our parents’ / carers’ evenings for EYFS and Y1-Y6 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, staff will be mentioning uniform to parents / carers as part of their meeting as we do have a number of children who are still not in the correct school uniform. We also want to ensure that children who are wearing the correct school uniform get the praise they deserve.



To support parents / carers, we will have our pre-loved school uniform items on display in the school hall on both parents' / carer nights'. If you need any items of school uniform or your children have grown out of things and need a bigger size, please have a look in the hall after your parents' / carers' appointment to see if there is anything that would be suitable.

If parents' / carers' have any school uniform that they no longer need, please consider donating this to the school for our uniform swop shop. Anything will be very gratefully received. If you need any further support with school uniform, please email the school and Mrs Liddle and I will be happy to try and support.

### 3) High Borrans Weekend Residential

Our outdoor and adventurous weekend residential for Y5 and Y6 children will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March to return on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We have 27 children on our list for this wonderful extra-curricular activity which is amazing.

Mrs Liddle will be leading the weekend residential trip. She will be accompanied by the following staff:

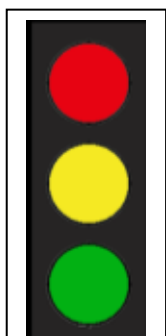
- Miss Hopper (Y2 teacher)
- Mrs Jones (Y5/6 teacher)
- Miss Ingham (Teaching Assistant and first aider)
- Mrs McLean (Teaching Assistant)

Our staff give up their weekend with their own families, voluntarily without any additional pay, to enable this residential to go ahead. The governors and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the team accompanying the children and I am sure that parents / carers of children attending the residential will also join with us in thanking our staff.

Our High Borrans residential is always well attended and an exciting, challenging, fun filled and tiring weekend is always reported every year. It will be a brilliant trip!

### 4) End of Spring Term Attendance

A reminder that at the end of the spring 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**

As a school, we aim for every child to be in the 'Safety Zone' with attendance over 96%. It is

fantastic if your child is in the green zone!! If your child's attendance is in the amber zone (at risk zone), 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. 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 your child's attendance. There will also be a period of attendance monitoring.

### **5) World Book Day**

It is World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The theme this year is '**Celebrating reading for pleasure**' as part of the National Year of Reading 2026. To celebrate this event each child will receive a voucher which they can exchange for the £1 book that are associated with World Book Day 2026 or use to get £1 off a book of their choice.

Mrs Smith sent out an overview letter of the activities that will be taking place in school to promote reading for pleasure. Children are invited to come into school dressed up as their favourite character or they can simply come in non-school uniform. Please do not spend a lot of money buying a costume, there are lots of characters that are dressed in normal clothing e.g. Charlie Bucket from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' or the characters from Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Tom Gates etc.

### **6) Red Nose Day**

I am sure you will be aware of the upcoming national event, Red Nose Day! On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we are having a wear something red non-uniform day! The children are invited into school to wear their own clothes and a red item of clothing or accessory. As always, we thank you for your support with our fundraising efforts and donations of £1 for this worthwhile cause will be very much appreciated.

### **7) Road Safety talks prior to half term**

We had the 'Go Smarter Team' in school before half term to give talks across the school to pupils about road safety and how to stay safe around roads. Parents / carers should have received an information sheet about road safety. Please can I ask parents / carers to discuss the road safety messages in this information with their child to reinforce what they have heard in school. Many thanks.

### **8) New school phone number from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

A reminder that our new school telephone number is 0191 2366888.

### **9) A new arrival!**

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

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.

25 <sup>th</sup> February	9am – Year 1 to Year 6 parent / carer online safety session
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent / Carer Evening (online booking will follow closer to the time)
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Phunky Foods session in EYFS (afternoon)
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent / Carer Evening (online booking will follow closer to the time)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day 2026 'Celebrating reading for pleasure.'
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Multiplication tables check meeting for parents / carers at 9am
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-School parents / carers appointment
9 <sup>th</sup> March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 and Year 6 Financial Education Workshops (afternoon)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Connect Mental Health Team playground walk around (8:30am – 9am)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Phunky Foods session in EYFS (afternoon)
13 <sup>th</sup> March	High Borrans Residential weekend (for pupils in Y5 and Y6 who have signed up to go)
16 <sup>th</sup> March	High Borrans pupils return to school (mid-afternoon)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Phunky Foods session in EYFS (afternoon)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Anti-social behaviour workshops with Northumbria Police for Year 5 and Year 6
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – wear something red
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 trip to Newcastle Quayside and Discovery Museum (all day)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Phunky Foods session in EYFS (afternoon)
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y3 trip to Arbeia Roman Fort (all day)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b><u>School closes at end of today for Easter holidays</u></b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b><u>School re-opens after Easter holidays</u></b>
4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School closed to all pupils)</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b><u>School closes at end of today for May half term holidays</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b><u>School re-opens after May half term holidays</u></b>
15 <sup>th</sup> June	National School Sports Week
15 <sup>th</sup> June	9:15am – Early Years (FS2 & FS1) Sports day on main school field
15 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30pm – Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2) Sports day on main school field
16 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30pm – Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 & Y4) Sports day on main school field
18 <sup>th</sup> June	2:30pm – Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 & Y6) Sports day on main school field
17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u></b>

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