



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 9<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	96%
Year 4/5	90%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 1	96.3%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	99%

Last week we had 4 classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95.1% which is below our 96% target.

### 2) Celebrating 20 years

Burradon Community Primary School's building is 20 years old in April!! We will be holding an in house team event and we would like to share memories as part of this event from people who have attended the old school or anyone who was part of the new school celebrations in 2006.

If you have any memories or photographs that you would be happy for us to share with our children during our house team event, please send these to our school email address by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### 3) Miss Watts

I am delighted to inform parents / carers that Miss Watts will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Miss Watts will be returning as a full time class teacher to our Year 4 (mornings) and Year 4/5 (afternoon) classes. Miss Watts has kept in touch with regular visits across the autumn and spring terms, including attending training days, and is looking forward to returning to our school and the Y4/5 class.

### 4) Miss Solway

Miss Solway will be leaving us on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March following Miss Watts' return. Miss Solway has been with us since September 2025 and has been a dedicated member of staff working in



Year 4 (mornings) and Year 4/5 (afternoons). I am sure you will join with us in wishing Miss Solway every success as she moves onto pastures new.

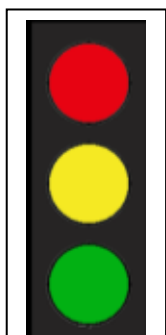
### 5) High Borrans

A group of very tired Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and 5 staff will return from High Borrans today after having had an amazing weekend of outdoor and adventurous activities. Our pupils are a credit to their families and our school – well done!!!

I am sure you will join with me in expressing huge thanks to Mrs Liddle (Group Leader), Miss Hopper, Mrs Jones, Miss Ingham and Mrs McLean who left their own families and children for the weekend to accompany the children and enable the visit to take place. Without the staff giving up their precious evening time, unpaid, this visit would not be able to take place.

### 6) End of Spring 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. We are also

aware that there has been a sickness bug in school that your child may well have caught.

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 maybe in contact with you before the end of this term to discuss your child's attendance and to see if there is anything the school can do to support the attendance improve.

### 7) Jewellery

Please can I remind parents / carers that it is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school. Jewellery can be a serious risk to the children's safety during P.E sessions, playtimes, lunchtime sport activities and after school activities. There are lots of opportunities for children to get jewellery caught which can cause nasty injuries.

As we approach the end of the spring term, staff have noticed pupils coming into school with earrings including the plastic disc ones, necklaces, bracelets and rings. The only exception to our no jewellery policy is a watch (no SMART watches) which needs to be removed for PE and Sport sessions. Please can I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety from Pre-School to Year 6. Many thanks for your support.

### 8) Adult books in the reception area

Just a reminder that we have a wide selection of adult books which can be borrowed from our bookshelf in the reception area of the school. We also are grateful for any adult book donations which can then be enjoyed by other parents / carers.

### 9) Easter holidays

A reminder that school breaks for the Easter holidays at the end of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – early this year! The children will return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

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.

16 <sup>th</sup> March	High Borrans pupils return to school (mid-afternoon)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Phunky Foods session in EYFS
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
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y3 trip to Arbeia Roman Fort (all day)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	House Team event linked to the 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school
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>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Rain Show Performance for Y1-Y6 (morning)
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Careers Talks from North East Autism Society for Y1-Y6 (afternoon)
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
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)
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>



3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y1 online Buddhist workshop
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent / Carer session 'Growing brains, guiding behaviour' (TBC)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 skipping festival at the Lakeside
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)
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
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Annual reports for children out to parents / carers
17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u></b>

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