



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 23<sup>rd</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 16<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	90.8%
Year 4/5	92.8%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 2	85.3%
Year 1	98.9%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	85.7%

Last week we had only 1 class above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 92.7% which is well below with our 96% target. We have had a lot of chicken pox this week which has made a big impact on our attendance weekly figures.

### 2) 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 are likely to see a mix of grades across a report card: it's typical 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=kbl0FvY976g>

### **3) School inbox, School Comms. Facebook and Seesaw during the Easter holidays**

A polite reminder that my team will not be making any Facebook or Seesaw posts during the Easter holidays. In addition, the school inbox and School Comms will not be regularly checked over the holidays and any emails or School Comms messages will be responded to when we return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026. The governors and I appreciate the support you have shown my team during the spring term of this academic year.

### **4) 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.

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
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs (morning)
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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