



# Burradon Community Primary School



## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school after the Easter holidays. We are now in the final term of our 2025-2026 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 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	95%
Year 4/5	89.5%
Year 3	90%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 1	84.2%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	82.7%

Last week we had only no classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 90.8% which is well below with our 96% target. Let hope the summer term is better for attendance and chicken pox and the sickness bug is behind us.

Attendance letters were sent out before the Easter holidays. All red-letter pupils will have a period of monitoring for rapid improvements across April and May 2026. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance with me, please call or email the school office and I will book an appointment over the phone or face to face.

### 2) Punctuality

Our gates open at 8:40am so that children can come into school and be ready for good start to their day.

A reminder that school officially starts at 8:50am with registration. Our lessons start promptly at 8:55am. We have a few children who are coming in through their classroom doors between 8:55am and 9am and a few children who are coming in through the main door after 9am. This means that they are missing the start of their lesson which causes disruption for them but also for the rest of the children in the class who are ready to learn.



Please can I ask for your support to ensure your child is in school on time at 8:50am? Many thanks.

In addition, please can I politely remind parents / carers that our Early Years finish at 3:15pm. Our Y1 to year 6 pupils finish at 3:20pm. Prompt collection of your children at the end of the day is much appreciated as my team regularly deliver clubs, attend training and have meetings after school.

### 3) School Uniform

To get the summer term off to a good start, a reminder about our agreed school uniform, including **black shoes** and PE kit. **Our agreed school uniform, including black shoes, must be worn by all our children.**

#### Our agreed school uniform

<u>School Uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White or yellow polo shirt</li><li>• Royal blue sweatshirt</li><li>• <b>Grey or black trousers</b></li><li>• <b>Grey or black skirt</b></li><li>• Blue or yellow checked dress (in summer)</li><li>• Grey or black shorts (in summer)</li><li>• <b>Black shoes</b></li></ul>

Please can I ask for your full support with our agreed school uniform? Phone calls home will be made where children are not in the right uniform. Many thanks.

### 4) PE Uniform

All children, from FS2 to Y6, will need to bring their correct PE kit into school and leave on their peg each week to get changed into. **The correct school PE kit must be worn.** We will make phone calls home to arrange for the kit to be brought in or will provide a spare kit for your child to wear if they do not have the correct kit. **Children are to wear their school jumper if it is cold on top of their PE uniform.**

#### Our agreed PE uniform

<u>PE uniform</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White t-shirt</li><li>• Dark shorts (navy blue or black)</li><li>• Dark tracksuit bottoms (navy blue or black for the colder weather)</li><li>• Suitable footwear, e.g sandals or trainers</li><li>• School jumper (if cold)</li></ul>

## 5) Names

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

## 6) Safeguarding

As we start the summer term, can I remind parents / carers that safeguarding is everyone's business? If you have any Child Protection or Safeguarding concerns, please speak to

- Miss Hunter (Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Liddle (Deputy Head and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Kane (SENDCo and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Hopper (HLTA and Additional Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Any member of staff (who will pass on your concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead)

I am sure you will agree that we all need to work together to ensure that our children are safe both in school and out of school.

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.

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	Pre-School visiting the White Swan Centre for Rhyme time and Storytime session (TBC)
22 <sup>nd</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	Parent / Carer session 'Growing brains, guiding behaviour'
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS (FS1 and FS2) trip to Whitehouse Farm (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)
25 <sup>th</sup> June	La Petite Crêperie French enrichment session for Y4/5 & Y5/6 (afternoon)
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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