



Burradon Community Primary School



Tuesday 5th May 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 27th April – Friday 1st May

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	96.8%
Year 4/5	89.6%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 2	89.6%
Year 1	96.8%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	93.3%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.3% which is well below with our 96% target. This is better than last week but we still had a number of holidays during term time across the school last week.

2) PE kit

With the warmer weather, our PE sessions are now taking place outdoors wherever possible. Please can I ask that all children have a full kit for PE (shorts, t-shirts, jogging pants and trainers / sandshoes) to enable them to take part.

If children forget their PE kit on that day, we will continue to ring home and ask for PE kit to be brought into school to enable them to take part fully. We also have spare PE kit in school for children to change into to enable them to participate fully in this statutory part of their curriculum. Many thanks for your support with this.

3) School holiday dates

We have had a few queries about when the school holiday dates are for next academic year (September 2026 – August 2027). These can be found on our website:

<https://www.burradoncommunityprimaryschool.co.uk/news-and-events/school-holiday-dates>

The holiday dates for the remainder of the current academic year (September 2025 – August 2026) can also be found on the same website page.



4) **Burradon Helpers**

Burradon Helpers is a parents/carers group which enables parents, carers and friends of Burradon to be actively involved in the life of the School. We meet at least termly to come up with ideas to raise money for the school. We also help out at House Team Events, trips, etc. If you are interested in being part of this group come along to our next meeting for this academic year on Friday 15th May at 2:45pm.

5) **Play Park and Skate Park**

As the nights get lighter, we find that an increasing number of children, of all ages, use the community facilities after school, at the weekend and over the holiday periods.

We have had reports of a few incidents in the play park over the Easter holidays involving some anti-social behaviour and bad language, particularly from older children. However, we are aware that lots of our children use the play park after school, evening and weekends.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents / carers that the play park and skate park are unsupervised areas of the community site? These areas are not the responsibility of the school.

6) **May half term holiday**

A reminder that school will be closed for all pupils for the May half term holiday from the end of the school day on Friday 22nd May. All pupils will return to school on Monday 1st June for the final part of the summer term.

7) **Dates**

At the end of this newsletter, I have added more to the dates for the rest of this term including our Y6 leavers assembly (for parents / carers of pupils in Y6) and class trips.

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.

11 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
21 st May	Pre-School visiting the White Swan Centre for Rhyme time and Storytime Session
21 st May	Targeted talks linked to Down Syndrome (Y1-Y6)
22 nd May	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)



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>
June / July	Transition visits to a range of secondary schools will take place for our Year 6 pupils across June / July. Secondary schools will be contacting parents / carers with details.
3 rd June	Y1 online Buddhist workshop
4 th June	Parent / Carer session 'Growing brains, guiding behaviour'
5 th June	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)
5 th June	EYFS (FS1 and FS2) trip to Whitehouse Farm
5 th June	Y2 skipping festival at the Lakeside
11 th June	Targeted Y6 enhanced transition session (afternoon)
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
25 th June	Class photographs (morning)
25 th June	La Petite Crêperie French enrichment session for Y4/5 & Y5/6 (afternoon)
3 rd July	Annual reports for children out to parents / carers
6 th July	Y6 transition day for pupils going to North Gosforth Academy (Day 1)
7 th July	Y6 transition day for pupils going to North Gosforth Academy (Day 2)
9 th July	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Alnwick Gardens (all day)
13 th July	In school transition morning for next academic year
15 th July	9:30am – Year 6 leavers assembly for parents / carers of children in Y6
17 th July	<u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u>

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