



Burradon Community Primary School



Monday 8th June 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 1st June – Friday 5th June

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 5/6	95.1%
Year 4/5	94%
Year 3	96%
Year 2	90%
Year 1	92.6%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	93.3%

Last week we had only 1 class above 96% which is our expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 93.5% which is well below to our 96% target.

2) OFSTED Inspection on Tuesday 2nd June and Wednesday 3rd June

As you know, last week we had our Ofsted inspection which was 4 years since our last inspection. The inspection, which was a full graded inspection, was conducted under a new, challenging inspection framework that was updated in September 2025 and is linked to a new inspection toolkit for grading.

As Headteacher, I was incredibly proud of our children and staff during the inspection. Many pupils spoke to the inspectors about their learning and all pupils demonstrated their excellent behaviour throughout the day. I would also like to thank the parents / carers who replied to the Ofsted questionnaire and those who spoke to the Ofsted inspection team in the yard.

Ofsted put all new 'report cards' through a strict series of checks before they are published and there are tight rules that forbid us discussing the results with you before then. However, as soon as we get the official 'report card' it will be emailed to parent/carers and put on the school website.

Many I take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors and staff to thank you for your continued support for our school and your child.

3) Ofsted reminder linked to new report cards and grades

Linked to our Ofsted inspection and prior to our 'report card' being published, a reminder that

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
- 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'.

Inspections start with looking at the expected standard statements and every statement must be securely met for the expected standard to be achieved. 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 some action needs to be taken to ensure the 'expected standard' is reached.

Parents / carers may see a mix of grades across a report card: it's perfectly possible 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 You Tube 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>

Yours Sincerely

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Upcoming events at Burradon Community Primary School



Letters for events and activities below, where appropriate, will follow.

8 th June	Y1 phonics screener to take place this week
8 th June	Reverend Moon visiting EYFS
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
19 th June	9am – 10am: Pre-School physical activity session for parents / carers with their pre-school child
25 th June	Class photographs (morning)
25 th June	La Petite Crêperie French enrichment session for Y4/5 & Y5/6 (afternoon)
26 th June	Y2 visit from Humanist linked to RE
30 th June	FS1 Stay and Play session (9:30am – 10:30am)
30 th June	FS2 Stay and Play session (1:30pm – 2:30pm)
30 th June	Y3 trip to the Great North Museum (Ancient Egyptians & Planetarium)
3 rd July	Y1 trip to the Discovery Museum (Stephenson's Rocket)
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)
8 th July	FS2 Stay and Play session (9:30am – 10:30am)
8 th July	FS1 Stay and Play session (1:30pm – 2:30pm)
9 th July	Pre-school Stay and Play session (9:30am – 10:30am)
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	Y2 trip to the Great North Museum (Science habitats)
15 th July	9:30am – Year 6 leavers assembly for parents / carers of children in Y6
16 th July	Burradon's Got Talent (in school event)
17 th July	<u>School closes at end of today for summer holidays</u>

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