



Burradon Community Primary School

Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Can I say a huge thank you to parents / carers, staff and our wonderful children for last week and our first 3 days back in school? It was wonderful to see all our amazing children back in our school.

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 Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 4th September

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	98.2%
Year 5	89.7%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 1	95.2%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	97.3%

Last week we had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95.3% which is slightly below our 96% target. Let's hope our first full week back in school next week is above 96%.

2) Uniform

An excellent start to the year. Huge thanks to parents / carers and pupils for supporting our agreed school uniform and PE kit. Our pupils looked extremely smart in their school uniform including their completely black shoes, wearing it with a sense of pride.

3) Jewellery

A reminder that earrings must not be worn in school. It is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school, including earrings and SMART watches. I ask for full parental support with this aspect of Health and Safety. If your child has had their ears pierced recently, please can you ring the school to discuss this if we haven't already been in contact last week.

4) Vision and Values

A quick reminder about our whole school vision and values. These are at the heart of our curriculum in school and are embedded into every subject across all year groups.



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Learning together; growing together

Be curious about the world around you, ask questions and investigate.

Care and respect yourself, other people, our school and the wider world.

Persevere and be resilient - be the best you can.

Stay safe, make sensible choices and do things that make you happy.

At the heart of the community

5) Reading

Reading fluency and the enjoyment of reading are a high priority across the school. As parents / carers, you can continue to support at home by reading regularly at home with your child and by writing regular comments in their reading diaries each week. You are never too young or old to read or be read a story to!!!

We want to get off to a flying start with reading this term and very much appreciate regular reading taking place at home. It makes a real difference and the children love telling the teachers when they have been heard read at home and by who!

6) Water bottles in school

It is really important that all children have a water bottle in school so they can re-hydrate on a regular basis in school. Staff will continue to encourage the children to drink regularly including if they have milk in school. A polite reminder that there should only be water in children's water bottles which they access in the classroom.

7) Eco School Award

During the summer holidays, we received an email to tell us that Miss Arkley and the Eco-Committee had been successful in meeting the requirements to be re-awarded the ECO Schools Green Flag Award.

The feedback received was amazing! It was exceptionally positive and very lengthy so I have taken out some of the main bits to share below – it was really hard to narrow down the fantastic feedback.

- We're thrilled to hear about the success that your waste warrior project had on your entire school. By reducing your food waste by 22% over 6 weeks you help too ensure students understand the importance of not wasting food and not wasting the essential component that go into making the food. Keep up the amazing work!
- It was wonderful to hear that you have been able to plant flowers that support your pollinators to increase biodiversity on your school site. The more we can do to support our pollinators in our local environment the greater chance there is that local wildlife will thrive and flora we'll begin sprouting up in various different locations.



- We are so pleased to hear that your year 3 did lunchbox audits in order to fight plastic. The more we can reduce single use plastics the better it will be for our environment especially our marine and river life who often mistake single use plastics for food or good building resources. Keep up the amazing work!
- We're ecstatic to hear that you have built some habitats for hedgehogs in order to support your local wildlife community. By doing your bit to support the wildlife that calls your school home you have been able to encourage local flora and fauna to thrive and developed a closer relationship with the world around you. We can't wait to see what you do next!
- It's amazing to hear how you've involved your year one students in considering what materials can be recycled. The more we teach our young people about the importance of recycling and reusing their waste the better our planet will look. We loved hearing all about you making your own recycled paper from all bits of scrap paper. It sounds like a wonderful activity!

To have yet another ECO Green Flag renewal is a huge achievement. Well done Miss Arkley, ECO Team, all pupils and staff. Thank you also to our parents / carers and community for their support with our ECO School's curriculum.

8) **Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award**

In the summer term, Mrs Baty, submitted our School Games Assessment and evidence. These awards are in recognition of the work the school does linked to the development of school sport, physical education and competitions.

Mrs Baty, staff, sports crew and all pupils continue to work very hard on our PE and Sport curriculum across the school. We are delighted to have retained our gold award!!

Huge thanks and congratulations to Mrs Baty who leads the PE and Sport work in our school. Huge thanks and congratulations also must go to all our fantastic children, dedicated staff and supportive parents / carers who support our PE and Sport provision throughout the year – a real team effort and well deserved!!!

9) **Dates**

At the end of this newsletter, I have started to compile a list of significant dates and events in our Autumn Term calendar. The dates include our first parent / teacher appointment evenings. Hopefully there will be no changes to these dates as we work through the term ahead!

We are making some changes to how we organise and manage parent / carers activities, such as Anti Bully Sharing Assemblies. My team and I are currently finalising our new procedures and booking system linked to parent / carer events taking place in school. More information will follow over the next few weeks linked to the changes we are implementing for all.

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.

18 th September	Police talks in Year 5 and Year 6 (afternoon)
30 th September	Parent / Carer Teacher Night (appointment booking will follow)
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30 th September	Team Rubicon Skateboarding / Scooter enrichment sessions (FS2 – Y6)
23 rd October	<u>Teacher Training Day 2 (school closed to all pupils)</u>
26 th October	<u>October half term holidays</u>
2 nd November	<u>School re-opens after half term holiday</u>
5 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken across whole school (morning)
11 th November	Pre-school parents' / carers' nursery rhyme session (8:55am – 9:30am) – more details to follow linked to signing up to attend
12 th November	FS1 (Nursery) parents' / carers' nursery rhyme week activities (9am – 9:45am) – more details to follow linked to signing up to attend
13 th November	FS2 (Reception) parents' / carers' nursery rhyme week activities (9am – 9:45am) – more details to follow linked to signing up to attend
16 th November	Odd socks for Anti-Bullying week
16 th November	Anti-Bullying week 'Break the Silence' theme
19 th November	EYFS (FS2 and FS1) and KS1 Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers at 9:30am (main hall) – more details to follow linked to signing up to attend
20 th November	KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers at 9:30am (main hall) – more details to follow linked to signing up to attend
14 th December	EYFS, including Pre-School, Christmas Party (morning)
14 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
15 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
17 th December	EYFS, including Pre-School 'Polar Express Day'
17 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
16 th December	Pantomimes for whole school (EYFS and KS1/KS2)

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