



Burradon Community Primary School

Monday 12th October 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 5th October – Friday 9th October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Year 6	92.6%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 3	92%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 1	96.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	94.6%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 94.9% which is well below our 96% target.

2) Parent Governors

Our two parent governors, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Sewell-Smith, are approaching the end of their term of office this month. All parents / carers are eligible to stand for election. Should there be more nominations than vacancies to fill, a ballot will take place. The term of office for Parent Governors will be as per the Instrument of Government for our school, which is 4 years.

Parents / carers have an important role to play in the education of children and being a Parent Governor can give you an opportunity to contribute to the education of all children at your school. Training and support for Parent Governors is provided by both the school, the Local Authority and the National Governance Association.

If you are interested in potentially becoming a parent governor or require further information on the role of the Parent Governor, please contact Miss A.L. Hunter, Headteacher by Monday 19th October at 9am.

If there are no further parents / carers interested in the parent governor role, then Mrs Simpson and Mrs Sewell-Smith will automatically be re-elected to the role for a further 4 years.



3) Halloween Discos

Our annual Halloween Discos, organised by Mrs Liddle and our Burradon Helpers, take place in school on Wednesday 23rd October. Tickets are available to purchase through the school APP.

4) Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest celebrations in school with the children, we would like to collect donations from parents / carers and members of the local community. These donations will go to the Cramlington Foodbank. Donations of fresh and dried food can be brought into school from **Monday 12th October to Thursday 15th October**. Thank you in advance for your support.

5) Names

As we approach the end of the first half term, please can I ask parents / carers to have a quick check that all uniform, coats, hats and gloves are named. This makes it far easier for clothing to be found if it goes missing – with P.E sessions and other activities there are a lot of opportunities for clothing to be misplaced! Uniform and PE kits cost a lot of money, and we always have lost items. These are difficult to link with children as one blue 5–6-year-old Burradon jumper looks very similar to another blue 5–6-year-old Burradon jumper!

6) School office

A polite reminder that our school office is staffed from 8am each morning (Monday to Friday) until 3:30pm.

If you need to contact the school before 8am and after 3:30pm, our school office has an answerphone facility whereby parents / carers can:

- Press 1 to report a student absence and leave a message on the absence line
- Press 3 to leave a message on the answerphone for the school office

We also have our School Comms messaging facility through the APP and our school email address for parents/carers to use to inform school of any appointments, absence etc. The email address is info@burradoncommunityprimary.org.uk. The office staff will then pick up any messages the following day during working hours.

7) October Half Term holidays

Where does the time go – hard to believe we are already into October!!! Can I remind parents that the children break up for ½ term holidays at the end of Thursday 22nd October as we have a training day on Friday 23rd October. Children will return to school on Monday 2nd November.

8) School inbox, Facebook and Seesaw during October half term

A polite reminder that my team will not be making any Facebook or Seesaw posts during the October half term holidays. In addition, the school inbox and School Comms will not be regularly checked over the half term holidays and emails will be responded to when we return to school on Monday 2nd November.



The governors and I appreciate the support you have shown my team during the first half term of this academic year.

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.

16 th October	Year 6 at NGA games with our pyramid primary schools (afternoon)
21 st October	Halloween Discos after school (details to follow)
22 nd October	Year 3 visit to the Hindu Temple linked to RE curriculum (afternoon)
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>
4 th November	Y1 and Y2 Walk around Burradon (afternoon)
5 th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken across whole school from pre-school to Year 6 (morning)
6 th November	Year 2 visit from a vet linked to science curriculum
9 th November	Inter Faith Week
10 th November	Royal Navy engagement visit in Year 6 linked to team building and careers (pm)
10 th November	Burradon Helper meeting at 2:45pm
11 th November	Pre-school parents' / carers' nursery rhyme session (8:55am – 9:30am) – details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
12 th November	FS1 (Nursery) parents'/carers' nursery rhyme week activities (9am - 9:45am) – details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
13 th November	FS2 (Reception) parents' / carers' nursery rhyme week activities (9am – 9:45am) – details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
13 th November	Children in Need fundraising event
16 th November	Odd socks for Anti-Bullying week
16 th November	Diwali workshops for FS1 and FS2 (morning)
16 th November	Anti-Bullying week 'Break the Silence' theme



We're working towards Artsmark
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- 19th November EYFS (FS2 and FS1) and KS1 Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers at 9:30am (main hall) – details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
- 20th November KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers at 9:30am (main hall) – details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
- 8th December Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day
- 8th December 11:30am - Pre-school Christmas sing-along performance for parents / carers - details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
- 9th December 9:30am – Early Years (FS1 and FS2) Christmas performance in the main hall for parents / carers - details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
- 10th December 9:30am – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas performance in the main hall for parents / carers - details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
- 11th December 9:30am – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas performance in the main hall for parents / carers - details to follow closer to the time linked to signing up to attend
- 14th December EYFS, including Pre-School, Christmas Party (morning)
- 14th December Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- 15th December Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- 17th December EYFS, including Pre-School 'Polar Express Day'
- 17th December Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party (afternoon)
- 16th December Pantomimes for whole school across the day (EYFS and KS1/KS2)

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