Burradon Community Primary School

Monday 2nd November 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 19th October – Thursday 22nd October

Year Group	Attendance
Year 6	97.4%
Year 5	**100%**
Year 4	93%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 2	92.4%
Year 1	97.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	90.9%

Last week we had 3 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. Our Year 5 class had 100% attendance – excellent! The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95.9% which is in line with our 96% target.

2) Hindu Temple Visit

The Thursday before half term, our Year 3 children visited a Hindu Temple in Newcastle to support their RE work. Our Year 3 class had a lovely, informative visit to the Hindu Temple where the children were able to learn more about Hinduism and its practices. They enjoyed listening to songs, dressing up and playing instruments. Well done Year 3 – a lovely visit with lots of good questions and active learning.

3) Halloween Discos

Our Halloween discos were very well attended and comments from the children highlighted how much they had enjoyed the discos and the younger children's parties. There were some amazing costumes! Huge thanks to Burradon Helpers, Mrs Liddle and the staff for organising the event. Many thanks also to parents / carers for your support – the children looked fantastic!!!

4) Cramlington Foodbank Harvest Donation

We received a lovely letter from Cramlington Foodbank following the Harvest Festival donation from Burradon which I have shared below.

'Thank you so much for continuing to support Cramlington Foodbank. In total your Harvest Festival donation weighed in at an impressive 45kg. Without generous donations like yours, it would be impossible for the volunteers here at the foodbank to provide for the many local people who are in need of such help. Especially in these times of rising costs for everyone.

What a thoughtful and generous school community you have in Burradon Primary. We are very grateful for your ongoing support. With our love, thanks and blessings.'

5) Children in Need

Friday 13th November is Children in Need Fundraising Day. Our School Council have asked to come to school in non-uniform or pyjamas on this day and to bring in a suggested £1 donation for this worthwhile cause. Can I ask parents to ensure that their child also has a warm coat with them as the weather is getting colder!!! Many thanks.

6) Wear odd socks for anti-bullying

Monday 16th November sees the start of Anti Bullying week and the ongoing message that we all need to work together to stop bullying. On Monday 16th November as part of 'Odd Socks Day', we would like to encourage all children to come to school wearing a pair of odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and individual.

7) Parent / Carer Questionnaire

On behalf of the staff and Governors, may I thank our parents / carers who took the time to complete our annual parent / carer questionnaire? At the end of deadline on Wednesday 22nd October, we had received 55 responses (not all complete) which have been used to finalise the results. Any additional questionnaires received after the deadline cannot be used in the results but will be kept in the folder for this year.

The questionnaires were overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the school and our work. We also received some lovely comments in the box provided linked to the work of the school. Below is the overview results table from the questionnaires received.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire
October 2026
Results

(please tick)	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at Burradon Community Primary School. (55 responses)	76% (42 responses)	24% (13 responses)	--	--	--
2. My child feels safe at Burradon Community Primary School (54 responses)	80% (43 responses)	20% (11 responses)	--	--	--

3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. (55 responses)	**69%** (38 responses)	**29%** (16 responses)	--	--	**2%** (1 response)
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively. (55 responses)	**2%** (1 response)	**13%** (7 responses)	**4%** (2 responses)	--	My child has not been bullied **82%** (45 responses)
5. The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know. (54 responses)	**67%** (36 responses)	**31%** (17 responses)	**2%** (1 response)	--	--
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. (54 responses)	**44%** (24 responses)	**15%** (8 responses)	--	**2%** (1 response)	I have not raised any concerns **39%** (21 responses)
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (Yes or No – please circle) (52 responses)	**Yes 13%** (7 response)		**No 87%** (45 responses)		
<u>If you answered yes to question 7 above, how strongly do you agree with this statement</u> 'My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.' (6 responses)	**50%** (3 responses)	**50%** (3 responses)	--	--	--
8. The school gives my child/children the right support to enable them to learn well. (54 responses)	**72%** (39 responses)	**26%** (14 responses)	--	--	**2%** (1 response)
9. When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart. (55 responses)	**71%** (39 responses)	**25%** (14 responses)	--	--	**4%** (2 responses)
10. I would recommend Burradon Community Primary School to another parent. (Yes or No – please circle) (55 responses)	**Yes 100%** (55 responses)		**No** --		

Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaire. Once again, many thanks for your support – the education of our children is a real team effort at our 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.

2nd November	**School re-opens after half term holiday**
4th November	Y1 and Y2 Walk around Burradon (afternoon)
5th November	Individual and immediate family photographs being taken across whole school from pre-school to Year 6 (morning)
6th November	Year 2 visit from a vet linked to science curriculum
9th November	Inter Faith Week
10th November	Royal Navy engagement visit in Year 6 linked to team building and careers (pm)
10th November	Burradon Helper meeting at 2:45pm
11th 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
11th November	School Council attending a Remembrance Day service at Jigsaw Memorial
12th 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
13th 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
13th November	Children in Need fundraising event
16th November	Odd socks for Anti-Bullying week
16th November	Diwali workshops for FS1 and FS2 linked to celebrations topic (morning)
16th November	Anti-Bullying week 'Break the Silence' theme
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
4th December	Y5 and Y6 attending Sportshall Athletics Competition (afternoon)

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)
19th December	**School closes at end of today for Christmas holidays**
4th January	**Teacher Training Day 3 (school closed to all pupils)**
5th January	**School re-opens after Christmas holidays**
12th February	**School closes at end of today for February half term holidays**
22nd February	**School re-opens after February half term holidays**

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