Burradon Community Primary School

Monday 9th 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 2nd November – Friday 6th November

Year Group	Attendance
Year 6	98.4%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 1	98.5%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	97.7%

Last week we had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 96.1% which is in line with our 96% target. A good start to the half term.

2) Outcome of Parent Governor Election

Many thanks to the 3 parents who stood for our parent governor election and to the parents / carers who completed their voting slip before the 9am deadline last Friday.

We had 41 returned voting slips which contained 76 votes. The procedure was completed by me with Mrs Noor (School Business Manager) witnessing the opening of the envelopes and the counting of the votes. This was then double checked to ensure accuracy and complete transparency.

It was exceptionally tight – the tightest parent election we have ever had at Burradon. We had 3 very good candidates each with a very good statement. I am sure it would have been hard for parents / carers to make their final decision on the voting slip.

Last Friday, I phoned the 3 candidates to advise of the outcome. I can now say that Mrs Erin Parker Leonard has been elected to our full governing body and Mrs Alex Sewell-Smith has been re-elected back onto governing board. I am sure that they will do a great job in their role as parent governor.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to Miss Lisa Wilson for putting herself forward as a very good candidate – I cannot stress enough how close this outcome was.

3) 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.

4) 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.

5) Parking in the Burradon Community Ground Car Park

The Chair of Governors and I would like to politely remind parents / carers to park appropriately and safely in the car park that is linked to the community ground. This includes only parking in the disabled bays if you hold an appropriate badge which should be on display. In addition, please can we ask that cars are only parked in designated parking bays and not on the path next to the bowling green. Your support with this is very much appreciated and will further support safety around the school and its vicinity.

6) Christmas holidays

Children will break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December 2026. Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2027.

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.

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**
16th April	Y3 Safety Works visit (am)
5th July	Y1 and Y2 Safety Works visit (am)

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