Burradon Community Primary School

Monday 16th 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!!

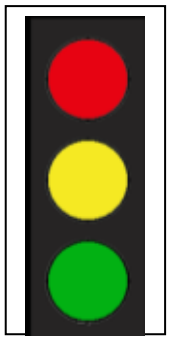
Attendance for Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November

Year Group	Attendance
Year 6	96.8%
Year 5	**100%**
Year 4	92.4%
Year 3	90.7%
Year 2	98.9%
Year 1	95%
FS2 (Ladybirds)	98.5%

Last week we had 4 classes above 96% which is the national expectation. Our Year 5 class had 100% attendance – well done! The average attendance from Y1-Y6 was 95.6% which is below our 96% target.

2) End of Autumn Term Attendance

A reminder that at the end of this term, parents / carers of children from FS2 (Reception) to Year 6 will receive their child's current attendance percentage to date and which colour zone your child is in for their attendance - Green, Amber or Red.



Danger Zone ~ inadequate attendance ~ **90% or less** = Red

At Risk Zone ~ attendance that requires improvement ~ **between 90.1% and 95.9%** = Amber

Safety Zone ~ good attendance ~ **96% or more** = Green

We would love to see all children in the green zone (safety zone)!!!

If your child's attendance is in the amber zone (at risk zone), their attendance is below the standard set by the Government. As a school, we will look at ways to support you to improve your child's attendance including a period of attendance monitoring.

If your child's attendance is in the red zone (Danger Zone), your child's attendance may be referred through the Local Authority Fast Track system to the Education Welfare Officer. Having 90% attendance means that your child is absent from school on average half a day each week. If your child is in the red zone, Miss Hunter or Miss Drew will be in contact with you to discuss your child's attendance and to see if there is anything the school can do to support you to improve their attendance.

3) 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 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!

4) 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.

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) sign up is live in the app, book now
20th November	KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) Anti Bullying Sharing Assembly for parents / carers at 9:30am (main hall) – sign up is live in the app, book now
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 - sign up is live in the app, book now
9th December	9:30am – Early Years (FS1 and FS2) Christmas performance in the main hall for parents / carers - sign up is live in the app, book now
10th December	9:30am – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas performance in the main hall for parents / carers - sign up is live in the app, book now
11th December	9:30am – Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas performance in the main hall for parents / carers - sign up is live in the app, book now
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**
9th February	Burradon Helpers' meeting at 2:45pm
12th February	**School closes at end of today for February half term holidays**
22nd February	**School re-opens after February half term holidays**
24th March	Police talks in Y5 and Y6 (am)
16th April	Y3 Safety Works visit (am)
5th July	Y1 and Y2 Safety Works visit (am)

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