



# NORBRECK PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Newsletter

ISSUE 04

27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Children,

## Attendance

WEEK ENDED: 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024		
Best FS / KS1 Class Attendance	RY & 1S	100%
Best KS2 Class Attendance	3P	100%
Most Punctual FS / KS1 Class	RY & RG & RB & 1S & 1C & 2H	0 late arrival
Most Punctual KS2 Class	5R/W	1 late arrival
Whole School Attendance For The Week		96.7%
<b>Number Of Children Late At Least Once During The Week</b>		<b>53</b>

Well done to RY, 1S, 3P, RG, RB, 1C, 2H and 5R/W.

## Y5: PGL Winmarleigh Trip 2025

A reminder that if you have not already done so and you would like to book your child's place on the outdoor adventure trip, please ensure your deposit is paid on ParentPay by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, as we have to transfer these funds to PGL. The balance can then be paid in instalments as and when you wish to do so on ParentPay by **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**.



## Important Reminder - School Lunches and Requests to Change

Please note that all school meals are ordered at morning registration. If your child (ren) in Rec to Y6 wishes to change their current lunch option, please complete a 'Change of Lunch Request' form on the app (from the homepage/contact/forms) by **12 NOON** on a **WEDNESDAY**. You will receive confirmation of your submission and the new arrangements will start the following Monday.

### **Important notes when changing to school meals for Y3 to Y6:**

- Dinner money payments are £12.50 payable on ParentPay, **in advance of the week's meals**. If an account becomes in arrears you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until any arrears have been cleared.
- If your child is absent from school you will not be charged for a school meal.
- If your child has an appointment and you have advised the school office via the app, your child's meal will be cancelled and you will not be charged.

**However, if the school is not informed about the appointment, the meal will be ordered at registration and you will be charged for the meal.**

- If your child is sent home from school after their meal has been booked at registration time, you will still be charged for this meal.

## Getting in Touch

At Norbreck we have two platforms for promoting links between home and school. These are:

- **Seesaw** – a Learning Platform, giving the opportunity for us to share your child's work with you.
- **ParentApp** – a two-way Communication Platform.

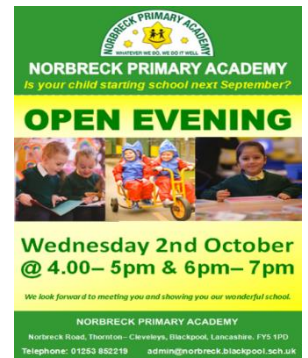
May we respectfully remind parents that Seesaw is not to be used to communicate directly with the class teacher about events, timings, home time arrangements, lost clothing and fallouts between children. The correct way for parents to communicate with us is via ParentApp or telephone. Messages will of course be passed on to class teachers where necessary who will contact you if appropriate. Many thanks for your understanding and compliance with this.

## Open Evening

A reminder that our Open Evening is on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024** for parents of children who are due to start school next September.

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, you are welcome to attend either of the two session times: 4 p.m. or 6 p.m.

There is no need to book, please just turn up. There will be a talk in the main hall followed by tours of the school so you can see us in action!



## Parents' Evenings

Our October Parents' evenings are being held from **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024** with each teacher choosing at least two of these days. Appointments can be made using the school cloud system used previously. Staff will offer a range of times on at least two of the available days.

To make a Parents' Evening appointment, please log into the booking system on <https://norbreck.schoolcloud.co.uk> which will be available for bookings **from 3.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until 4.00pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

## Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

As you know, Norbreck is taking part in the Asda Cashpot for Schools campaign. I am pleased to confirm that the total raised so far is **£256.85**.

Next time you are shopping online or instore, please continue to use your Asda Rewards app to select Norbreck Primary Academy. Asda will then donate a percentage of your shop to Norbreck. It's easy to set up and your own personal Asda Cashpot will not be affected.

The campaign is running now until 30th November 2024. Thank you for supporting Norbreck whilst you shop.



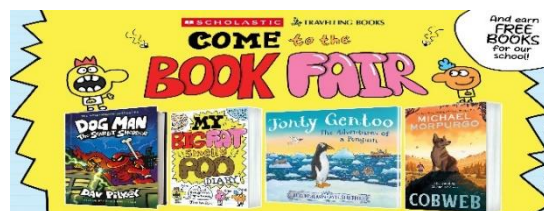
## Rag Bag Update

**Wow, Wow, Wow!**

A huge thank you for your support we have raised **£73.50** from the recent collection to spend on games and equipment for playtimes.

## Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that the **BOOK FAIR** is back from **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024** in the Community Hall from 3.10pm – 3.45pm. Please come along and see the wide range of fantastic books and offers on sale for all ages from 'Scholastic'. This event will be completely cashless so please ensure you have an alternative method of payment for any items you wish to purchase.



## Norbreck Art Gallery

Well done to the following children whose artwork is now displayed in the Academy Gallery:

From 2T, Elsie, Amelia, Jessica, Willow, Nicholas and Ryan, from 2H, Karson, Evie, Esme-Grace, Freddie and Darcie, and from 4B, Harvey.

## Blue Peter Book Badge

We are excited to announce that Blue Peter are running an initiative to allow children to apply for a Blue Peter Book Badge. The link below gives further information about how to apply. It has been designed by one of the UK's most well known illustrators, Quentin Blake.

[Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)



## Careers

This academic year, Year 5 children will be learning about different careers. We would like the children to experience as many different jobs as possible and therefore we are looking for parents with interesting jobs who would be willing to give an hour of their time, week beginning Monday 17th March 2025.

We would like our volunteers to chat with the children about their job and be willing to answer questions. If you'd like to help us, please contact us via the school office.

## Gazette First Class Picture Special

Following on from the new Reception class photographs the Blackpool Gazette have advised us that their 'First Class Picture Special' will appear in the newspaper on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

*This is a brilliant keepsake to mark the beginning of your child's school journey, and we are offering you a chance to pre-order copies to be posted to you. Postal orders can be placed either by ordering via our website <https://blackpoolgazette.eventbrite.co.uk> at £1.66 per copy or special discount of £2.72 for two copies (this includes P&P). Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite. Alternatively, you can call their customer service centre on 0330 403 3004.*

*Copies will be delivered directly to the school. Alternatively, the Gazette will be on sale in shops on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024.*

*The deadline for website and telephone orders is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. (Phone lines are only open Monday-Friday). If you have any questions, please call us on 0330 403 3004 or send us an email to [specialitions@nationalworld.com](mailto:specialitions@nationalworld.com)*

## World Mental Health Awareness Day

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Awareness Day and children are invited to wear a yellow accessory **in addition to their uniform** (e.g. yellow socks or a hair accessory), as part of YoungMinds' #HelloYellow campaign. This campaign encourages people to stand together in support of young people struggling with their mental health, to show they matter and deserve the help they need, when they need it, no matter what. If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful charity, please follow this link [Donate | Help Young People Get Mental Health Support | YoungMinds](#)



## Harvest Reminder

Our Harvest services will be held in school on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, but we will be accepting donations on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024** to set up the displays.

- **Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3** are invited to bring dry foods: pasta, rice, tins, cartons and/or toiletries. All donations will be collected by Bispham Parish Church who are supporting the Blackpool Food Bank, The Mulberry Project and Street Angels.

**Please note we cannot accept fresh produce.**

**Y4, Y5 and Y6** are invited to bring in a cash donation (minimum of £1) to support our local Street Life Charity.

## Website. Exciting News:

We are thrilled to announce a new and updated version of our school website is now up and running and can be accessed here - [Norbreck Primary Academy - Home](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Ian Cooper,  
Headteacher.

### **Safeguarding Note:**

*Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.*

*The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Norbreck Primary Academy is Mr. Cooper (Headteacher). Additional Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Cadwallader (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Monks (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs. Hamer (Family Support Worker) and Mrs. Fagiloi (Learning Mentor). Information can be found via the app – from the homepage/content/safeguarding tab which links to the school website.*