

Dear Parents and Children,

WEEK ENDED: 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026		
Best FS / KS1 Class Attendance	2H	99.6%
Best KS2 Class Attendance	5S	99.7%
Most Punctual FS / KS1 Class	1T	0 late arrivals
Most Punctual KS2 Class	3LF	0 late arrivals
Whole School Attendance For The Week		96.7%
Number Of Children Late At Least Once During The Week		60

### Attendance

Well done to 1T, 2H, 3LF and 5S!



### Girls Primary Stars Football Competition

On Monday, 8 girls from KS2 competed in the Premier League Primary Stars Competition hosted by Blackpool FC Community Trust at Stanley Park. Norbreck competed well in all 4 matches, demonstrating excellent resilience, representing the school with the attitude and effort we expect from our athletes.

The team defended well and held onto possession of the ball throughout their games, creating plenty of chances to score. Some fantastic saves and defensive play ensured Norbreck only lost one game, winning one and drawing the other two.

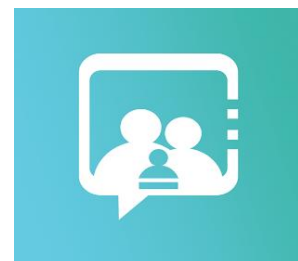
Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to progress to the knockout stages of the competition, but a valiant display from all the girls involved reflecting the very best of our school!

### ParentApp

A polite reminder that **All school communication** is sent exclusively via ParentApp (PACONnect app). Therefore, please can you ensure that the app is downloaded on your device, that you are signed in and have notifications switched on to ensure you don't miss important updates.

Information regarding trips and visits, clubs, and daily school updates are shared through the app, so staying logged in and checking regularly is essential. If you are having problems accessing information via the app, please check if the app needs an update.

Thank you for helping us keep communication clear, fast, and environmentally friendly!



### Change of Lunch Requests

A reminder that if your child wishes to change their current lunch arrangements, please complete a 'Change of Lunch Request' form on the app by **Wednesday** for the change to take effect from the **following Monday**.

Also, a gentle reminder that lunches must be paid for in advance for the week ahead.

**We have now taken on checking eligibility for free school meals in house at Norbreck Academy. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please complete the simple form which can be found on ParentApp Connect under homepage/content/forms/FSM Eligibility. You will then receive an email confirming whether you are eligible or not.**



### Rag Bag Update

A huge thank you for your support we have raised **£40.80** from the recent collection to spend on games and equipment for playtimes.

## Celebrations Newsletter

If you would like your child's achievements (certificates, medals etc.) in sports, dance, music or any other activity **outside of school** to be included in the end of term's Celebrations Newsletter, please advise us by completing the Celebrations Newsletter Request Form on the app by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

## Mobile Phones

We also kindly ask that parents/carers do not use their mobile phones whilst on the school grounds, when collecting children or visiting the school office. This is due to safeguarding, and we thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

## Reception Superhero Day

# SUPERHEROES



This term's topic in Reception is 'Superheroes' and to add more fun and excitement all Reception children are invited to dress up as a superhero for the day on

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

There will be a prize for the most creative outfit. Please make sure your child knows their superhero's name and can describe their superpower. **(Uniform and school bag are not required on this day).**



## Lunar Lunch

In celebration of Chinese New Year, Mellors Catering Service, who provide our wonderful school meals are offering a special 'Lunar New Year' themed lunch on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

This will be a fun opportunity for the children to enjoy a tasty meal inspired by traditional Asian flavours as we welcome the Year of the Horse.

Children having school meals will automatically be included in the themed lunch, however, if your child is on packed lunches and would also like to join in the celebration, please complete the permission form (sent earlier in the week on ParentApp) by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. The cost of the meal is £2.60 and is payable via parent pay.

The Lunar Lunch menu can be found under School Meal Menu - Lunar New Year.

## After School Clubs

Our after school clubs continue to be one of the most popular parts of school life. We are delighted that so many children are eager to take part, explore new interests, and develop their skills beyond the classroom. As these clubs are in such high demand and often oversubscribed, we work hard to make the allocation process as fair and inclusive as possible.

To ensure every child has an equal opportunity, club places are allocated randomly and distributed evenly across all classes. This helps us make sure that children across the school have access to a wide range of activities throughout the year.

However, we have noticed an increasing number of children signing up for a club and then choosing not to attend once places have been assigned. When this happens, it not only results in unused spaces, but also means that another child, who may have been very keen misses out.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by:

- Talking with your child before sign-up to ensure they are genuinely interested in the club.
- Considering your family schedule so your child can attend every session.
- Letting the office know as soon as possible if your child can no longer take part, so we can offer the place to someone on the waiting list.

We thank you for your help and support!

## Y5 & Y6 Disco

If you have not already done so and your child would like to attend the disco on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026** **from 5 pm – 6 pm**, please make a payment of £3, which includes refreshments, on ParentPay by **NOON** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

**No child will be allowed to leave school unless their parent or chosen adult comes on site for them.**



## **February Half-Term Camps**

Blackpool FC Community Trust are running Sports, Football & Dance Camps for children aged 5–14 years old at various venue across Blackpool.

The clubs will be running between 16th–20th February and are charged at £13 per day / £55 per week

To book your place, please click the link below.

**Book here: [Holiday Camps - BFCCT](https://www.bfcct.co.uk)**

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. Fagioli (Learning Mentor). Information can be found via the app – from the homepage/content/safeguarding tab which links to the school website.*