



NORBRECK PRIMARY ACADEMY Newsletter

Dear Parents and Children,

Attendance

WEEK ENDED: 23 rd January 2026		
Best FS / KS1 Class Attendance	RB	98.7%
Best KS2 Class Attendance	4B	100%
Most Punctual FS / KS1 Class	RG & RB & 1T	0 late arrivals
Most Punctual KS2 Class	3LF & 6P	1 late arrival
Whole School Attendance For The Week		96.6%
Number Of Children Late At Least Once During The Week		50

Well done to RB, RG, 1T, 3LF, 4B & 6P!



Year 3/Year 4 Athletics Cup Final

Last Friday, ten enthusiastic Year 3/4 pupils proudly represented Norbreck at the Blackpool Schools' Indoor Athletics Cup Final at Blackpool Sports Centre. They demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork, and sporting spirit across a variety of track and field events. Their speed, strength, and positive attitudes were evident throughout. Sadly, we didn't place in the top three, but we couldn't be prouder of the team's effort. A huge well done to the team and thank you to the parents who came along to support us.

Team: Raea 3LF, Ryan 3LF, Pearl 3W, Freya – Louise 4B, Alfie 4B, Quinn 4O, Thea 4O, Brodie 4O, Posie-Belle 4S and Spencer 4S.

Primary Panathlon Multisport

On Monday, a group of KS2 children represented our school at a recent Panathlon Multisport event at Blackpool Sports Centre. The children competed against other local schools, taking part in a wide range of fun and active challenges from Table Cricket to Seated Basketball. Throughout the afternoon, the children showed great teamwork, determination, and a willingness to try new skills. They represented the school wonderfully and enjoyed trying a range of new activities.



Changes 4 Life Bollywood Dance Festival

On Wednesday, 10 children from Year 3 and 4 attended the Bollywood Dance Festival at Blackpool Sixth Form. The children were impeccably behaved and were excellent Norbreck role models, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and willingness. The children were taught a Bollywood style dance routine and then they performed to the other schools who attended. They should be very proud of their achievement. Well done!

Medical Evidence for appointments

This is a gentle reminder that evidence must always be provided for all medical or essential appointments for us to authorise these absences on the register. Please ensure that: All appointments are logged on ParentApp via (Content/Forms/Appointments) in line with our safeguarding procedures. Appointment evidence (such as a screenshot, letter, text confirmation or appointment card) is attached directly to the appointment submission on ParentApp. Please can you give as much notice as possible is given when an appointment is scheduled. We understand that some appointments may be booked on the same day; however, these must still be recorded on ParentApp, with the evidence attached. Providing evidence and correctly logging the appointment helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensures we follow safeguarding procedures for all children. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Kids Planet Nursery Parking

A reminder that the nursery car park should not be used by parents dropping children off at school, as this is causing difficulties for staff and other families who need access to the area. We kindly ask that this area is kept clear.

Request for Pre-loved Uniform Donations

We are reaching out to our wonderful Norbreck community for help! As children grow quickly and often outgrow their clothes long before they wear out, we are collecting good-quality, pre-loved school uniform items that can be reused by other families.

We would be very grateful for donations of:

- Jumpers and cardigans age 9-10 years and 10-11 years

If you have any items at home that your child no longer needs, please consider sending them into school. Your support helps us reduce waste, promote sustainability, and ensure that every child has access to the uniform they need.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Reminder - Succeeding in Reception

On Wednesday **4th February 2026** at **3.30 p.m.** we will be holding a drop-in session for all parents of children in Reception. A polite reminder to please complete and submit the form (which was sent out earlier the week) if you intend on attending the event.

Reminder – Year 3 Fairhaven Lake Trip

A quick reminder that the Acknowledgement of Risk/Consent Form sent out earlier this week must be acknowledged and signed by **Friday 13th February 2026** to allow for the school risk assessment to be performed.

Reception Superhero Day



A reminder that all Reception children are invited to come to school dressed up as their Superhero for the day on **Tuesday 10th February 2026**.



World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March 2026**, we will be celebrating World Book Day and all children are invited to come into school dressed as a ‘book character’ or a character from a non-fiction book.

The simplest costumes are often the most effective. If your child loves non-fiction books, they could dress up as an animal from a favourite book, a sporting hero, an important figure in history, an astronaut, a scientist, and many more.

Some ideas for fiction books include dressing as traditional characters, Roald Dahl characters, Julia Donaldson characters, David Walliams characters, historical characters, animal characters and contemporary characters. You can also Google search ‘ideas for dressing up for World Book Day’. Also, many characters in stories are children so costumes don’t need to be expensive or elaborate. Children also have the option to bring in a prop or the actual book to support their costume.

The whole day will be devoted to reading and book related activities. Each child will also bring home a National Book Token that can be exchanged for one of the free books at your local bookshop or supermarket.

Events like this would not be able to take place without your valuable support to make this a special day and we look forward to seeing the whole school’s wonderful costumes.

Woodwind day

Lancashire Music Service are holding this year’s Woodwind Day on **Saturday 14th February 2026, 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** at St Michaels CE High School in Chorley and all young players, aged 18 and under are invited.

This year, they will be joined by Yamaha Artist Benjamin Mellefont, Principal Clarinetist of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, who will be providing support, inspiration and a Masterclass.

The event is **FREE OF CHARGE**, and they are aiming to make this the largest Woodwind Day to date! Sign up to the event by scanning the QR code.

WOODWIND DAY 2026

VENUE
ST MICHAELS CE HIGH SCHOOL
ASTLEY RD, CHORLEY PR07 1RS

WHEN
SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2026

TIME
10AM-3:30PM

LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

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Tennis Programs with Top Tennis Coaching:

Nick at Top Tennis runs a variety of coaching programs for juniors and adults from age 3+ at St Chad's Tennis Club, Poulton-le-Fylde & Rossall School, Fleetwood.

For more information, please contact Nick (nick@toptenniscoaching.co.uk or 07789 956147).
www.toptenniscoaching.co.uk ([FAQ](#))

In addition to this, Top Tennis Coaching also offer a Junior Holiday Programme for children age 6-14 years old. Starting on **Tuesday 17th February 2026 – Thursday 19th February 2026 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**



Active Blackpool Sports Clubs

Active Blackpool are currently running Cricket and Badminton sports clubs at Blackpool Sports Centre (Stanley Park).

Badminton is on a Wednesday for ages 8-11 year olds from 16:00-17:00pm.

Cricket is on a Thursday for ages 8-15 year olds from 16:30-17:30pm.

Both sessions are FREE to attend, and children can just turn up – no need to book!. Parents/Carers can stay to watch or drop the child off and return at the end of the session.



School Holidays

A reminder that school closes on **Friday 13th February 2026** at normal home-time for the half-term holidays and will re-open on **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

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.