



NORBRECK PRIMARY ACADEMY Newsletter

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1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Children,

Attendance

WEEK ENDED: 24 th April 2026		
Best FS / KS1 Class Attendance	2B	100%
Best KS2 Class Attendance	6S	99%
Most Punctual FS / KS1 Class	RB & RG & 1T & 2H	0 late arrivals
Most Punctual KS2 Class	3LF	0 late arrivals
Whole School Attendance For The Week		97.3%
Number Of Children Late At Least Once During The Week		38

Well done to RB, RG, 1T, 2H, 2B, 3LF & 6S!

School Closure

A reminder that the school will be closed on **Monday 4th May 2026** due to the Bank Holiday.



Mrs. Buckley

Yesterday we said a very sad goodbye to the wonderful Mrs. Buckley as she heads off to enjoy a very well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. Buckley has been part of the Norbreck family for an incredible 40 years, with well over 30 of those spent working here. She first started as a crossing patrol before becoming a teaching assistant—and truly made herself indispensable along the way!

Mrs. Buckley's connection to Norbreck runs even deeper, with her own children and grandchildren having attended the school too.

Over the years, she has worn every possible hat: TA, first-aider, swimming instructor and our much-loved photocopier guru (there is genuinely nothing she doesn't know!).

She has shared her warmth, kindness and care with generations of children and staff, and her presence will be deeply missed across the school.

Mrs. Buckley is quite simply a Norbreck legend, and school will not be the same without her. We wish her lots of happiness, relaxation and new adventures ahead—she will always be part of the Norbreck family



Girls' Football Match Vs St. Teresa's RC Primary School

The Norbreck Girls' Football Team produced an excellent performance in their second league fixture against St. Teresa's on Monday, making full use of both the sunshine and their growing confidence as a team.

Gracie M got the school off to the perfect start with an audacious long-range strike, setting the tone for an impressive display.

Further outstanding goals followed from Florence and Gracie BB, each worthy of 'Goal of the Month' consideration, as the team took firm control of the match.

The second half saw an equally strong performance, with Olivia S, Olivia J and Charlotte working superbly together as a dependable defensive unit. Their composure and teamwork ensured the team remained solid at the back, allowing Gracie BB to cap off an excellent all-round performance with another well-taken goal.

Player of the match: Gracie BB, for making good decisions on the ball.

Team: Gracie BB – 5H, Caitlain – 5H, Maisie – 5M, Olivia J – 5M, Florence – 5M, Olivia S – 5M, Ellouise – 6L, Charlotte 6L and Gracie M – 6P.



Reminder Playground Proms Event – Opt-Out

Earlier this week, a message was sent out regarding the upcoming Playground Proms event, which will be taking place in school on **Monday 18th May 2026** and a rehearsal for the event on **Friday 8th May 2026**.

We are excited to share that BBC Newsround will be attending the event and will be interviewing, filming and photographing children as part of the visit.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be filmed or photographed, please ensure you have completed the opt-out form for this specific event by **Tuesday 5th May 2026**. If you have previously declined permissions, no further action is required.

Class Photographs

A proof of your child’s class photograph was sent home last week. If you wish to purchase a copy and take advantage of free postage back to school, please place your order online with Tempest Photography www.tempest-orders.co.uk by **Wednesday 6th May 2026**.

Y6 SATs Week

Y6 SATs will begin on **Monday 11th May 2026** until **Thursday 14th May 2026** with a test every morning as follows:

Monday 11th May 2026	SPaG Test Paper 1 & Paper 2
Tuesday 12th May 2026	Reading Test
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Maths Paper 1
	Maths Paper 2
Thursday 14th May 2026	Maths Paper 3

Please ensure your child is in school on time each day and goes to bed early each night. If your Y6 child feels unwell on any day that week, please telephone the school office so that we can discuss the issue. We would really appreciate your help with this. Many thanks.

Sports Days



Our annual Sports Days will take place on the following dates:

Y3:	Thursday	11th June 2026 at 9.30 am.
Y4:	Thursday	11th June 2026 at 1.40 pm.
Rec:	Tuesday	16th June 2026 at 9.30 am.
Y5:	Thursday	18th June 2026 at 9.30 am.
Y6:	Thursday	18th June 2026 at 1.40 pm.
Y1:	Tuesday	23rd June 2026 at 9.30 am.
Y2:	Wednesday	24th June 2026 at 9.30 am.

Mad Science After School Club

Mad Science visited us this week for Mad Science Assemblies!

We will be offering a Mad Science After School Club for years 1 - 6 every Monday afternoon for 6 weeks, starting from **Monday 8th June 2026**. The deadline for registrations is **Wednesday 6th May 2026**. You can register your children online at <https://northengland.madscience.org> on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment by instalments is available. If you have any problems or queries with booking, please call Mad Science directly on **01772 628844** and they'll be happy to help!



Taekwondo Club

Master Lee is pleased to announce that a couple of places are currently available for Y1-Y6 children in the before school Taekwondo Club on Thursdays. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop confidence, discipline and fitness. For further information or to book a place, please contact Master Lee directly on 07779275207.



Blackpool Football Club Community Trust Holiday Camps

Blackpool F.C Community Trust are holding the following holiday camps for children age 5 years old – 14 years old.

Football
Dance
Sports
Running

The camps run every school holiday across various Blackpool locations and are a great way for children to stay active, build confidence and make new friends.

The cost is £13 per day or £55 for Monday–Friday (£45 for four-day weeks due to bank holidays).

To book a place, please scan the QR code on the poster or visit: [Book Blackpool FC Football Courses & Soccer School Sessions](#)

Free Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) places available (9am until 1pm or 1pm until 5pm) for eligible families (children in receipt of benefit related free school meals), including a free meal. For more information on a free HAF place email: camp@bfccct.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian Cooper'.

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.