



NORBRECK PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school. We are delighted to welcome all our children back to school including our new starters in Reception and elsewhere in the school. We are excited to confirm that Norbreck Primary Academy is now officially part of the Synergy Education Trust.

This is an exciting milestone for our school and marks the beginning of a new chapter as we join six other schools within the trust. As part of a family of seven schools, we will benefit from wider opportunities, shared expertise and strong collaboration, while continuing to celebrate the unique strengths and identity that make Norbreck such a special place to learn.

Most importantly, Norbreck Primary Academy will continue to be the same school our community knows and values. Our commitment to you remains exactly the same: to provide the very best education, care and opportunities for every child.

We look forward to this exciting journey, working alongside our Trust partners, and ensuring the very best outcomes for all our children and families.

We welcome to school some new staff too: Miss Smart (1S) – Class Teacher, Mrs. Stewart – HLTA, Miss Cookson – Teaching Assistant, Miss Mercer – Teaching Assistant and Mrs. Farmer – Welfare Assistant.

Starts and Ends of the School Day Reminders

<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Start time</i>	<i>Entrance</i>	<i>Finish Time</i>
Reception	8:50-9:00am	Reception Steps	3:05pm
KS1	8:50-9:00am	KS1 Fire Door	3:10pm
KS2	8:50-9:00am	KS2 Doors	3:15pm

Meet the Teacher

Thank you for the interest shown in the Meet the Teacher events. We hope you have found them informative. Y1, Y5, Y3 will take place next week at **3.30 p.m.** and Y6 the following week as follows:

Y1 & Y5 - Monday 7th September 2026

Y3 - Tuesday 8th September 2026

Y6 - Monday 14th September 2026

Open Evening

We are pleased to announce that we are holding an **Open Evening on Wednesday 7th October 2026** for parents of children who are due to start school next September. If your child was born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, you are welcome to attend either of the two-session starting at **4.00 p.m – 5.15p.m.** or **6 p.m – 7.15p.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! If you are unable to attend the Open Evening, we will also be running tours of the school for small groups of parents on the following dates all at 9.50 a.m.

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Monday 19th October 2026

Thursday 12th November 2026

Tuesday 17th November 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Tuesday 1st December 2026

Thursday 7th January 2027

Monday 11th January 2027



Places on the day-time tours are limited, so if you would like to book a place on one of these, please either telephone: 01253 852219 or email: admin@norbreck.blackpool.sch.uk

Applications for school places should be made to your local council using their on-line application system before the closing date of **Friday 15th January 2027**. If you live within the Blackpool Council boundary, please visit www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk for Wyre Council addresses.

High School Open Evenings for Y5 & Y6

The following High Schools are holding their Open Evenings in September/October for all Y5/Y6 children. The deadline for High School applications is **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

St. Aidan's Church of England High School Home - Saint Aidan's	<u>Thursday 10th September 2026</u>	<u>5.30p.m. – 8.00p.m.</u>
Montgomery Academy Montgomery Academy	<u>Thursday 17th September 2026</u>	<u>4.30p.m. – 7.30p.m.</u>
Cardinal Allen Catholic High School Cardinal Allen Catholic High School - Living to make Christ known	<u>Thursday 17th September 2026</u>	<u>Head Teachers Talk 5.00p.m. and 6.00p.m.</u>
Baines School St. Mary's – Catholic Academy	<u>Tuesday 22nd September 2026</u>	<u>4.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.</u>
Aspire Academy Blackpool Aspire Academy	<u>Wednesday 23rd September 2026</u>	<u>4.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.</u>
Hodgson Academy hodgson.lancs.sch.uk	<u>Thursday 24th September 2026</u>	<u>4.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.</u>
Unity Academy Unity Academy Blackpool	<u>Thursday 1st October 2026</u>	<u>To be Confirmed</u>
Millfield School Millfield School – Millfield School	<u>Thursday 8th October 2026</u>	<u>6.00p.m. – 9.00p.m.</u>

Reminder - Arbor

This is a reminder that our school systems have now moved over to **Arbor**. As part of this transition, Parent App is **no longer available**. If you have yet to activate your account, please do so at your earliest convenience as all communication will be made via email and the app.

As we have moved to Arbor, the forms for change of lunch request and changes to collection arrangements are no longer available. If you have either a change in collection or lunch request, please email the school office on admin@norbreck.blackpool.sch.uk. If the request for a change in lunch is received before **12 NOON** on a **WEDNESDAY**, the new arrangements will start the following Monday. You will receive confirmation of your submission and start date.

PTFA Annual General Meeting

Our PTFA will be holding their AGM on **Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 3.30pm**. If you would like to become involved with the team and share any ideas, please come along to the meeting.

Blackpool Gazette Reception School Starter Supplement

On **Thursday 10th September 2026**, a photographer on behalf of the Blackpool Gazette newspaper will be in school to take Reception class photos. Please send your child to school in **full winter uniform**. When the Gazette advises the school of the publication date, we will inform parents so that you are able to purchase a copy.

Reminder - Annual Flu Vaccinations (Nasal Spray) 2026

We have been advised by the School Vaccination Team that the whole school will be vaccinated at school against flu on the morning of **Thursday 24th September 2026** and they have confirmed the following information and their procedures:

*Please use the following link or cut and paste into your search engine to access the online consent form: www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu quoting our school code **BP138739**. The online consent form needs to be completed for both consent/no consent giving reasons as soon as possible.*

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (Not School) of the following on Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984.

- *If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.*
- *If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.*
- *If after consenting you then take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination.*

It is parent's responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#).

Dates For Your Diary – Autumn Term 1

<u>Monday 7th September 2026</u>	Y1 Meet the Teacher (Large Hall) Y5 Meet the Teacher (Classrooms)
<u>Tuesday 8th September 2026</u>	Y3 Meet the Teacher (Large Hall)
<u>Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th September 2026</u>	Y6 PGL Trip to Winmarleigh
<u>Thursday 10th September 2026</u>	Reception Photos for Blackpool Gazette School Starter Supplement
<u>Monday 14th September 2026</u>	Individual Class Photos
<u>Thursday 24th September 2026</u>	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
<u>Monday 5th October 2026</u>	Harvest Festival Donation Day
<u>Tuesday 6th October 2026</u>	Harvest Festival
<u>Wednesday 7th October 2026</u>	Open Evening
<u>Friday 9th October 2026</u>	World Mental Health Day – Wear a Yellow Accessory
<u>W/C Monday 12th October 2026</u>	Eco-Council Elections Begin
<u>Tuesday 13th October 2026</u>	Tour of the School
<u>Wednesday 14th October 2026</u>	Eco-Council Results Assembly
<u>Monday 19th October 2026</u>	Tour of the School Launch of the Sponsored Spell (PTFA)
<u>Tuesday 20th October 2026</u>	Parents' Evening
<u>Wednesday 21st October 2026</u>	Parents' Evening
<u>Thursday 22 October 2026</u>	Primary Mental Health Worker Drop-In (Held in the Retreat) Parents' Evening School Closes for Half-Term at Normal Time
<u>Friday 23rd October 2026</u>	Inset Day
<u>Saturday 31st October 2026</u>	Closing Date for High School Applications
<u>Tuesday 3rd November 2026</u>	School Opens



Blackpool Primary Mental Health Drop-in Clinic at Norbreck

On **Thursday 22nd October 2026** we will be holding our first drop-in clinic in conjunction with the Children and Young People's Primary Health Service. The session will be held 9.00a.m - 11.30a.m. in our Retreat where you will be able to get advice, guidance and support for your young person's emotional development. The clinic will be held every 4th Thursday of the month at Norbreck. Please scan the QR Code for further information.



Yours sincerely,

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