# NORBRECK PRIMARY ACADEMY Newsletter

ISSUE 10

13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Children,

| WEEK ENDED: 6th November 2026 | | |
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| Best FS / KS1 Class Attendance | RY | 99.6% |
| Best KS2 Class Attendance | 4S & 5H | 100% |
| Most Punctual FS / KS1 Class | RB, 1S & 2T | 0 late arrivals |
| Most Punctual KS2 Class | 3JF, 3W & 4T | 0 late arrivals |
| Whole School Attendance For The Week | | 96.4% |
| **Number Of Children Late At Least Once During The Week** | | **37** |

**Attendance**

Well done to RY, RB, 1S, 2T, 3JF, 3W, 4T, 4S and 5H!

**Important Update**

**Nut-free school**

Although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed, we aim to be a nut-free school. We aim to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts. We aim to protect children who have allergies to nuts by not allowing nuts or nut products in school packed lunches. Please do not include:

- All types of nuts and mixed fruit and nut packs
- Peanut butter and chocolate spreads that are nut based, such as 'Nutella'
- Pre-packed baked goods that contain Nutella or nut-based chocolate spread
- Cereal bars and granola bars that contain nuts
- Cakes and biscuits that contain nuts
- Satay sauce and sauces that contain nuts

**This is not exhaustive. Please check the packaging of products closely.** We thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

**Pre-Loved Uniform Donations**

We are reaching out with a small but important request. Our stock of spare underwear for our children has recently run quite low. These spares are used when children have little accidents or need a quick change during the school day, and they make a big difference in helping our pupils feel comfortable and confident.

If you are able, we would greatly appreciate donations of underwear in sizes suitable for children aged 4–11 years old, to include knickers and underpants, green and black tights and grey, black and green socks.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office at any time. Even a small contribution helps ensure we can continue to support our children when these little emergencies happen.




**Life Education**

The final Life Education sessions will be delivered on **Monday 16th November 2026.**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already paid for their child's session and a polite reminder to those who have still yet to pay that payments can still be made via ParentPay at your earliest opportunity.

**Children in Need**

A sincere thank-you for all your contributions towards Children in Need. It's been wonderful to see the children around school dressed in all their spots! We shall announce the grand total raised next week. Have a look on our school's Facebook to see the children looking fabulous in spots. Donations can still be paid via ParentPay.



**Blackpool FC Community Trust UTILITA Kids Cup 2026**

On Monday, the Norbreck Boys' Football Team competed in the EFL Utilita Kids Cup, hosted by Blackpool Football Club Community Trust.

Norbreck faced Stanley, Holy Family, Westminster and Westcliffe in a highly competitive group stage. Throughout the tournament, the team controlled large periods of play, making composed, unselfish decisions to create scoring opportunities. Goals in the opening four matches came from Rio, Jesse. All the other players helped Norbreck make an impressive start to the competition.

At the back, Ethan, Fin and Boe made excellent defensive decisions to keep opposition chances to a minimum, while Ronnie produced a number of outstanding saves that contributed to several clean sheets.

Norbreck met their toughest challenge against Westcliffe, who managed to break down our organised defensive structure to secure victory. Despite this setback, Norbreck finished second in the group and progressed to the knockout stages.
In the quarter-final, Norbreck faced Anchorsholme. The team absorbed significant attacking pressure while also creating opportunities of their own. With neither side able to break the deadlock, the match was decided by a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, it was not Norbreck's day, as Anchorsholme's goalkeeper produced two excellent saves to send them through to the next round.

The boys demonstrated outstanding resilience, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the tournament. Their selfless approach to football and positive attitude were a superb representation of Norbreck's core values. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school.

**Team**: Ronnie 6L, Ethan - 6P, Boe – 6S, Finley – 6P, Lewis, Rio - 6L, Jesse – 6P and Ollie 6P

**Anti- Bullying Week**




Anti- Bullying Week 2026 start from **Monday 16th November 2026**. This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.




**Odd Socks Day**

To launch Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday 16th November 2026**, we will be participating in our annual celebration of Odd Socks Day which is designed to be an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks for the day. Keep a watch out on our school's Facebook page for our video!

**Elf Run for Brian House and Trinity Hospice**




Upon request from the School Council Members, we will once again be holding an 'Elf Run' on our party days to raise vital funds for our area's most fragile children, who need the expert care provided by Brian House and Trinity Hospice.

Children who would like a new Elf Hat may purchase one from **Monday 16th November 2026** for £2.00. Hats will be handed out on party days and children will be able to take them home.

We understand that many children may still have their Brian House/Trinity Hospice Elf Hat from last year. If your child would like to wear their existing hat again, they are very welcome to do so. Please ensure that it is brought into school on their party day.

As we continue to support this worthwhile cause, we would be grateful if families could consider making a voluntary donation of £2.00, even if a new hat is not required. All donations will help raise vital funds for Brian House and Trinity Hospice.

Payments for new hats and voluntary donations can be made via ParentPay until **Friday 11th December 2026**.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity in helping us make a difference to local children and families.

**Tours of the School**

If you were unable to attend the Open Evening, we are running tours of the school on the following dates:




**Friday 27th November 2026**
**Tuesday 1st December 2026**
**Thursday 10th 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

**Monday 23rd November 2026** is the last day for KS2 children to submit their Anti-Bullying Ambassador applications. Good luck!

Keep a look out on the school's Facebook page for our school's Anti-Bullying video around this year's theme!

**Class Councillors**

Our School Class Councillor Elections will take place week commencing **Monday 23rd November 2026** to coincide with UK Parliament Week. Every child in school from Y1 to Y6 has the opportunity to put themselves forward to be a Class Councillor. This important role involves attending meetings, working on fundraising ideas and generally being the voice of the children in their class.

If your child is interested, they must inform their teacher on **Monday 23rd November 2026**, so that their ideas can be put to the class as to why they would be good in the role. Speeches and voting will take place during the week, and the results will be announced in assemblies on **Thursday 26th November 2026**.

**Good luck to all those children wishing to be a Class Councillor!**



**Nativities**

A reminder of the dates and times of this year's nativities, for your diaries.

Reception Nativity: **Nursery Rhyme Nativity** in the Community Hall at **2.15p.m**
**RB**: **Tuesday 1st December 2026**
**RY**: **Wednesday 2nd December 2026**
**RG**: **Thursday 3rd December 2026**




Y1 and Y2 Nativity: **Hey Ewe** in the Main Hall at **2.15 p.m**.
**1T/2T**: **Tuesday 8th December 2026**
**1S/2M**: **Wednesday 9th December 2026**
**1B/2H**: **Thursday 10th December 2026**

**All performances are due to start at 2.15 p.m. however you are welcome to arrive from 1.45 p.m. as the PTFA will be selling a range of refreshments.**




**Mellors Catering Christmas Menu**

On **Wednesday 16th December 2026**, our caterers are serving Christmas lunch. All children who are currently on school meals will be offered a Christmas lunch. **For children who normally bring a packed lunch to school but would like to have a Christmas lunch on this day, please complete the form via the link below and make a payment of £2.70 on ParentPay by 12 noon on Monday 30th December 2026**.

Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 16th December – Fill out form

Payment is not applicable if your child is entitled to free school meals, however, you will still need to book the meal if your child normally brings a packed lunch.

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




**Crisis and Resilience Support**

Did you know that local support is available for families facing financial difficulties or unexpected challenges?

**Borrow It Blackpool's Crisis and Resilience Support Service** offers practical help and advice to residents who may be experiencing hardship. Support may include access to food vouchers, fuel bank vouchers, help with budgeting, cooking workshops, digital skills training and more.

The service can also provide guidance for people struggling with debt, benefit entitlement, or those affected by emergency situations such as illness, unemployment or reduced income.

If you feel your family could benefit from additional support, please contact **Borrow It Blackpool Community Services**:

✉ borrowit@communityfirstnw.org

📞 01253 301004

Remember, asking for help is a positive step, and support is available when you need it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ian Cooper,
Headteacher

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***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.*