



Norbriggs Newsletter

A Note from Mr. Tasker

It is hard to imagine that February half term will mean that we are half way through the academic year already! It seems that the older you get, the quicker the time goes and I can't believe I have been at Norbriggs for 5 months. What a 5 months is has been. I could not wish for a more dedicated staff and supportive school community. We are moving forward steadily to bring the best education and pastoral support we can for our children. I hope that the changes you have seen already reflects the effort and work we are putting in.

The termly calendar is now updated that the end of the newsletter and any further dates will be added. For the most up to date information, please check out our website, which will be going through a major redesign in the coming weeks!

Attendance Expectations

You have a responsibility to inform us if your child will be absent for school. Please telephone the school office to do this.

School gates and classroom doors both open at 8:35am and children are expected to be ready in class for 8:45am. Any child arriving after 8:55am will be marked as **late**. Any child arriving after 9:15 will be marked as **unauthorised**.

Holidays during term time should be avoided in line with government guidelines, these will be classed as **unauthorised absences** and you may receive a **fixed penalty notice**.

If you require support with any attendance issues, we are here to help.

After School Clubs

- **Monday:** Wrap Around: 3:15 – 5:15
- **Tuesday:** Wrap Around: 3:15 – 5:15, Lego: 3:15 – 4:15
- **Wednesday:** Wrap Around: 3:15 – 5:15, Art: 3:15 – 4:15
- **Thursday:** Wrap Around: 3:15 – 5:15
- **Friday:** Wrap Around: 3:15 – 5:15

PE Days

Class	Days
Nursery:	Tuesday
Reception:	Thursday
Year 1:	Monday
Year 2:	Wednesday
Year 3:	Wednesday
Year 4:	Tuesday
Year 5:	Swimming
Year 6:	Friday

Spring Term Dates

January 2026 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15)							
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March 2026 (20)							
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For a complete overview, please [click here](#)

Uniform Expectations

Please support your children by ensuring they are following the required uniform expectations, including PE Days.

Our uniform at Norbriggs consists of the following:

- Plain black and or grey trousers, shorts or skirt (**knee length**).
- Plain white or burgundy polo shirt (**school logo not required**).
- Burgundy jumper (**school logo not required**).
- Red and white chequered summer dress.
- Flat, black shoes or plain black trainers which fasten securely at the heel (**no sandals, flip-flops, heels or croc-type shoes**).

Pupils should arrive at school wearing their PE kit on PE days. This consists of:

- Plain white T shirt.
- Black shorts or legging (**knee length**).
- Plimsolls or barefoot for indoor sports.
- Sports trainers for outdoor sports (**no Vans, Converse, Croc-type or any other type of fashion footwear - these do not provide the correct support for sports and could cause injury**).
- Tracksuit type kit, dark joggers and hoodies may be worn for outdoor games and colder weather.
- All clothing should be clearly named.
- All jewellery should be removed or earrings covered up.

We use Pinders and School trends as our uniform suppliers. Click the links below.

[Pinders Website](#)

[School Trends Website](#)

Reminders:

- Please can you refrain from climbing on nursery outdoor equipment when entering and leaving school; it is only meant for certain age groups.
- If your child is unable to take out earrings for PE, it is your duty to provide plasters or tape to avoid them being unable to participate.
- Ms Needham is still tirelessly working away in the background with Arbor to get it sorted! Please speak to us if you have issues with the parent portal.
- You still have time to book parents evening for Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th of February. See classroom teachers for available appointments.
- Wrap Around Club and Art Club will be cancelled WC: 2/02/26 due to parents evening. Staff will be onsite to look after children during appointments if needed.
- Governor Awards will be decided for this half term. Keep an eye out for an invite in case your child is selected!

Wrap Around Care

We have 25 places for Wrap Around Club and Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is open to Reception to Year 6, and Wrap Around Club to Year 1 - Year 6.

Breakfast Club will run from **7:45am - 8:35am**. Children will still come to the reception entrance and wait to be let in. The cost of this is a flat rate of **£1**.

Wrap Around Club will run from **3:15pm - 5:15pm**. Children will be collected from the reception entrance by pressing the door bell to be let in. The cost of this is flat rate of **£4**.

Both clubs will be bookable and through Arbor, and payable through ParentPay. Places **will not** be able to be booked unless your ParentPay account as sufficient funds and will be on a first come, first serve basis each week.

If you are unable to book through Arbor, please see our office staff for assistance.

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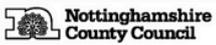
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Starts January 12th



BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPACE NOW

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Weekly After-School Club
- Termly Match Days
- For ALL regardless of skill-level
- LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!



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January at Norbriggs

Wrap Around and Breakfast Clubs have seen a brilliant uptake since we started our wrap around care. We have invested in a new reading corner, games and crafts. The response from parents and children has been incredibly positive!

Y2 enjoy a 'Space Day' to kick off their new topic. They enjoyed activities in class and the hall linked to space and even had the option of dressing up in space themed clothes!

The construction of the new classroom block is on track for a 22nd of May 2026 completion. This month we saw the roof begin to take shape!

We are been successful in being part of the Tesco's Stronger Start campaign. Customers can vote for us using the blue tokens at Clowne. We are fundraising for a new school library!

Y4 enjoyed a morning of sports at Graves Leisure Centre for invasion games! We always value our children having these opportunities to compete against other schools in the area.

Y2 and Y6 welcomed the Fire Service for their talk on fire safety. The classic, stop, drop and roll is an ageless skill that everyone needs to know!

Congratulations to our Bronze Attendance winners for 50 weeks of 100% across their time at school.



Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Online Safety

Uncontrolled Group Chats Are Exposing Pupils to Harmful Content

A Derbyshire School is warning about a dangerous trend on WhatsApp called 'Add Everyone' groups.

These groups encourage users - often children - to add as many contacts as possible, sometimes excluding parents. This creates large, uncontrolled chats where strangers can join.

Why It's a Risk

Groups can include hundreds of members, including unknown adults. Harmful content has been reported: explicit images, violent material, racist language, and requests for personal details. Children as young as nine have been added without consent.

What Parents Should Do

Check your child's WhatsApp groups for names like 'Add Everyone' or similar.

Update privacy settings: In WhatsApp, go to Settings > Privacy > Groups and set 'Who can add me' to My Contacts. Block and report any suspicious groups or individuals.

Talk to your child about the risks of joining unknown groups and sharing personal information.

Why Schools Should Act

- Include this warning in newsletters and parent communications.
- Share guidance on adjusting WhatsApp settings.
- Encourage parents to report harmful content to WhatsApp and, if necessary, the police.

If you require any assistance or support, contact school.

January

Monday 12th

Wraparound Care Provision Begins (**See Website for Details**)

Wednesday 14th

Year 2 and Year 6 Fire Safety Talk

Thursday 15th

Y4 Sports Morning at Graves Leisure Centre

February

Tuesday 3rd

Parents Evening

Thursday 5th

Parents Evening

Monday 9th

Y1 Tennis at Graves Leisure Centre

Thursday 12th

Governor's Awards

Friday 13th

Governor's Lunch
Half Term

Monday 23rd

Back to School

Tuesday 24th

Wilder Chesterfield Bird Box Workshop

Friday 27th

Cricket Workshop Starts

March

Tuesday 3rd March

Y4 Dancing Festival at Winding Wheels

Thursday 5th

World Book Day!

Thursday 26th

Easter Bonnet Show at The Willows Care Home

School Disco!

Friday 27th

Easter Half Term