February 2026

Norbriggs Newsletter

A Note from Mr. Tasker

It has been a relatively quiet first half term after the Christmas break! However, this half term is only 5 weeks; Easter will be here before we know it, along with garden weather! I would say I cannot wait but I already know my missus has grand plans for her vegetable patch.

In the coming weeks we will be launching (another) website. The current one was always meant to temporary. Our new website will be linked to a new mobile app and will have accessiblity features for our diverse community. That means you will have access to a translator, a text-to-speech reader and notification of important happenings in school. Parents will recieve a code in due time in order to join our school site, and we will be putting on a workshop later in the year.

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)							
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March 2026 (20)							
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For a complete overview, please click here

Uniform Expecatations

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:

- Wrap Around Club and Lego Club are cancelled for March 3rd due to whole school traning.
- We are experencing a dip in uniform standards, including false nails, braclets, necklaces and footwear. Please remind yourself on our Uniform Policy which can be found on our website. Staff will challenge on this so there is fairness for all, however we understand that sometimes, issues can arise. If this is the case, please let us know so we can work with you.
- Children are not expected to bring in toys, items or 'fidgets' into school. If you believe your children made need additional support with their learning, please contact Mrs Otter, SENDCO, to discuss. These items will be asked to be put away or confiscated to the end of the day. Any broken or lost items are not the responsibility of the school.
- Our Easter Bonnet parade will be happening again this year so keep your eyes peeled for the date and time.
- If your contact details have changed, please make school aware.

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 **<u>will not</u>** 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.

Community Info

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February at Norbriggs

The end of Februry saw the start of cricket Fridays for the next 6-weeks for some of the classes in school. The first session was all about ball skills. Over the next 6 weeks, children will gradually improve and practise their skills!

Reception Class created some amazing bird boxes with Wilder Chesterfield. This is on top of their hedgehog houses they built earlier in the year. Has the building works draw to a close and the we begin to open up, we are determined to invite wildlife back into our school grounds.

Year 1 attended tennis at Graves Leisure Centre as part of our sports offer across school.

Father Ian visited the children on the first Monday back after February half term for an assembly all about Lent. He will be back joining us on the last Monday before the Easter Break about the meaning of Easter.

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 app of many 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 TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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EXPLICIT SONGS

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TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.

HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok *has* experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something *does* slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

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SOURCES TikTok.cpm

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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.

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Upcoming Events

Spring Term

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 12th
Jungle Jo Visiting
Year 1, Year 2, Year 4

Thursday 26th
Easter Bonnet Show at The WIllows Care Home

School Disco!

Friday 27th
Easter Half Term