



Norbriggs Newsletter

A Note from Mr. Tasker

As we come to the end of a long, busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful children, dedicated staff and you, our school community, for all your, and their, hard work. Christmas time is a special time in schools, full of singing, creativity, drama and kindness. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve you all in my first term as a Headteacher; I genuinely could not have chosen a better school to begin this journey with.

We are proud of everything they have achieved. I hope the holiday brings laughter and time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year, refreshed and ready for new adventures in the months ahead.

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 9:20 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:**
- **Tuesday:** Lego: 3:15 - 4:15
- **Wednesday:** Art: 3:15 - 4:15
- **Thursday:**
- **Friday:**

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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2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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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.
- Please remind and familiarise yourself with our school uniform policy. An increasing number of children are coming to school with the incorrect uniform and staff will challenge this. As a school, we work to keep costs down by not specifying that the school logo is required. **If you are struggling to meet these expectations, please talk to us to see if we can help.**
- We have a number of parents that are in debt on ParentPay. Please can you arrange this debt to be paid off as soon as possible. Any debts not paid after you have been contacted by school is passed onto ParentPay to collect.
- A big **thank you** for your patience with Arbor. Ms Needham is tirelessly working away in the background to get this sorted! Please speak to us if you have issues.

Wrap Around Care

There was an overwhelming amount of support for our school to introduce a wrap around care provision. After a successful application for funding from Derbyshire County Council, I can now confirm that we are able to go ahead with this.

Beginning 12th January 2026, We will be extending our breakfast club times and creating a new wrap around club after school. **25 places** will initially be opened for **Y1 - Y6** for both clubs as we assess its sustainability.

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 payable through Arbor weekly. Booking will open from **12pm Friday and close 7am Monday morning**. Places **will not** be able to be booked unless your Arbor 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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NORBRIGGS PRIMARY



AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

MON & THURS
3:15 - 4:15PM
£6.50 per class
Starts January 12th



BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPACE NOW

Click Link To Book
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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Weekly After-School Club
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IMAGINATION GAMING

Bolsover Library
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Come and join us for lots of fun this Christmas holiday... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world.

Lots of amazing new games that are hot off the press, ready for you this festive period! As well as the usual favourites that you all enjoy.

Lunch is Included!

It's going to be Snow much fun!

Limited number of paid places available for non benefit eligible children at £10.00 each. Purchase your ticket from our website:
shop.imaginationgaming.co.uk




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November at Norbriggs

Christmas performances were a huge success! The children were incredible and did the school proud! All our staff helped to put on an amazing production; I couldn't be prouder!

Mr Evan delivered our Norbriggs Christmas Tree to the church for the Christmas Tree Show Case. The tree was kindly decorated by children from school and looked spectacular.

Children selected from Year 2 to Year 6 sang at The Willows Care home across the road. It is incredibly important that as a school, we give back to our community. The children represented the school with the upmost respect and behaviour!

Thanks to all your efforts and contributions, we have raised £500 on our Christmas raffle, £145 at our Film Night and approximately £200 on our Christmas performances. This money will be used to develop areas in school which allow us to deliver the best education possible to your children.

Children have enjoyed a series of Christmas events such as film night and Christmas parties, hosted by DJ Nuttall and special guest - Santa!

Year 5 enjoyed the morning out at Graves Leisure Centre for dodgeball! A great time was had by all, including the teachers!



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 issues 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 SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

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WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

HELLO OSCAR

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

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Meet Our Expert

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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.

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

Monday 9th

Y4 Sports Morning at Graves Leisure Centre

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!