



Norbriggs Newsletter

A Note from Mr. Tasker

May and June have been considerably busy, hence the newsletter for both months. We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Taylor who will be retiring at the end of the year. I want to thank him for his dedication to our school and say that he will be missed. I have the pleasure of welcoming Mr Fox next year who will be taking over Year 5, alongside Miss Shaw who will be starting her apprenticeship with us across multiple classes. Staff details have been finalised and posted within our Facebook Group so be sure to check it out.

Finally, our new classroom block is now complete internally. Staff are beyond excited to begin to set up the space and we are hopefully that student will be able to move across just before the Summer Holidays.

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:	Monday
Year 6:	Friday

Summer Term Dates

April 2026 (14)							May 2026 (15)							June 2026 (22)							July 2026 (17)										
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5	18					1	2	3	23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	27			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30				22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	27	29	30						31	27	28	29	30	31		

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:

- We are experiencing a dip in uniform standards, including false nails, bracelets, 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. This includes suitable footwear now the warmer months are here.
- We are having some students being collected persistently late. School ends at 3:15pm. Any student not collected by 3:25pm will need to be collected from the school office.
- 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.

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 payable through Arbor. 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.

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



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A WHOLE SUMMER OF WILD DISCOVERY STARTS HERE

As the school year winds down, we wanted to share a little something to help your students, teachers and families keep curiosity alive over the summer holidays.

This summer, Twycross Zoo is turning up the wild with **Twycross Zoolapalooza**: a whole summer packed with animal takeovers, activities, surprises and new reasons to come back again and again.

To help your school community enjoy the fun, we've enclosed an exclusive **Kids Go For £1*** voucher for students and teachers to take home to their families and use during the summer holidays. It's a brilliant way to experience everything happening at the zoo this summer, with something new to discover on every visit.

You'll also find a flyer with more information about our school trips, including self-led visits and curriculum-linked workshops. Trips start from just **£9 per student**, with complimentary staff admission, free coach parking, teacher pre-visits and risk assessment guidance available to support your planning.

If you'd like to see what's new for yourself, we're hosting **two free teacher preview days in August**. Join us to explore our new conservation education offer, including the **Global Conservation Centre**, curriculum-linked workshops, outdoor learning spaces and exciting new species. You'll also get practical school trip planning tips, plus **free entry to the zoo with your family** after the session.


For something truly magical, we've also included details of our **Lanterns of the Wild school visits**. Our fabulous, bigger and better illuminated trail returns for 2026/27, giving school groups the chance to experience Twycross Zoo after dark in a spectacular new way.

Thank you for everything you do. We look forward to welcoming you and your students soon for an unforgettable adventure.

The Twycross Zoo Team

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Spring & Summer Menu

Norbriggs Primary School

Daily:
Bread, Salad,
Fruit, Yoghurt,
Drinking Water
& Seasonal
Vegetables

**CELEBRATING
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Week 1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken with Curry Sauce Rice & Homemade Flatbread	Big Breakfast: Sausage & Bacon Hash Browns Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with Side Salad	Fish Fingers Chips Peas & Carrots
04.05.26	Alternative Choice	Macaroni Cheese & Homemade Bread	Veggie Breakfast: Veggie Sausages Hash Browns Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	<i>diced Potato Peas Sweetcorn</i>	Veggie Sausage Roll Chips Peas & Carrots
01.06.26	Alternative Choice					
22.06.26	Alternative Choice					
13.07.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
07.09.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
28.09.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
19.10.26	Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Layer Dessert	Sprinkle Cake	Chocolate Pear Slice
Week 2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20.04.26	The Main Event	Dippers with a Homemade Sauce & Rice	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Spaghetti & Garlic Bread <i>Pasta</i>	Roast Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Goujon Wrap Garlic Mayo Dip & Potato Wedges	Battered Fish Fillet Chips & Baked Beans
11.05.26	Alternative Choice	<i>dippers + sauce rice</i>	<i>veggie meatballs pasta sauce</i>	Roasted Quorn Fillet Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Balls with Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Macaroni Cheese & Homemade Bread
08.06.26	Alternative Choice					
29.06.26	Alternative Choice					
20.07.26	Alternative Choice					
14.09.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
05.10.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
	Dessert	Salted Caramel Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Carrot Cake Muffins	Ice Cream with Fruit	Pinwheel Biscuits
Week 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken Burger in a Bun & Potato Wedges	Beef Taco Sunshine Rice & Sweetcorn Salsa	Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with a Side Salad	Fish Fingers Chips & Baked Beans
18.05.26	Alternative Choice	Southern Style Burger in a Bun & Potato Wedges	<i>quorn chicken taco</i>	Veggie Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	<i>Pizza</i>	Cheese Panini Chips & Baked Beans
15.06.26	Alternative Choice					
06.07.26	Alternative Choice					
31.08.26	Alternative Choice					
21.09.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
12.10.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
	Dessert	Apple Oat Cookie	Lemon Cake with Fruit	Jelly with Fruit	Jam Sponge	Chocolate Cracknel



For further information and allergen details please visit: www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk

Dates highlighted in bold denote theme day events.

May and June at Norbriggs

Reception class entered the Young Artists competition where a selection of our children's artwork has been selected for publication.

Year 4 took part in a British Sign Language taster session where they learnt simple signing and the reason why BSL so important to our society.

Year 2 had an amazing time at Bolsover Castle. They got to walk the grounds and take part in a fantastic workshop as part of their castles topic.

Three of our classes has visited the EIS in Sheffield this year, taking part in a variety of sporting activities, including ice-skating!

Our school took part in a Swifts workshop led by Mark from Wilder Chesterfield. This was all about raising awareness of Swifts in the area and putting up bird boxes to encourage Swifts to nest.

Year 4 got a bit wild with their visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They were lucky enough to see all the major animals and take part in a feeding activity.

Year 5 visited Springwell Secondary where they took part in assemblies and lessons, giving them a flavour of secondary life.



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

[CLICK HERE](#)

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.

April

Wednesday 15th

Cross Country (KS2
Selected Children)

Friday 17th

Y5 PGL Deposits Paid for Y6
Residential

WC: Monday 20th

Assessment Week

Thursday 23rd

Y5 Mathematics

Monday 27th

Springwell to visit Y6

May

Friday 1st

Y3 Egyptian Workshop

Monday 4th

May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th

Deaf Awareness
Nursery At Healthy Living
Y4 BSL Taster Session

WC: Monday 11th

SATs Week

Thursday 14th

Y2 Bolsover Castle
Swift Workshop w/ Wilder
Chesterfield

Monday 18th

Class Photos
Y3 Sport Summit @ EIS

Wednesday 20th

Tag Y3 Rugby

Friday 22nd

Y5 Jorvik Centre
Break Up for Half Term

June

Monday 1st

Y4 Multiplication Checks

Tuesday 2nd

Y6 Bikeability

WC: Monday 8th

Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening
Checks

Friday 12th

INSET DAY

Friday 26th

Y5 Visit to Springwell

Tuesday 30th

Summer Fayre
Transition Mornings

Monday 29th

EIS Y2 & Y6

July

Wednesday 1st

Y6 Transition
Whole School Transition

Friday 3rd

Y1 Visit to Chatsworth

Monday 6th

INSET Day

Tuesday 7th

Sports Week

Tuesday 14th

Y6 Leavers Disco

Wednesday 15th

Y6 Leavers Performance

Thursday 16th

Y3 Hockey

Monday 20th

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 22nd

Summer Holidays