



Weekly Newsletter

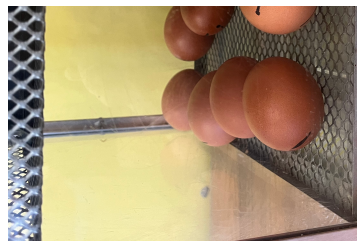
Dolce - New School Meal Provider

On 3rd November, we will be moving our school lunch services to Dolce - a family run, third-generation caterer, passionate about creating healthy home-cooked meals. This is an exciting change as pupils will not only be offered nutritious, tasty meals – but you will be able to pre-order meals and see what's on offer across the whole term, including the special theme days which we will run - via a new system called "SchoolGrid". We'll be writing to you about setting up your SchoolGrid account and making payments in the next few weeks, but you'll be happy to know the price will be the same at £2.81.

To help with the roll-out of the new Dolce service, we are currently looking for a new Chef to join the team - please get in touch with the School Office if you would like to know more about this opportunity.



House for Sale!!



To kick start Year 1's creative curriculum topic, 'House for Sale' (Humans and Animals) this week they had a special delivery of eggs from Living Eggs. This provides a unique 10 day chick hatching programme.

They have been in the incubator keeping warm and we have been very lucky to watch our chicks hatch. We are now the proud parents of nine chicks, two boys and seven girls.

GROW STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception

Amelia R & Arthur F

KS1

Year 1: Jasmine M & Jake D

Year 2: Evie M & Jumaimah R

KS2

Year 3: Emily L & Elsie B

Year 4: Seb L & Lexy L

Year 5: Jessica C & Josh R

Year 6: Erin E & Adiy I

Updated contact information

TELEPHONE

Our new school number is **0161 549 7550**. Please update your records. When calling this number, you can:

- Report your child's absence
- Speak to the main school office
- Leave a message for Branching Out Kids Club via their answer phone

EMAIL

All emails must now be sent to:
admin@norrisbank.org.uk

Do not email staff directly. Instead, include "For the attention of [Name]" in your message.

For SEND matters or to contact Mrs Burney (SENDCO), use: **SEND@norrisbank.org.uk**

Please allow for response times in line with staff working days and teaching commitments.

IMPORTANT

Our old email system and addresses stopped working on the last day of term. Any emails sent to them over the summer were not received. Please re-send these to the admin email above.

Phonics

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. Phonics is the only method that a child can use to decode words, which is the way that the majority of children learn to read. To enable you to gain a better understanding of how we teach phonics at Norris Bank and how you can support your child at home, we are inviting you to a phonics information evening at 5pm on Wednesday 8th October. This evening is primarily for the parents of new Reception children, however if you are new to school or feel that you would like more information about phonics please join us.

please note

Please do not park on the zig zag or yellow lines outside school.

Please book appointments, such as the dentist, outside of the school day where possible. The office needs to be informed of any appointments, procedures etc in a timely manner. This is for our records which are viewed by the Educational Welfare Service.



PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

For a full list of dates for the 2025-26 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.

Date	Event
1st October	Black History Month
2nd October	Open day for Sept 26 Reception Cohort
8th October	Year R phonics meeting
10th October	Harvest Fair after school
14th October	Open day for Sept 26 Reception Cohort
21st October	PTA Halloween Discos
24th October	Last day before we close for October half term
W/B 26th October	School closed for Half Term
3rd November	School closed: INSET DAY
4th November	School reopens