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Dear Parents, Carers & Children

<u>Awards</u>

We were delighted this week to receive two awards. On Monday our Chair of Governors attended the Best Kept Village Awards where we were joint winners in the 'Schools and Nurseries' category. On Thursday we welcomed Parbold Library to school following their summer holidays 'Reading Heroes' challenge. Out of the 6 registered schools with 130 participants our school had the highest percentage of completed challenges. Well done to all our super readers.

This Week

Thank you to all the Team Crane family members who attended the open mornings this week. It's always special for the children to show off their classroom and learning environment. Children in Team Lucas completed a learning walk to spot landmarks in the village and then presented our Harvest Worship in church with lots of positive feedback for how well they knew their lines, smiling when presenting and their beautiful singing and actions. We also had a Dance Assembly to showcase our new Dance Club running next half term. Details about how to book onto this club are in this newsletter.

George the Dog

Once a month we have a visit from George the Dog, a therapy dog who listens to children read to him. If anyone has any concerns about their children visiting George please speak to your child's teacher.

Coming Up At Newburgh

We finish this half term on a high with lots to look forward to. On Tuesday Team Rigby will be visited by the Canal & River Trust to support their history topic. On Wednesday EYFS will be celebrating Diwali by coming to school in bright clothes. Team Venables are also asked to come to school in bright clothes on Wednesday for their South America day where they will immerse themselves in the food, music & culture of South America. We will be sending two pupils to a public speaking event in Tarleton on Wednesday and a team of children to a Composite Relay event on Thursday. Team Lucas will participating in a 'Bug Busters' session to learn about the importance of hand hygiene. Team Venables will have their last swimming lesson on Thursday. Finally on Friday we invite children with birthdays in October to wear non-uniform.

Autumn/Winter Dinners

The Autumn/Winter dinner menu starts after half term. Please use the <u>dinner form</u> to make choices for children. Please do this by Monday ready for our food order to be made. We will also be having a special Bonfire Lunch on Friday 7th November. Please order that here.

And Finally

Our School holiday dates until 2028 have been added to the website.

Warmest Regards,





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Our Shining Lights:

This week those children who have been shining lights in school are:-

Team Crane and Nursery

All of Team Crane – for being super hosts during our open mornings.

Team Lucas

All of Team Lucas – for an excellent Harvest Worship.

Liv, Sadie, Joshua, Gabe, Georgia, Freddie – for great artwork in the style of Paul Klee.

Sadie – for showing kindness and patience to a friend in need.

Team Rigby

All of Team Rigby – for their engagement and behaviour when meeting and talking to Reverend Debs.

Cody, Dexter & Emily – for excellent vocabulary in their literacy work about Cordelia the Witch.

Leonardo – for being kind to his friends.

Finlay – for super maths.

Josh – for super manners.

Henry – for picking up a Nursery child's cutlery when it fell on the floor.

Team Venables

All of Team Venables – for their fantastic behaviour and skills during our cooking session.

Oliver, Freddie, Hugo & Rhianna – for their excellent work on South America.

Sam – for excellent PSHE work about keeping healthy.

Grayson – for his excellent swimming.

Scarlett – for always persevering.

Fred – for helping others.

George – for always being an excellent role model.

Well done for letting your light shine this week in school.

Time to Shine

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Respect are:-

Team Crane

Ezra

Team Lucas

Amy

Louisa

Team Rigby

Thomas

Dexter

Team Venables

Jack

Scarlet

Congratulations to the **APPLE FAMILY** for gaining the most points this week.

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 - Seb

Year 4 – Emily

Year 5 - Lily C

Year 6 - Jemima

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners - Week 2

<u>Weds</u> – EYFS Diwali Day; Venables S. America Day.

<u>Thurs</u> – Composite Relay at 3.45 (select pupils)

<u>Fri</u> – Oct. Birthday non-uniform. Break up for half term at 3.30pm.

Tower Wood:

Don't forget to pay the deposit for Tower Wood Residential (Years 5 & 6) by Monday 3rd November.

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Half Term Competition:

We would like to invite all children to take part in a competition to design a new greetings card that can be used throughout the year for our school. We would like the children to capture what Newburgh School means to them. The card could include the following; our school gospel values, a drawing of the school, our school motto 'Let Your Light Shine' Matthew 5:14-16. The design will need to be A4 and must be LANDSCAPE. Please only use felt tips, colouring pencils or paint (no collage). The closing date is FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.

Primary and Secondary Admissions September 2026:

Admissions are now open for children due to start primary and secondary schools in September 2026. To apply for places please go to: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The closing date to apply for secondary school places (current Year 6 pupils) is: Sunday 31st October 2025.

Secondary school offers are confirmed to parents on Monday 2nd March 2026.

The closing date to apply for for primary school places (current Nursery children) is: 15th January 2026.

Primary school offers are confirmed to parents on **Thursday 16th April 2026.**

Moorcroft House Consultation:

Dear Resident,

Three Trustees from Ormrod and Hackey Charity regarding Moorcroft House attended the Parish Council meeting on 24th September. A statement was read out giving the latest position regarding the proposed closure of Moorcroft House and the eviction of people living there. The full statement can be read by accessing the draft minutes of the meeting at: https://newburghparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings/council-meeting-24-september-2025/

The statement outlined the Trustees' commitment to prioritising residents' safety and welfare, compliance with the Charity's governing scheme and the law and the immediate and long-term best interests of the Charity. The Trustees understand the strength of feeling within the community and are committed to communicating respectfully and transparently, where appropriate, as matter progress. It was also explained that the Trustees are somewhat bound by data protection legislation.

It was stated that the plan for the future was that the Trustees still wish to operate the Charity in a sustainable and more impactful way for the benefit of the residents of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Newburgh. The intention at present and subject to the necessary and regulatory consents and consultation within the area of the Charity is to become a grant making charity in order to provide financial support to those elderly in need within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Newburgh.

At the end of the statement, it was announced that a consultation would be held encouraging the local community to contact the Trustees via an email address to give any and all views, or suggestions regarding the proposals. Any residents who hold a view regarding this issue can provide feedback to the following email address:

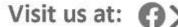
ormrodandhackeyhome@gmail.com

It was stated that the consultation would run for six to eight weeks, so a definite end date is not known at this stage. Newburgh Parish Council would recommend that you respond to the consultation by **Tuesday 4th November**.

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Go Digital with Harry Potter

Join our Culture Hack for a Harry Potter themed e-book, e-audiobook and e-comic event.

Parbold Library
Wednesday 29th October
10 am – 11 am

Suitable for ages 10-13

No booking required

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MUSICAL THEATRE AND DANCE CLUB!



MUISCAL THEATRE AND DANCE / MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL / 3:30-4:30 PM / KEY STAGE 2







COMING SOON...BALLET

MUSICAL THEATRE

COMING SOON...JAZZ

ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dance teacher: Miss Octavia

To book email: insideoutdancecompany@gmail.com

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BURSCOUGH FC ACADEMY SESSIONS

FOOTBALL COACHING FOR 4 - 6 YEAR OLDS

We're looking to recruit new children to join our academy sessions every Sunday.

The sessions focus on enjoyment and serve as a great introduction to football.

Our coaches are UEFA qualified, DBS checked and first aid trained to ensure a fun and enjoyable session, every week.



- Skills & ball techniques
- Footwork exercises
- Individual & teamwork exercises
- Fun games and confidence building

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

- Drink
- Trainers / Football Boots / Astro Boots
- Waterproof jacket as we train in all weather

VENUE: JMO SPORTS PARK

Blaguegate Playing Fields, Skelmersdale, WN8 8BX

Website www.burscoughfc.com

More Information M. 07979212069

chairman@burscoughfc.com





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Parbold Library Library Club

Calling all 5 to 8 year olds Share a range of exciting books books and fun activities then stay for a drink and a biscuit.

Second and Fourth Saturday of the month

10:00am 11:45am

lancashire.gov.uk/libraries



