



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Welcome back to Newburgh School and the warmest of welcomes to our new families. It's been an exhilarating week; our returning children have settled back into school routines and our new starters have made new friends and got to know their new learning environment. A fantastic start to learning and life here at Newburgh. Our Reception children were matched with their Year 6 buddies today and they spent time together in Forest School getting to know each other.

As ever, there's lots to look forward to this half term. The calendar has been updated on the school app. Of particular note is our EYFS Reading Workshop for parents next week, our Welcome Worship which we invite families of children in Reception and Year 6 to and our Harvest Worship which we invite families of children in Years 1 and 2 to. Our Enrichment Clubs are now open for booking on ParentPay. Please note you will only be able to see those clubs open to your child's particular class. If you can't see a club your child has access to it may already be full. Children in Reception will be invited to join clubs out of school hours in the summer term. Team Venables will also have swimming lessons again this half term and they have a theatre trip to look forward to in October – please see ParentPay for these. Unfortunately the planned Bikeability sessions for children in Year 5 can no longer take place this month and will be rearranged for later in the year.

Photographs

Our school photographer Helen will be in next week to take the starting back at school photographs. Please give [photograph permission](#). Please note this link will only be open until Monday. Children in Rigby & Venables will have their photos on Tuesday unless they have siblings in Crane or Lucas in which case they will be on Wednesday along with those classes.

Website Updates

Our [Wake Up Wednesday](#) page has been updated with guidance about 'Recognising And Managing Stress' and 'Fostering A Sense Of Belonging'.

Special Menu

On Monday 15th September there will be a special lunch menu – please select your child's choices [here](#).

Warmest Regards,





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane

Aoife – for always helping to tidy up.

Millie – for being helpful.

Bradley – for helping to share out cakes.

Alfie – for reading lots of books this week.

Rowan – for organising football outside.

Thomas – for super drumming to 'We Will Rock You'.

Ezra – for helping get resources out of the water butt.

Immy – for problem solving.

Tess – for trying to fasten her own coat.

Ralph – for sharing resources in the sand.

Freddie – for super listening.

April – for organising a face painting game.

Rory – for super focus with jigsaws.

Jackson – for a terrific marble run.

Hugo – for interesting magnetic block models.

Emily – for cleaning the outdoor den.

Team Lucas

All of Year 1 – for working as a team and having a great start to the year.

All of Year 2 – for being excellent role models for the new Year 1 children.

Team Rigby

All of Team Rigby – for working well as a team and supporting one another.

Alex & Polly – for being super role models and for their effort in class.

Henry – for super independent writing

Alex, Polly, Lily, Amari, Leo B – for excellent PSHE 'All About Me' work.

Alfie, Emily, Leonardo & Lorelai – for excellent independent writing.

Team Venables

All of Team Venables – for their engagement, enthusiasm and effort in everything this week. What an amazing start to the year.

All of Year 6 – for being role models to the whole school!

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

All Team Crane

Team Lucas

Olivia

Isla

Team Rigby

Lily

Henry

Team Venables

Freddie

James

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Returns soon– keep practising!.....

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Enrichment Clubs Start

Dinners – Week 2

Tues – KS2 Individual & Sibling Photos; EYFS Reading Workshop at 5.30pm.

Weds – EYFS & KS1 Individual & Sibling Photos



Enrichment Clubs Autumn 1:

Welcome to our Enrichment offer for this half term. Clubs that take place outside of school hours require parental permission via ParentPay (PP) or Letter (L).

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Children will be provided with options which may include: Lego, Origami, Board Games, Chess, Drama	
Tuesday			KS2 Football (PP)
Wednesday			KS2 Tri Golf (Letter but already full).
Thursday			
Friday	Choir Club (PP)		KS2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities (PP)

Please note that some clubs have limited numbers. If you are unable to see the club in ParentPay it may already be full.

If your child has a particular interest in one of the club and spaces are full please let us know by emailing bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk so we can register their interest for future clubs.

Back To School Admin Checklist:

Have you:

- Named everything that comes into school?
- Sent P.E. kit and Forest School kit (where applicable) into school?
- Checked the school Calendar for events?
- [Booked individual & sibling photographs?](#)
- Made sure your school dinner account is in credit (a dinner every day for children in Nursery, Rigby and Venables will cost £113.10).
- Checked your Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club account is in credit?
- Checked enrichment clubs and booked places for those out of school time?
- Paid for Snacks?
- Paid and given permission for trips & swimming (Venables)?





Guide To Abbreviations

We update our school calendar each half term with key dates and activities you need to be aware of as parents. Anything that parents are invited to will be coloured red and in bold on the printable version below. Other key events you may need to remember will appear in black and in bold. The common abbreviations are as follows:

EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage – this refers to our Nursery and Reception aged children (Teams Nursery and Crane).

YR – Year Reception – Team Crane.

KS1 – Key Stage 1 – this refers to children in Years 1 & 2 (Team Lucas).

Y1 – Year 1 (Team Lucas).

Y2 – Year 2 (Team Lucas).

LKS2 – Lower Key Stage 2 – this refers to children in Years 3 & 4 (Team Rigby 3 and Team Rigby 4).

Y3 – Year 3 (Team Rigby 3).

Y4 – Year 4 (Team Rigby 4).

UKS2 – Upper Key Stage 2 – this refers to children in Years 5 & 6 (Team Venables).

Y5 – Year 5 (Team Venables).

Y6 – Year 6 (Team Venables).

KS2 – Key Stage 2 – this refers to all children from Years 3 – 6 (Teams Rigby and Venables).

Family Service

Family Service is a church service for all the family. Held in the school hall at 10.30 there are refreshments and activities for children. The dates for this term are:

21st September

19th October

26th October

24th December – Crib Service held in church at 4pm.

Newburgh Beacons

Newburgh Beacons is a partnership between school and church to grow faith through fun family friendly activities.

Newburgh Beacons will next take place during our Baby & Toddler Group on Monday 22nd September.

JAM Club

JAM Club (Jesus and Me Club) will begin again soon. More information to follow!

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 primary school places (current Nursery children) is: **15th January 2026**.
Primary school offers are confirmed to parents on **Thursday 16th April 2026**.



Message for Year 6 Parents:

Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.

You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place.

Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's [Home to School Transport Policy](#). It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the [website](#) regarding [school admissions](#) and [travel assistance](#).

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area.

If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary.

However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Secondary School Open Days happen in September/October ready for making school choices by the end of October for Year 6 children. Year 5 families may also wish to attend to prepare for making their choices next year. Dates to save are:

Thursday 18th September 4-7pm Burscough Priory Academy; 5-7.30pm Lathom High School

Thursday 25th September 4.30-7pm Ormskirk School; Bishop Rawstorne

Wednesday 1st October 4-8pm Tarleton Academy

Thursday 2nd October 5-7.30pm Upholland High School

Friday 3rd October 6pm St Bede's High School