



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

It's been an exciting week here at Newburgh with successful elected candidates and harvest preparations.

### Election Day & Interview Week

Congratulations to our elected class representatives. We now have our School and Eco Councillors who will all help to make school a better place. They are all listed later in the Newsletter and I look forward to the ideas they put in place this year. I have already met with our new Head Boy and Head Girl to discuss how they would like to improve Newburgh School. Congratulations to all our applicants for Key Stage 2 jobs also. Interviews took place this week and job roles have been allocated.

### Walk To School

We continue to participate in our walk to school week which our new Eco Council will champion again soon. Every day we ask children how they came to school (walk, car, bus etc). Those children who walked to school at least once a week in September received a shout out in Celebration Assembly! Later in the year it will be possible to earn badges (the Eco Council will communicate more about this soon).

### Flu Vaccinations Reminder

All school aged children are offered the flu vaccination in school. This year the vaccinations will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please go here: <https://nhs.uk/flu-vaccination> to either give consent for the vaccination OR to opt out. Without consent your child will not be able to receive the vaccine. Please complete this link before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Thank you.

### BFC and ASC

Our breakfast and afterschool club is very full with a waiting list. Please be aware that if you let your account go into debt your space in club will be given to someone else. Thank you.

### PTA Update

Our [PTA page](#) has been updated with the minutes from the AGM last week and they can also be found at the end of this newsletter. They will once again be holding the Christmas Wreath Making Workshop which is always incredibly popular. This will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November in the evening – save the date!

### Website Updates

The Lancashire County Council Autumn SEND Newsletter has been added to our [SEND page](#).

Warmest Regards,





### Our Shining Lights:

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

#### Team Crane and Nursery

**Ezra** – for practicing writing his name at home lots of times.

#### Team Lucas

**Milan, Marty, Amy, Pippa, Annabelle, Jenson & Liv** – for fantastic sentences to predict the story.

**Annabelle** – for helping a friend in the dinner line.

**Dylan, Kieran, Gabe & Diano** – for excellent geography about maps and our local area.

**Alfie & Agnes** – for a super performance to retell the traditional story The 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

**Isla & Agnes** – for being kind and role models to Year 1.

**Annabelle, Pippa & Poppy** – for learning their assembly words.

**Kieran, Milan, Liv & Cora** – for always listening and following instructions.

**Year 1** – for fabulous writing in Phonics.

#### Team Rigby

**Year 4** – for a fantastic morning and lots of listening and learning!

**Jasmine** – for helping Mrs Baker to paint the chalkboard cupboards in nursery.

**Cody** – for always checking in with staff to make sure they are okay.

#### Team Venables

**Freddie, Oliver & Hugo** – for super geography work about forests.

**Monty** – for always following our Gospel Value of Trust.

**Fred, Jemima, Evie & Eliza** – for engagement in our music sessions.

**George, Julia, Dan, Edward & Ava** for their participation in our class discussions.

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

Bradley

#### Team Lucas

Milan

Joshua

#### Team Rigby

George

Polly

#### Team Venables

Rhianna

Hayden

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

### Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 4 – Suzie

Year 5 – Drue

Year 6 - Reuben

### Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 3

Thurs – Venables theatre trip.

### Individual Photos:

Don't forget to order your photos before galleries expire on the 10<sup>th</sup> October.



### Elections:

Our elected candidates for 2025-2026 are:

#### Reception

Eco Councillors – Aoife & Ralph  
School Councillors – Millie & Rowan

#### Year 1

Eco Councillors – Jenson & Pippa  
School Councillors – Freddie & Amy

#### Year 2

Eco Councillors – Poppy  
School Councillors – Agnes & Cora

#### Year 3

Eco Councillors – Leo & Aria  
School Councillors – Harvey & Andrew (Y4)

#### Year 4

Eco Councillors – Alfie & Jasmine  
School Councillors – Leo & Hattie

#### Year 5

Eco Councillor – Monty & Lily L  
School Councillor – Lily C & Sam

#### Year 6

Eco Councillors – Scarlet & Dan  
**Head Boy & Girl – Coen & Ava**



School Council



Eco Council





### Harvest Donations:

We are asking for Harvest donations once again to support Skelmersdale foodbank. Please find a list of suggested donations below, if you are able to, please pick something off the list, purchase it and send in with your child before Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Nursery:

Tinned Soup  
Tea Bags  
Nuts & Confectionary  
Cooking Sauces

#### Crane:

Toilet rolls  
Tinned potatoes  
Rice  
Breakfast Cereals

#### Lucas:

Tinned tomatoes  
UHT long life milk  
Chocolate bars  
Jam

#### Rigby:

Tinned meat  
Rice pudding  
Shampoo  
Tinned fruit

#### Venables

Tinned vegetables  
Coffee  
Box of biscuits/chocolate  
Long life fruit juice

Please take this list as a guide; anything you are able to donate will be gratefully received.

### 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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

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

Secondary school offers are confirmed to parents on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.**

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

Primary school offers are confirmed to parents on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

### 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:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6pm St Bede's High School

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-7pm Ormskirk School (rearranged date).



Newburgh CE School PTA  
Meeting Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Attendance:** Jacqui Sharples, Lisa Hatton, Rachel Menzies, Chrissy Quirk, Rebecca Fowler

**Apologies:** Emma Jones, Freya Hallsworth

**Welcome:**

- All welcomed to the meeting. It was suggested that each year group be asked to send a representative to the PTA meetings to boost attendance.

**Letter to Families:**

- A letter has been drafted to be sent out to families. This details the support the PTA has given to school, the further support needed and how parents can help. Letter amended and approved. **ACTION – Update letter and send out to school community.**
- RM queried whether the donation for new reading books had been utilised. RF responded that new purchases had been made to boost the reading books available in classes.

**Autumn term events:**

- Christmas Wreath Making event – JS happy to run this again. Suggested date: 21.11.25. Suggested ticket price - £40. Suggestion made to add 'bring your own fizz' to the flyer. **ACTION – Save the Date to be communicated and this event to be advertised.**
- Christmas Disco – Running a Christmas Disco was discussed. This has been done for the last couple of years but was problematic last year due to a lack of volunteers. Hiring a professional DJ was considered but would likely eliminate the profit making potential of this event. It was decided that as there would be party days in school the PTA could support those events in some way (i.e. provide kits so every child can make a Christmas decoration or Christmas cracker making kits).
- Festive Film Night – instead of a Disco the possibility of running a Christmas Film night was suggested. RM noted that there is an issue around doing this in terms of licenses. CQ suggested asking Parbold Picture House to use their cinema facilities as they could hold a license. Snack boxes and drinks could be pre-ordered also. **ACTION – investigate whether this is a feasible option for an event to raise money. Consider letting parents know how many volunteers will be needed for the event to run and offering free tickets/snack box to those who do volunteer.**
- Nativity Refreshments – there's an opportunity for the PTA to provide refreshments at the EYFS Forest School Nativity and the KS1 Nativity in the school hall. RM suggested we ask children if they would like to back items to sell as this worked really well last year. School would continue to request mulled wine and mince pie donations as well. **ACTION – date for this event needed so volunteers could be requested.**
- Christmas Fair – RF informed the meeting that Newburgh Fair will be holding a Christmas Fair in school on 06.12.25. A PTA presence there would be a boost to the school. Running a human tombola stall was suggested where three people secretly pick an item of fruit out of a bowl and if they all



match you win, it was added that different year groups could be allocated a time slot to man the stall and run the tombola. RF added that school would run a non-uniform day to collect prizes. Any left-over prizes could then go into a Christmas raffle at the Christmas concerts. It was suggested that when asking for prizes we be specific, for example, EYFS send in a bottle, KS1 a Christmas decoration etc. **ACTION – RF to request a stall at the Christmas Fair. Volunteers to be requested from each year group to run the stall. School non-uniform day to be planned with specific donations planned.**

### Other business:

- Y6 Leavers – hoodies & other treats. With the escalating cost of Leaver's Hoodies it was suggested that hoodies be paid for by the PTA but parents contribute towards the cost of the decorations. LH noted that she knows a company that does this and may be able to get a competitive price. **ACTION – these costs to be explored to inform whether a parent donation will be necessary.**
- JS offered to assist with the role of PTA Treasurer as this position is currently vacant. **ACTION – RM to discuss with FH to arrange a handover/collaborative working.**



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