



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

Welcome back to school! It's already been a busy week with Team Venables delivering a poignant Remembrance Worship in church. Your thought provoking words and beautiful singing made me so proud. Team Rigby went on a class trip to Catalyst Museum of Discovery, spent time exploring the science experiments and had a workshop creating toothpaste. Then our Year 5 & 6 boys football team played in the Lancashire qualifier competition showing fantastic passion and team work. They made it through the group stage and to the quarter final which was a fantastic effort.

Next Week

Next week is extremely busy with Dance, Choir (on ParentPay) and KS1 multi-skills (on ParentPay) clubs starting. On Monday we will launch Anti-bullying week by inviting children to wear odd socks to celebrate, individuality, difference and diversity. Team Rigby will be visited by the Canal & River Trust to support Geography. Wednesday is a whole school fishing experience day. Each year group will have a theoretical and practical lesson about fishing. Our Parents' evenings are on Tuesday and Wednesday and appointments have been given out for these. Finally on Friday we have our Charity Day, a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation (cash only please) to support Alder Hey cardiac department (chosen by our School Council).

Eco Council Champion Recycling

Our Eco Council have set themselves challenges for this year. Their first challenge has been to encourage walking to school with the help of Alex, our school crossing patrol. Now they are encouraging recycling at break time with new bins for our playground – you are making such a difference – keep it up.

Presents Under The Tree

We will be supporting Douglas Valley Lions once again this year to help provide Christmas presents for underprivileged children in the local area. Our annual appeal is for families to buy an extra Christmas present this year. If you are able to do this please wrap the present and attach a gift tag with the suggested gender and age the present would be suitable for (for example "boy aged 6"). Presents may then be brought to school between the 1st and 12th December and placed under our Christmas tree in the hall. Please consider children from birth to aged 16 for this appeal. Thank you.

And Finally

Tickets for the PTA Wreath Making Workshop are now available to purchase on ParentPay. This is a brilliant event where PTA members lead you in making a fantastic wreath for your door this Christmas.

We also have lots of special lunches coming up. Please go to our [School Meals](#) page to find out more and place orders.

Can we also please remind parents that the trim trail is not to be used out of school hours and that we don't allow ball games on the playground before and after school.

Warmest Regards,





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane and Nursery

Ezra – for always saying thank you for his lunch.

All of Team Crane – for being respectful learning about remembrance.

Team Lucas

Georgia – for excellent work in Geography.

Poppy, Dylan & Liv – for excellent behaviour and being role models in church.

Isla, Gabe & Freddie – for being good friends to Francis.

Francis – for settling in to Class Lucas and being kind and respectful.

Milan – for super home reading.

Team Rigby

Amari – for always asking Miss Helm how she is.

Noah – for being helpful.

Jasmine, Ollie & Emily – for showing our gospel value of respect.

All of Team Rigby – for wonderful behaviour during the trip to Catalyst and during their first swimming lesson.

Team Venables

George – for a fantastic poem about WWII.

All of Team Venables – for their thought provoking Remembrance Worship.

Freddie – for super home learning.

All of Team Venables (from Team Crane) – for an inspirational Remembrance Worship.

Evie, Rhianna, Scarlet, Freddie, Edward, Reuben, Dan, Eliza & Ava – for completing work at home.

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

Millie

Team Lucas

Mila

Poppy

Team Rigby

Aria

Jaxson

Team Venables

Lily L

Evie

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 - Lily

Year 4 – Alfie

Year 5 – Rhianna

Year 6 - Hayden

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2 Autumn/Winter Menu

Anti Bullying Week

Mon – Odd Socks Day

Tues – Parents' Evening

Weds – Whole School Fishing Experience Day; Parents' Evening

Fri – Charity Day – Non-uniform for a cash donation.



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 primary school places (current Nursery children) is: **15th January 2026.**

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

Winter Wellness:

We have been doing work in school about staying healthy over the winter months. Our Year 1 and 2 class had a workshop on how to prevent infection and how to wash their hands, children had their flu immunisations on Tuesday and our Reception and Year 6 children had health checks with the school nurse. Our top tips for keeping well this half term are:

- If you need to sneeze use a tissue, then put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands. (Catch it, bin it, kill it).
- When you need to cough do so into your elbow, not your hands so you don't touch things and spread the germs.
- Wash your hands properly with soap and water every time you use the toilet, before you eat, when you come inside after playing outdoors, if you touch animals and wash hands more often when you feel poorly.
- When you wash your hands use water first, then soap and make sure you rub the soap in all over your hands and fingers.
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated, help your digestive system and keep your kidneys healthy.
- To stay hydrated you need to drink 6-8 glasses of water, milk or sugar free drinks per day and eat foods with a high water content.
- Make sure you clean your teeth twice a day to protect teeth and remove germs from your mouth, teeth and gums.
- Make sure you eat lots of healthy food to keep well.
- Make sure you have warm coats for playtimes.
- Don't forget your hat, scarf and gloves.
- Wear lots of layers to keep warm.
- Be careful in snow and ice – walk don't run.

Thank you to Scarlet, Ava & Evie for collecting such good ideas from the children at Newburgh School.



Visit us at:



Parbold Library

Library Club - November

Calling all 5-8 year olds!

Saturday 8th November 10:00 – 10.45 am

Everything rockets! Listen to a rocket story, poems and jokes then solve a puzzle to create an amazing rocket picture.

Saturday 22nd November 10:00 am – 10.45 am

Join us to listen to 'The Golden Tennis Ball' read by the author, a local schoolgirl. Get competitive playing a range of games including our own Lancashire Reading Trail game!

No booooking required

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