



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

It's been an enriching week here at Newburgh.

Parbold Library Visit

Team Crane went on their first school visit to Parbold Library. Along with getting the bus for the first time they had time to explore the library, meet the librarians and take books out by themselves.

Election Day & Interview Day

It was a fabulous day listening to the wonderful ideas in the council manifestos. All candidates worked so hard this year. Huge thanks to the Year 6 parents for maintaining fair play, setting an example and only submitting presentations or posters as requested. We are still counting the votes so the successful candidates will be announced on Monday. We have also been overwhelmed with application for the Key Stage 2 Jobs so interviews will now take place next week.

Football Competition

Our Year 5 and 6 boys football team put in a stirring performance last night. Despite never playing a game together as a team they won 3 matches and finished 4th overall. Their team work, resilience and comradeship were worthy of special praise. We are extremely proud of you all for stepping up as positive representatives of our school.

Flu Vaccinations Reminder

All school aged children are offered the flu vaccination in school. This year the vaccinations will be on Tuesday 4th November. Please go here: <https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/4d680274> 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 3rd October. Thank you.

PSHE Ambassadors

In PSHE lessons next week children will have the opportunity to put their names forward to become PSHE Ambassadors. Please go to our [webpage](#) to find out more information about this as children can prepare a poster or piece of work with their ideas.

Swimming

Team Venables are proving to be strong swimmers so their lessons will finish on Thursday 23rd October. After the half term break Team Rigby (Years 3 and 4) will start their swimming lessons up to Thursday 12th February, we will communicate further with those year groups about this before half term.

Warmest Regards,





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane and Nursery

Stanley – for being a super engineer when building train tracks.

All of Team Crane – for super listening during P.E.

All of Team Crane – for super behaviour at the library.

Team Lucas

Gabe, Joshua – for excellent maps of our classroom.

Rocco, Georgia, Liv, Alfie – for super listening and learning in our Geography lesson.

Annabelle, Gabe – for super sentence writing about the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

Marty – for super phonics and handwriting.

Alfie, Amy, Pippa, Milan – for a great effort in Literacy.

Cora, Agnes, Georgia – for being a good friend to others.

Rocco, Kieran – for being great listeners.

Kieran – for excellent writing.

Team Rigby

Leonardo – for sharing his ukulele knowledge.

Thomas – for working hard on his handwriting.

Seb – for following class rooms.

Leonardo – for a super sentence in literacy.

George, Lily, Jasmine, Emily, Harvey, Aria – for excellent History true or false questions about the canal.

Ollie, Megan, Polly, Emily, Amari – for being excellent role models and for having wonderful manners.

Anabelle – for excellent PSHE work about responsibility.

Toby – for excellent work on place value in Maths.

Hattie, Ollie – for excellent effort in Literacy and always 'having a go.'

Suzie, Emily, Andrew – for fantastic use of point and evidence in Literacy.

Aria, Cody – for always being super helpful in breakfast club.

Aria – for making Mrs Duthie a conker necklace.

Jasmine – for being brave.

Aria – for living by our school motto and having a positive mind-set.

Leo – for super sharing.

Inara – for being a good friend.

Team Venables

All of Team Venables – for responding maturely when being instructed to get ready for swimming in a different place than usual. The swimming instructors complemented you on this.

Boys Football Team – for being fantastic representatives and playing so well together.

Whole School

All Election Candidates – for preparing and presenting in front of their peers to be an Eco or School Councillor.

Monty, Hattie, Freddie – for bravely participating in indoor skydiving.

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

Thomas

Team Lucas

Sadie

Kieran

Team Rigby

Finlay

Hattie

Team Venables

Hugo

Edward

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Aria

Year 4 –

Year 5 – Monty

Year 6 – Hayden

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2

Building Works:

There will be scaffolding going up in the staff car park and field as we will be having work done to the school roof from Wednesday 1st October.



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:

SOUTH AREA – Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley – 01772 532109

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 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