



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

Welcome back to school. We started the half term with Science and Dance enrichment clubs, presenting new challenges for participants. Our Tower Wood residential was the highlight of this week. The whole school waved them off for their adventures. Team Venables enjoyed time canoeing on Lake Windermere, hiking up fells and completing high ropes and team building activities. We celebrated February birthdays with non-uniform today so those children in Team Venables are invited to wear non-uniform on Monday instead.

Looking Ahead

Our calendar for this half term is full of things to look forward to. Team Crane will be having a mini-sleepover next Wednesday as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Full details are on Tapestry but children won't be collected until 4pm on this day. Year 1 parents are invited to a meeting about the Phonics Screening at 3.30pm next Wednesday. Mrs Duthie is going to start a lunchtime trail running club from next Thursday. Children can sign up to this themselves on a whiteboard in the hall but they will need suitable trainers for running on the school field. The Team Rigby Anglo-Saxon/Viking afternoon will now be held on Tuesday 17th March instead of Monday 16th March.

World Book Day

World Book Day is next Thursday and children are invited to dress up as a character from a book. We are collecting decorated paper plates for our new school display, please keep sending them into school. Please refer to our [Year of Reading Letter](#) for more information. Children will be coming home with Scholastic book club leaflets next week for our virtual book fair to celebrate World Book Day. For every book purchased school receives rewards that we can use to update our school and class libraries. Go to [Scholastic](#) to place orders.

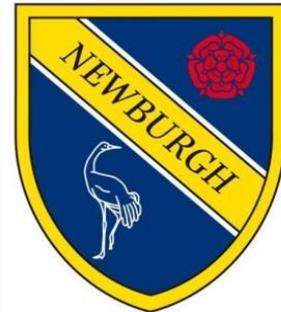
Church Holiday Club

Our wonderful church volunteers are looking to see if there would be any interest in a holiday club for school children on Monday 1st June (our summer two week half term break). Please complete the [Holiday Club Form](#) to let them know your views.

Reminder

Please ensure ParentPay accounts are up to date. We will send letters out next week if your child can no longer access school meals or breakfast/afterschool clubs.





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane and Nursery

Millie – for making Mrs Duthie a bracelet.

Tess – for practicing some of her numbers and letters at home.

Natalia – for a super week of learning at home & at school.

Team Lucas

Mila, Liv, Jenson, Marty – for good PE work.

Amy, Annabelle & Diano – for playing nicely.

Agnes, Cora & Poppy – for being kind friends.

Rocco, Lucas & Francis – for a great effort in Art.

Team Rigby

Emily – for an excellent double paged spread about The Anglo-Saxons.

Hattie & Jasmine – for being great friends to others.

Cody – for passing on a message to Mrs Duthie.

Team Venables

Scarlet R, Eliza, Edward, Lily C, Lily L & Julia – for excellent biographies and Science work.

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

Church Dates:

Upcoming church dates are:

1st March 10.30-11.15am – JAM Club (Sunday School) in Newburgh School.

15th March 10.30am – All Age Worship in church for Mothering Sunday.

27th March – 12th April – Easter Trail around the church grounds.

28th March – Easter Fun Day (more details to follow).

19th April 10.30am – All Age Worship in school

3rd May 10.30-11.15am – JAM club (Sunday School) in Newburgh School.

17th May 10.30am – All Age Worship in school

Please see our [Church School and Home](#) page for more information and dates for your diary.

Time to Shine

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

Team Crane

Millie

Team Lucas

Diano

Lucas

Team Rigby

Anabelle

Polly

Team Venables

All of Year 5

All of Year 6

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Will return after the Tower Wood residential visit.

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 3

Mon – Y5/6 Feb Birthday non-uniform day.

Weds – Y1 Parents meeting re: Phonics Screening at 3.30pm; Team Crane mini-sleepover – 4pm bedtime.

Thurs – World Book Day



Enrichment Clubs Spring 2:

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			KS2 Dance (L) Mad Science (L)
Tuesday		Y5 & 6 Games Club	
Wednesday	Netball & Benchball Club (PP)		KS2 Cricket (L)
Thursday		Y4 Games Club KS2 Running Club	
Friday	Choir Club (PP)		KS2 Football (PP)

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

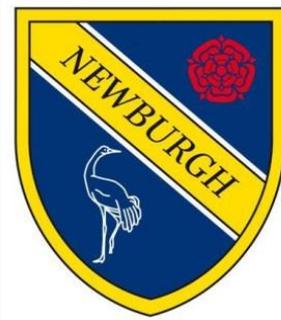
If your child has a particular interest in one of the club and spaces are full please let us know by emailing bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk so we can register their interest for future clubs.

Spring Term 1 Attendance Leaderboard:

As a school we aim for children to have attendance of 96% or higher as attendance is a key indicator of academic attainment. As a whole school for the 1st half of the spring term we achieved 97.2%. By year group the leader board is:

Year Group	Attendance	% Unauthorised Leave
Year 2	98.44%	0.22%
Year 1	98.05%	0.27%
Year 5	97.59%	0%
Reception	97.45%	0.98%
Year 3	96.79%	0%
Year 4	95.5%	0.26%
Year 6	94.86%	3.33%

Well done to Year 2 for having the best attendance last term. Special mention for Years 3 and 5 for having no unauthorised time out of school.



Chrome Book Thanks:

As you all know we have asked for support from Local Businesses to obtain a class set of 30 chrome books. I'm delighted to report that we have now received donations from the following companies:

Hatton Buildings & Construction

Invelia Properties

GPW Recruitment

Standish Engineering

Thanks to their generosity we now have funding for 6 chrome books.

Looking Ahead This Half Term:

We've got a packed and exciting half term planned so the school calendar has been updated with dates. Please look out for:-

- World Book Day is Thursday 5th March, please see our [Year of Reading Letter](#) for our plans.
- Our Year 5 and 6 boys football team have a World Cup event to look forward to.
- The PTA will be running our popular Easter Bingo event and we will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for prizes (Easter Eggs, crafts, books).
- On Tuesday 17th March Team Rigby are having an Anglo-Saxon & Viking Day. Children can bring an Anglo-Saxon/Viking costume to school to wear in the afternoon. This can be as simple as a hessian sack & rope with a cardboard shield or some simple jewellery. During the afternoon they will write using runes, taste Anglo-Saxon & Viking foods, do some weaving and some outdoor Forest School tasks.
- There will be a Year 3 and 4 World Cup Football event we will be selecting a team for.
- Years 5 and 6 have a music experience at Parbold Village Hall where they will watch the Elias Quartet perform a concert.
- Our choir club will entertain their families with a free performance.
- Parents Evenings will take place to keep you informed about your child's progress.
- Team Rigby will be holding an Easter Worship in church.
- Team EYFS will have a Bible Day and a day at Beacon Country Park to look forward to.
- Parents' meetings for Year 1 and Year 6 about statutory assessments.



Tower Wood 2026:

Watch the app for a Gallery of photos next week!





Visit us at:



Parbold Library

Library Club - February

Calling all 5-8 year olds!

Saturday 28th February 10:00 – 10.45 am

Listen to 'Pick a story: A Wizard Astronaut Pyramid Adventure' and have fun deciding what happens next...
Try out our story dice and make up some short tales of your own.

No booking required

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