



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

This week our Year 5 children participated in Bikeability training, practising cycling skills on the playground and then progressing onto the road. Team Lucas went on their class trip to Knowsley Safari Park to be 'animal detectives' for the day.

Next Week

We have a special lunch menu on Monday to mark the start of December and the Year 6 Maths Reasoning Club takes place once again. Team Venables will be learning about the physical and emotional aspects of puberty and on Wednesday they need to attend school in warm, outdoor clothing and bring wellies/walking shoes as they will be helping Team Crane to create their Nativity stage. Finally, on Friday it is our first Nativity event and we can't wait to welcome our Early Years families to that. We have also added a Team Rigby Forest School Day on Tuesday 9th December – please send children to school in warm, outdoor clothes for this with wellies/walking shoes.

PTA

The PTA have a tombola stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December. We need volunteers from each year group to man the stall for 30-60 minutes please add your names to the board outside school for this. We have nobody from Years 1 or 3 helping at the moment. We also need help to sell refreshments at the Christmas concerts. If you can give half an hour or more to sell mince pies and mulled wine please let your PTA rep know. Please also send donations of mulled wine, mince pies and prosecco for our refreshment stalls. Thank you.

Tower Wood

The balance for the Team Venables residential is now on Parent Pay to be paid by February. There will be a parents' meeting about this on Thursday 22nd January at 5pm.

And Finally

We are still supporting walking to school at least once a week. Congratulations to the 62 children who earned their Walk to School badge for November. Keep walking once a week through December to earn the next badge. Our Eco Council will be meeting at 3.30 on 10.12.25 round the fire pit. Please go to ParentPay to give permission for this.

We are still collecting unwanted blankets to donate to Douglas Valley Lions to help children in Ukraine.

Warmest Regards,





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane and Nursery

All of Team Crane – for investigating the number cruncher mystery.

Team Lucas

Annabelle – for super phonics.

All of Team Lucas – for excellent behaviour at Knowsley Safari Park.

Team Rigby

Hattie & Leonardo – for inventing a fun game for Nursery outside.

Aria & Seb – for being super friends.

Noah – for always being polite.

Team Venables

Lily C – for super creative writing.

All of Team Venables – for showing Miss Stirling respect and being an excellent first teaching class for her.

Freddie -for a fantastic week at learning.

Hayden – for always trying in maths.

All the children in Year 5 who shared their bikes with others.

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

Winter Wellness:

This week we have been thinking about what to do when we feel worried. Each class has a facility to write down concerns confidentially and either put them in a worry monster or an ask it basket. Children can then speak to a member of staff about their concerns if they wish. For some children just writing the worry down and posting it is enough to make them feel better.

Lancashire County Council has also a winter campaign with lots of useful information: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter>

Time to Shine

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

Team Crane

Freddie

Team Lucas

Marty

Freddie

Team Rigby

Joshua

Andrew

Team Venables

Marnie

Ava

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

TTRS Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Harvey

Year 4 – Alfie

Year 5 – Lilly

Year 6 - Jemima

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2

Mon – Y6 Maths Club

Weds – Venables Forest School.

Fri – EYFS Nativity at 1.30pm.



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Stable Lives Nativity:

🌲 The festive season is upon us, which can be a challenging time for many families. 🌲

Here at Stable Lives we want to offer a special opportunity to those who are currently facing difficult circumstances. We're hosting a heartwarming Christmas Nativity Event, specially aimed at families under the following:-

- Disadvantaged on low incomes
- Impacted by the effects of mental health
- Foster care/ pre or post adoption
- Bereavement of significance
- Military Blue light services
- Significant health crisis
- Impacted by cancer personally or of a family member
- Impacted by death through Suicide

Our main event will take place on the **21st December**. The first wave will start from **10:30am with the final wave at 3:30pm each wave will take approximately 1 hour**. During the event, children will receive a walk-through interactive tour of our nativity and finish in the elves workshop where they will go on to meet Fr. Christmas in his grotto and receive a bag of gifts that will leave them delighted on Christmas Day - even if it is all they will receive. 🎁

This year we want to be as inclusive as we possibly can and so, we are providing a calm and quiet session on **Saturday 20th December** from **1700-1745**. This will be a quiet time within our Christmas craft area. Children will get to meet Father Christmas and join in with some fun activities if they wish to but there will be no active nativity walk. Places for this are very limited, so please just apply for them if a quiet and simplified event is essential. 🎁

Applications can be done by families, schools and wider support services including GP's and Social Services. If selected, it is free to families and they will be allocated an hour slot. 🚗

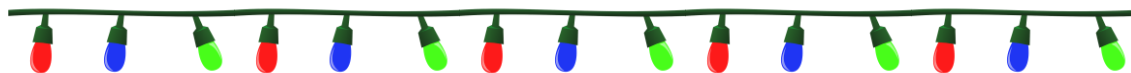
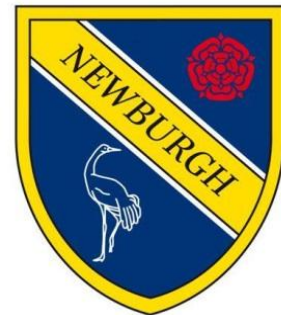
We are based in Parbold, Lancashire - close to Junction 27 of the M6 or Parbold Train Station.

Christmas Nativity Event: <https://form.jotform.com/StableLives/christmas25>

Thanks

Elf Workshop Team

Christmas at Newburgh CE School & Nursery



Christmas Post

From **1st December** the Office Assistants will be running our Christmas card postal service. Children can write cards to their friends with names and classes clearly on the envelope and put them in our special post box. This will run **until Wednesday 17th December**.

Presents Under The Tree

As part of the School Council's commitment to supporting local charities we are asking those who are able to purchase an extra Christmas present this year that will be donated to Douglas Valley Lions for local families in need. Please wrap your present and put a gift tag on it with the requisite gender and age the present will be suitable for (for example Boy, Aged 5). The appeal range is from birth to 16 years old. Presents can be placed under our Christmas tree **from the 1st to the 12th December**. Thank you.

Festive Fitness Challenge

Our PE Ambassadors & Playground Leaders will be promoting health and fitness in December. During lunch time there will be some fun fitness challenges for children to have a go at.

PTA Stall at Christmas Fair

The PTA will have a tombola stall at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 6th December**. There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 21st November** in exchange for tombola prizes.

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas dinner day is **Wednesday 10th December**. Children are invited to come to school in their Christmas jumpers/dresses and wearing festive accessories. Please order your Christmas dinner using the [Autumn Special Lunches Form](#).

Christmas Performances

Always a highlight of the year our performances are as follows:

Nursery & Reception: The First Nativity will be held on the school field on **Friday 5th December at 13.30**. Our PTA will be providing refreshments at this event. **Tickets available now on ParentPay.**

Lucas: Years 1 and 2 will be performing 'Honky Tonky Donkey' in the school hall on **Monday 15th December at 14.15**. Our PTA will be providing refreshments at this event. **Tickets available now on ParentPay.**

Rigby: Years 3 and 4 will present a Christingle Service in church on **Monday 8th December at 18.00**. Children need to be at church in their school uniform for **17.45**. Children will need to bring an orange to school on the 5th December to make their Christingle. **Tickets available now on ParentPay.**

Venables: Years 5 and 6 will present 'Carols by Candlelight' in the school hall on **Tuesday 16th December at 18.00**. Children will need to be back at school for **17.45** in their school uniform with Christmas jumper and Santa hat. Our PTA will be providing refreshments at this event. **Tickets available now on ParentPay.**

Tickets are limited depending upon the event and will be made available to purchase on ParentPay soon.

Our Choir will also do a free mini performance for their families on **Friday 12th December**. Please arrive with children at **08.00** for this.

Our Dance Club will do a free mini performance for their families on **Monday 15th December**. Please arrive at **16.00** for this (time subject to change).

If you are able to donate mulled wine, prosecco/cava or mince pies for the PTA refreshments please do so.

Christmas Party Day

Christmas party day is **Wednesday 17th December**. Children are invited to attend school in their party wear for a fun day of activities and a treat provided by our PTA. There will be a special party lunch.