



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

Welcome Worship

A huge thank you to our Year 6 children for leading our 'Welcome Worship' on Wednesday. After a very short space of time they delivered their lines with confidence and sang beautifully. It's always a joyous occasion to welcome our new Reception children to the Newburgh family and formally match them with their Year 6 buddies. Congratulations also to our Year 6 children who successfully applied to be School Prefects and received their badges during the worship. I know you will be brilliant role models for our younger children.

Front Row Music

On Thursday we had a music assembly by Front Row Music who are offering ukulele lessons to children in Years 1-6. For more information about how to sign your child up for this please go here:

<https://frontrow-music.com/signup/>

Election Day

Next Thursday is our Election Day for our School and Eco Councillors. Please prepare a poster or manifesto to share with your year group to stand for election.

Flu Vaccinations

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 Monday. Thank you.

Birthday Non-uniform

Our 2024-2025 School Councillors voted to continue to celebrate birthdays with special non-uniform days throughout the year. On the last Friday of the month we invite children who have had a birthday that month to come to school in non-uniform. Next Friday we will be celebrating those children whose birthday is in September.

And Finally:

Our PTA AGM is on Wednesday 24th September and will be held either in the library or Venables classroom. Every parent is a member of our PTA and we welcome all of you to attend. Please walk straight up to the top of the playground and PTA members will be there to greet you.

Warmest Regards,





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane

Immy – for sharing 2 stories with Team Crane which she had made up.

Rory, Ralph, Tess, April, Alfie, Freddie, Aoife, Rowan, Jackson, Hugo, Thomas, Ezra,

Millie & 2 un-named – for returning their home challenge.

April – for collecting and counting 100 conkers.

Team Lucas

Freddie – for additional tidying around our school.

Liv – for fantastic handwriting – super progress made in just 2 weeks!

Joshua – for collecting and counting 100 conkers.

Annabelle – for being a kind and helpful friend.

April – for always being helpful.

Gabe – for super maths work.

Cora – for being a good role model.

Kieran – for always having good manners.

Alfie – for super literacy work.

Diano – for great writing work.

Freddie – for a good effort with his handwriting.

All of Class Lucas – for super PE lessons this week using their listening ears for instructions.

All of Year 1 – for beautiful writing in phonics.

Team Rigby

Leonardo, Megan, Jasmine – for excellent listening and showing respect in our PSHE lesson.

Dexter, Aria, Josh – for excellent work in PSHE.

Noah – for super thinking about the word ‘respect’ – ‘treat others as you wish to be treated’.

Henry – for super literacy work.

Harvey – for excellent history work about the canals.

Hattie – for additional tidying around our school.

Henry – for an excellent attitude to learning.

Leo B, Emily, Alex, Dexter, Hattie – for an excellent character profile in literacy.

Alex – for reminding others of our values.

Amari – for working hard and not giving up.

Ollie, Aria, Megan – for super French.

Dexter, Emily – for a super email.

Team Venables

Monty – for additional tidying around our school.

Evie – for super partner work.

Scarlet – for excellent typing skills and letter writing.

Freddie, Jack, Edward – for excellent effort in Geography about South America.

Reuben – for participating in the football trials for West Lancashire.

All of Year 6 – for leading a fantastic ‘Welcome Worship’.

All of Year 5 – for supporting Year 6 in the ‘Welcome Worship’ with their brilliant singing.

All of Team Venables – for a respectful and engaging swimming lesson.

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

Aoife

Team Lucas

Pippa

Rocco

Team Rigby

Harvey

Emily

Team Venables

Julia

Jemima

Congratulations to the **SILVER BIRCH FAMILY** for gaining the most points

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 1

Mon – Newburgh Beacons; Gospel Value Morning

Thurs – Election Day; YR Library Trip; Y5/6 Boys Footie Comp at 4pm.

Fri – Non uniform Sept birthdays; KS2 Job Interviews.

PTA Thanks:

Thanks again to our PTA for subsidising the coach for Reception to go to Parbold Library.



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