



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

Team Venables explored Mayan artifacts from their Museum Loan (thank you to the PTA for purchasing this for the whole school). Newburgh Beacons met with Reception and Year 6 and created a wreath of positive messages that anyone can help themselves to. Our school librarians met with Claire from Parbold Library and they discussed ideas to enhance our library, encourage reading and also shared ideas of good books to read in winter.

Next Week

Year 5 have Bikeability on Monday, Thursday and Friday. They will need to wear warm clothes and bring their bike with them to school. Team Lucas have their class trip to Knowsley Safari Park on Thursday. They will need a packed lunch on this day.

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 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.

Church Christmas Party

Come and join the Family Service Team for a bit of festive fun as we prepare to enter the season of Advent. Christ Church, Newburgh would like to invite all children to a Children's Christmas Party on Sat 29th November 12-13.30 in the school hall. Expect carols/songs, disco, games, crafts, party food and a gift to take home. Tickets are FREE and are available from the school office. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

And Finally

We are still supporting walking to school at least once a week. We have a bank of high visibility jackets available to loan to ensure children can get to school safely. Our Eco Council have been modelling the jackets in school. Please ask at the school office if you wish to borrow one.

Douglas Valley Lions have launched an appeal for blankets to send to children in Ukraine sheltering from the war. If you have spare, unwanted blankets you can donate them at the school office.

Warmest Regards,

R. Hurre





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane and Nursery

April – for being kind and helping her friend.

All of Team Crane – for super writing this week.

Rowan – for teaching Team Crane about chess.

Team Lucas

Amy, Pippa, Jenson, Alfie & Mila – for some super work in literacy.

Louisa, Cora & Georgia – for super subtraction.

Emelia & Isla – for super addition work.

Poppy – for being helpful & kind to Y1 – helping them button up their shirts.

Kieran – for being a good role model.

Freddie – for great home reading.

Dylan, Joshua & Kieran - for super reading.

Team Rigby

Lorelai – for giving complements to staff.

Team Venables

Jemima, Hayden & Hugo – for superb writing.

Lily L & Ollie H – for being super helpful & kind to the EYFS children.

James – for teaching Rowan more about chess.

Team Venables – for exceptional engagement during our literacy sessions & producing some fantastic work.

Dan & Marnie – for participation during music.

Tree of Kindness:

Thank you to Noah in Year 3 for suggesting a tree of kindness for school. This is placed outside the school hall and when children see acts of kindness they can write who the name of the person being kind onto a leaf and put it on the tree. On Friday, during Celebration Worship a leaf will be selected from the tree and that person will win a prize. Congratulations to the winner this week: **Ollie H.**

Time to Shine

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

Team Crane

Hugo

Team Lucas

Jenson

Lucas

Team Rigby

Anabelle

Alex

Team Venables

Monty

Grayson

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

TTRS Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Harvey

Year 4 – Jaxson

Year 5 – Oliver

Year 6 - Grayson

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 1

Mon – Bikeability (Y5)

Thurs – Lucas Trip to Safari Park; Bikeability (Y5)

Fri – November birthdays non-uniform day; Bikeability (Y5)



Primary 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

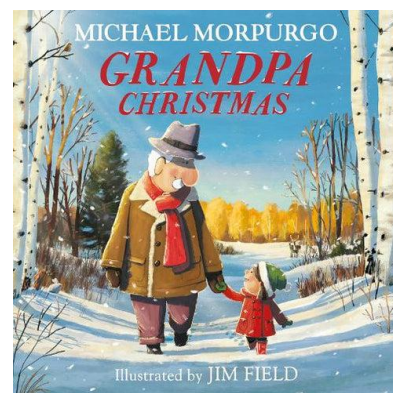
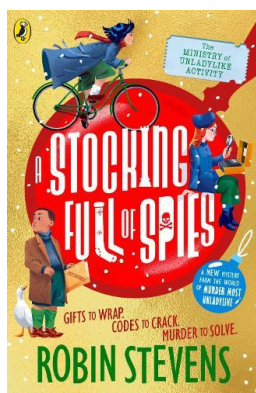
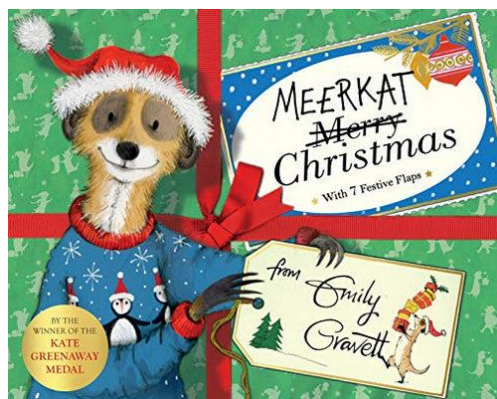
The closing date to apply for for primary school places (current Nursery children) is: **15th January 2026.**

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

Winter Wellness:

The winter months can be challenging for lots of different reasons. At Newburgh we are trying to promote all the good things about this season and remind ourselves how to keep well and happy even when the days are dark and dismal. This week our librarians discussed ideas to improve our school library and shared seasonal reading ideas (because reading is a lovely all weather activity).

The top reading suggestions from Parbold Library were:



Our Librarians will be putting all the ideas discussed into practice in the school library.



Visit us at:



Parbold Library Library Club - November

Calling all 5-8 year olds!

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 boooking required

lancashire.gov.uk/libraries



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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. 🚗

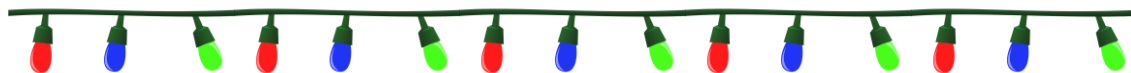
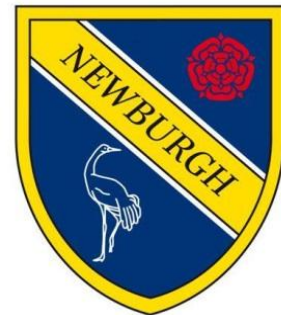
We are based in Parbold, Lancashire - close to Junction 27 of the M6 or Parbold Train Station.

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

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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.

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 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.