

Newburgh CE School & Nursery



Newburgh Highlights 2025-2026

Welcome to our celebration of this academic year. Our 96 families, 15 staff and 9 Governors have so much to celebrate.

Our aim is to provide a rich and engaging educational experience in a caring Christian environment in which each individual is valued and respected so that all are enabled to reach their full potential.

Achieve, Belong and Thrive

We pride ourselves in offering more than an academic experience at Newburgh School. We are committed to ensuring every child is heard and valued and given the opportunity to thrive. This may be through academic attainment or personal growth. In ensuring children feel like they belong here and are part of a community they feel safe, valued and respected which in turn allows them to reach their potential.

Pupil Voice

Our School Council, Eco Council and PSHE Ambassadors have played an active role in school life this year. Our School Council planned events to raise money for Alder Hey and our harvest collection. They organised a book swap to support our 'Year of Reading' events and represented their peers throughout the school year. Our Eco Council have promoted the recycling stations in school and walking to school. They have spent time in the school grounds litter picking and feeding the birds and met with a representative from a company offering eco-friendly stationery options. Finally they organised a non-uniform day to raise funds to purchase eco-friendly whiteboard pencils for the whole school. Our PSHE Ambassadors have a key role in ensuring our gospel values are upheld during the school day and have been responsible for introducing 'kindness detectives'. Our secret kindness detectives are selected each week and during Celebration Assembly they reveal themselves and who they have spotted being kind that week. The winning pupils get a kindness sticker designed by our PSHE Ambassadors. We strive to hear the voice of all pupils here at Newburgh, ensuring their thoughts and opinions are valued and respected. This supportive environment encourages excellent behaviour and attendance and an environment in which pupils feel safe, able to fully engage and participate in all experiences here.



Attendance 25-26

Reception – 96.92%

Year 1 – 96%

Year 2 – 97.46%

Year 3 – 96%

Year 4 – 97.35%

Year 5 – 97.17%

Year 6 – 96%

Whole School Attendance – 96%



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Academic Achievement

The children continue to make excellent academic progress here at Newburgh. Children are assessed each term in order to quickly identify gaps in knowledge or where extra support is required. Our staff have excellent knowledge of every child and are able to cater to the needs of all children. This results in children making excellent progress with some achieving the highest grades during their time with us. We exceed national averages in all formal tests, at every age group. Our Year 6 children leave us meeting the expected academic standard in all subject areas, with many exceeding the expected standard.

Curriculum

We have a robust curriculum ensuring all children gain the key knowledge and skills they need to progress. Learning is carefully sequenced to ensure progression of knowledge and we have justifiably high expectations of the children who attend here. We review and develop our curriculum each year with new key learning this year in terms of AI and keeping children safe online to ensure we keep pace with technological developments. We have also developed our PE offer to include more competitive events in response to pupil feedback from last year.

Reading & Literacy

The cornerstone of education here is fluent reading as this opens the door to every curriculum subject. Reading is promoted and celebrated throughout the year. Our Reception children were gifted a book from our PTA to start their reading journey and their parents received a workshop about how reading is taught using phonics to enable them to support their children. This year our school won the Parbold Library summer reading challenge (2025). Our Librarians met with staff from Parbold Library to get ideas about how to promote and encourage reading, they also helped choose new reading material to enhance our class library areas. Children participated in a spelling bee, a public speaking event and a poetry event, having the opportunity to read their own work in front of an audience. Children in Reception went on their first school trip to Parbold Library, to become members and experience borrowing a book from the library. We celebrated World Book Day with children dressing up as their favourite characters, sparking a day of discussion about much loved books.

Academic Achievements

EYFS GLD 94%
(Good Level of Development)

Year 1 Phonics Screening 91.66%

Y4 Multiplication Check
Average Score **23.4/25**
47% achieved 25/25

Key Stage 2

Reading	EXS 100%	HS 83%
SPAG	EXS 100%	HS 67%
Mathematics	EXS 100%	HS 50%
Writing	EXS 100%	
Science	EXS 100%	

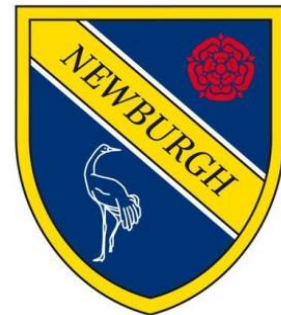
100% of our children achieved the **Combined Expected Standard** at the end of their Primary Education.

33.3% of our children achieved the **Combined Higher Standard** in the SATs papers.

Congratulations to our fabulous class of 2026 for showing determination, resilience and a positive attitude in preparation for their SATs tests. We could not be more proud of you.



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Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

Children are encouraged to explore, discover and learn throughout their time here. Investigation and experimentation is encouraged from Early Years to Year 6. We have taken children on trips to Catalyst Science Museum, run an extremely popular Science Club and our Year 6 Maths Reasoning Team attained the highest score in the history of the club (7 years) managing to complete questions from past G.C.S.E. papers.

History & Geography

These subjects have been brought to life thanks to our regular Museum boxes, full of artefacts for children to explore. We have held a Brazil day, Victorian afternoon, Viking/Anglo-Saxon Day, had food tastings from Japan and Greece and children gave family members an assembly to demonstrate their learning about the Great Fire of London.

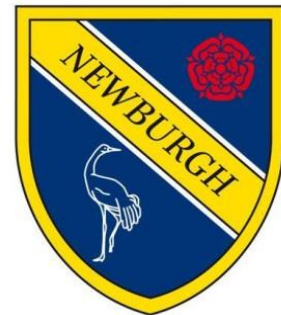
Personal Development

To help children thrive we include opportunities to leave their comfort zone, celebrate and recognise similarities and difference and support them to lead healthy lifestyles. Every child participates in a class worship in church to support spiritual development. Our 50 Things To Do At Newburgh supports the holistic development of all children with children participating in stargazing, making their own beds, supporting a charity, following a recipe, learning how to sew, becoming responsible consumers, going to the theatre, making their own packed lunch and supporting a sporting event amongst others. Children have had workshops about hand hygiene, road safety, fire safety and water safety. We have had enrichment clubs in football, golf, outdoor adventurous activity, dodgeball, multi-skills, origami, board games, dance, cricket, netball, benchball, science, running, karate, tag rugby, gymnastics, rounders and our choir. We endeavour to target the interests of all children at Newburgh and 80.95% of our pupils participated in clubs outside of school time. 100% attended clubs when taking into account clubs held during the school day. Our residential trip to Tower Wood gave our older pupils the experiences of canoeing, team building, hiking and completing high ropes. Every single person pushed themselves, took risks and did things they did not think were possible, expanding their own belief in themselves and their own abilities; experiences that will last a lifetime.



Church Worships:

Welcome Worship (Reception & Year 6), Harvest Worship (Years 1 & 2), Remembrance Worship (Years 5 & 6), Christingle (Years 3 & 4), Easter Praise (Years 3 & 4).



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P.E.

We have had a strong focus on P.E. this year as we worked towards and achieved Platinum status. To achieve this award we participated in the following competitions: football, composite relay, dodgeball, benchball, swimming gala, sports hall athletics, scavenger hunt, dengineers, cross country and quad kidz. We were quarter finalists of the West Lancashire Small Schools Cup, were winners of the swimming gala and came second in the cross country and third in the indoor athletics. All of our Key Stage 2 children were offered the opportunity to represent school at an event and I am delighted that 93.33% did so.

Our ambition did not stop there, embarking upon a whole school challenge to ensure all children would be fit enough to be able to complete a Fun Run challenge. Our training programme started in April with running focussed P.E. lessons, trail running club at lunchtime and the opportunity for parents to support children with additional training outside school. We celebrated our hard work with a Fun Run that all children completed either walking or running with parents and family members joining us to participate or support. A wonderful end to a term of hard work, improving the fitness of our whole community.

Forest School

Our Forest School provision continues to give children the opportunity to learn outdoors, get fresh air, become resilient to the weather and challenge themselves to take risks and try new things. Our Early Years have Forest School weekly, Years 1 and 2 alternate weeks and we commit to offering Forest School to Key Stage 2 children at least once per term.

The Arts

We continue to support children's artistic development with choir club, and the opportunity to learn to play piano, guitar or ukulele. Our choir club & guitar/ukulele players gave three performances for their families. All children participated in our Christmas concerts, with every child having at least one line to say. We finished this year with our Art Exhibition to demonstrate the talents of our children to our whole community, with a wide variety of styles of drawing, painting and sculpture on display. Finally our Year 6 children treated their families to a performance of 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare.





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Belonging

The culture we develop here at Newburgh is designed for children to feel they belong. Through pupil voice and the knowledge staff have of every child we are able to cater to the needs of everyone, embrace their interests and allow children to feel safe, valued and respected. Additional needs (however small) are identified quickly and support put in place to enable every child to have a positive experience here.

And Finally

Through ensuring children achieve, belong and thrive we believe they become empowered to be the best of themselves while here, at home and in the community. We take pride in watching the progress and development of every child, whether that be through passing formal tests, representing school at events, speaking lines in a production or proudly demonstrating kindness and manners each week in school. Through hearing their voices we have widened our enrichment opportunities, fund raised to become more sustainable with our stationery choices and supported local charities that are important to our community. We have offered experiences and opportunities to allow children to grow and develop and crucially find out more about themselves and what they are capable. We celebrate all their achievements each week to reinforce their value to us and demonstrate that we respect their interests and hobbies outside of school.

It takes a team to ensure the success of every child here. Every member of that team here shares my feeling of privilege that we are able to share the journey of the children here from their very first days in our Early Years to the Year 6 children preparing to embark upon their next chapter. I am extremely proud that all our children are always ready to face their next chapters with confidence, resilience and a sense of anticipation of what is to come. Huge thanks to all the staff here at Newburgh, our PTA who work so hard to bring additional resources and opportunities to the children here and to our wonderful community who ensure all children embrace their time here at Newburgh.

Have a wonderful summer break,



Parent Feedback

This school has a sense of community like nowhere I have experienced before.

Not many schools provide such a positive experience for children.

You've created the perfect environment for children to thrive.

The wonderful environment you have created has enabled my child to thrive.

It's wonderful to see how [my child] has grown academically and as a person.

[My child] is always looking forward to days at school.

The care and commitment you show every day truly embody what makes Newburgh such a special place for children.