



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

We started this week with odd sock day; celebrating what makes us special and how we are both the same and different from everybody else. Team Rigby were visited by the Canal and River Trust to learn about how to keep safe around water and how to help others who get into trouble in water. On Wednesday we had our fishing experience day, giving all children a taster of the theory and practical skills to learn to fish. Our EYFS celebrated Nursery Rhyme Day and today the School Council has raised **£248.76** for Alder Hey Cardiac Department, a fantastic achievement.

Next Week

Our Nursery is holding an open morning on Monday to which anyone is welcome to attend. Our select Year 6 children have their next Maths Reasoning Club at Our Lady and All Saints in Parbold. On Thursday our school librarians will be visited by the librarians from Parbold Library to get some ideas for our school library. Finally on Friday we have another non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes.

Team Lucas PSHE

On Monday Team Lucas will be discussing people who are important to us. Could children please bring a family photograph in to help their discussions?

PTA

The lucky 100 club lottery winner this month is number 13 – Congratulations and thank you for your support. Next month is the bumper December £50 draw. In order to have a chance at winning this prize your standing order would need to be set up before the end of this month. The fantastic Christmas Wreath Making Workshop is next Friday at 6.30pm. Tickets are limited and can be purchased on ParentPay for £42 each. The PTA have a human tombola stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December. We have a non-uniform day next Friday for tombola prizes (Christmas craft, food or drink) and need volunteers from each year group to man the stall for 30-60 minutes. 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 having work done in the boiler house over the next few weeks and may not be able to put the heating on as a result. If you wish to send children in to school with extra layers please feel free to do so.

Thank you to Phelix for giving a birthday book and toy to Nursery for his birthday

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 super effort on World Nursery Rhyme Day.

Team Lucas

Alfie – for lovely manners every day.

Louisa – for using her phonics.

Freddie – for being a good friend to Francis.

Joshua, Kieran & Gabe – for good maths work.

Alfie, Mila, Jenson & Marty – for a great effort with their sentence work.

Team Rigby

All of Team Rigby – for excellent questions and engagement during our Canal and River Trust talk.

Lily, Amari & Anabelle – for looking after their friend.

Toby & Lorelai – for pushing themselves in swimming.

Team Venables

Scarlet R – for an amazing Anti-Bullying week poster.

All of Team Venables – for observing the two minute silence for Remembrance so respectfully.

Evie, Ava & Scarlet – for giving compliments.

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

Emily

Team Lucas

Mila

Francis

Team Rigby

Leo

Hughie

Team Venables

Sam

Reuben

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Lily H

Year 4 – Jaxson

Year 5 – Lily P

Year 6 - Grayson

School Card Competition:

Help needed

We had a number of entries to the card competition and the standard is so high. We'd love to take elements of each of the designs to create a new greetings card for school. If there are any artistic parents who may be able to draw together the ideas from our entries into one design we'd love to hear from you so we can capture the thoughts and inspiration from all of the children's ideas.

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 1

Mon – Nursery Open Morning; Y6 Reasoning Club

Weds – Dodgeball Club starts

Thurs – Parbold Librarians to visit School Librarians.

Fri – Non-uniform day for tombola prizes; PTA Xmas Wreath Making Workshop



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 we participated in anti-bullying week and an event to raise money for charity. To link with this the school office assistants went on the playground to get some ideas about how to be a good friend and how to help others:-

- Don't give up (Diano)
- Say than you (Olivia)
- Check on your friends when they are hurt (Georgia)
- Be respectful (Emelia)
- Be kind and thoughtful (Poppy)
- Cheer your friends up when they are sad (Lucas)
- Share (Mila)
- Play nicely (Marty)
- Hold doors open (Isabelle)
- Be polite (Coen)

Our School Council elected to support Alder Hey this charity day. Alder Hey is very close to our hearts as so many of the children from Newburgh have had appointments there. Because it is close to our hearts, the school council wanted to support their heart which is why the funds raised today will be going to the Cardiac Department.





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



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.

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.

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.