



Dear Parents, Carers & Children

It's been another successful week here at Newburgh.

This Week

Huge congratulations to our team this week: our KS2 swimming team came joint first at the swimming gala on Monday. An array of gold, silver and bronze medals were won by the team. The KS2 Spelling Bee was a close fought event with our team doing well against tough competition and placing 3rd overall. Our Athletics Team worked incredibly hard together and placed 3rd overall, gaining bronze medals – a fantastic achievement in unfamiliar events. Inspirational achievements all round.

Looking Ahead

There's lots to look forward to up until half term. Next week Team Lucas will be making and tasting bread on Tuesday (please let us know if this will be a problem). They also have their fabulous finish assembly for parents to watch on Tuesday 10th Feb. On Wednesday 11th Feb the children who have guitar and ukulele lessons with Front Row Music will perform for their families and the school.

Mrs Barker-Gaskell

It's with a huge amount of pride and sadness that I let you know that Mrs Barker-Gaskell will be leaving us to start a teaching job. Unfortunately for us she is required in her new job before half term so her last day will be next Thursday.

Church Holiday Club

Our wonderful church volunteers are looking to see if there would be any interest in a holiday club for school children on Monday 1st June (our summer two week half term break). Please complete the [Holiday Club Form](#) to let them know your views.

And Finally

Please take a look at our [Wake Up Wednesday](#) page for the latest guides on 'Fortnite' and 'Minecraft'

Whilst many children have coughs and colds at the moment please do not send cough or decongestant sweets into school with children as they cannot be administered during the school day.

We regret that we are unable to take any more donations of pre-loved uniform at the moment. Our stock will be on display to purchase at the Parents Evenings next month, or there is currently a display in the main entrance of school.

R. Gaskell





Our Shining Lights:

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

Team Crane and Nursery

Rowan – for helping everyone to draw a dog from a stickman!

All of Team Crane – for super effort with their 'I'm not a cardboard box' project.

Team Lucas

Liv, Amy & Annabelle – for a good effort in phonics.

Kieran, Isla, Joshua & Agnes – for always reading at home.

Mila, Alfie & Sadie – for being good friends.

Milan, Marty & Diano – for an excellent effort in Maths.

Team Rigby

Suzie, Polly, Andrew, Lorelai & Cody – for excellent work in mathematics about division.

Thomas, Seb & Leo C – for being super helpers.

Alex D, Amari & George – for always using their manners.

Team Venables

All of Team Venables – for being role models during collective worship this week.

Coen, Eleanor, Scarlet H, Hugo & Grayson – for being a fantastic learning group this week.

Jack & Lily – for a brilliant effort in our PE session this week.

Freddie, James, Evie, Isabelle & Hayden – for working well within their group, creating a story map of Walt Disney.

Swimming Team – for your fantastic sportsmanship, cheering each other and other schools on.

Spelling Bee Team – for fantastic team work during the event and supporting each other.

Athletics Team – for trying so hard in all of the events, working so well as a team and not giving up.

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 Hope are:-

Team Crane

Aoife

Team Lucas

Liv

Kieran

Team Rigby

Anabelle

Jasmine

Team Venables

Hugo

Coen

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

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 - Anabelle

Year 4 – Alfie

Year 5 – Marnie

Year 6 - Grayson

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 2

Tues – Team Lucas bread making; Lantern Walk at 6pm.

Fri – Final payment for Tower Wood due.



Looking Ahead to Next Half Term:

We've got a packed and exciting half term planned so the school calendar has been updated with dates. Please look out for:-

- Team Venables will be heading on their residential during the first week back after half term to Tower Wood.
- World Book Day is Thursday 5th March and we will be sharing our plans for this very soon.
- Our Year 5 and 6 boys football team have a World Cup event to look forward to.
- The PTA will be running our popular Easter Bingo event and we will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for prizes (Easter Eggs, crafts, books).
- On Monday 16th March Team Rigby are having an Anglo-Saxon & Viking Day. Children can bring an Anglo-Saxon/Viking costume to school to wear in the afternoon. This can be as simple as a hessian sack & rope with a cardboard shield or some simple jewellery. During the afternoon they will write using runes, taste Anglo-Saxon & Viking foods, do some weaving and some outdoor Forest School tasks.
- There will be a Year 3 and 4 World Cup Football event we will be selecting a team for.
- Years 5 and 6 have a music experience at Parbold Village Hall where they will watch the Elias Quartet perform a concert.
- Our choir club will entertain their families with a free performance.
- Parents Evenings will take place to keep you informed about your child's progress.
- Team Rigby will be holding an Easter Worship in church.
- Team EYFS will have a Bible Day and a day at Beacon Country Park to look forward to.

Church Dates:

Upcoming church dates are:

1st February – JAM Club (Sunday School)

3rd February – Back by popular demand! The Lantern Walk is at 6pm. All are invited to come to this event. Please come to school for 6pm with a torch or a decorated jar with a battery tealight in it. There will then be a short walk with our lanterns/torches.

15th February – All Age Worship in school

1st March – JAM Club (Sunday School)

Later in the year:

27th March – 12th April – Easter Trail around the church grounds.

28th March – Easter Fun Day (more details to follow).







We NEED a NEW LEADER








ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DO IN 2026!

WHY NOT JOIN 2nd Parbold and Dalton RAINBOW UNIT?



Are you someone:

-  who is interested in volunteering
-  who wants to get involved in your local community
-  who is vibrant, energetic, creative, young minded and who wants to be a leader.
-  and finally, someone who wants to join our fabulous team!

More about our unit.

-  We currently meet at the Hut on The Hill, Parbold, Wednesday evening (term time) from 5.15 -6.15pm (This could change to accommodate a new leader).
-  We have 15 Rainbows all girls aged between 4 and 7 years old.
-  We have a current waiting list of approx. 30. There is a real appetite for girls to get involved in Girlguiding in our area.
-  The role would suit a sister, daughter, mother, grandmother auntie, or carer.
-  Do you know someone who may wish to share the role with you?
-  No experience is required.
-  All Training is provided free of charge. This includes online e-learning webinars, first aid courses and a DBS check. The training can be completed within a 12-month period; however, it can be completed much quicker if you prefer.

We have an amazing team to support the role of Leader:

-  Jane and Helen are both Unit Helpers with many years' experience
-  Katy, Bronwen, Carys are our young leaders who help at each meeting. We also have Katie our new unit helper.

If you are interested in the position and would like to know more please contact:

Rebecca Dobson, Parbold Commissioners Parboldcommissioners@hotmail.com

Or Call Helen Fairhurst 07840 255070

If you'd like to know more about the role of leader go online to: **Girl Guiding Becoming a Leader**





📍 Newburgh CoE School Hall

📅 Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays

📅 Starting first week of February

⌚ Arrive 6:00am | Start 6:15am | Done by 7:00am (Getting it done first thing really sets you up for the day!!)

✅ First session is FREE £80 per month thereafter

✅ All abilities welcome (everything is scalable)

✅ If you can only make 2 sessions some weeks, I'll send you the at-home version so you stay on track with the programme!

✅ Contact Jules on 07434 611 669 or info@hybridfitlife.com



Visit us at:



Parbold Library

Library Club - February

Calling all 5-8 year olds!

Saturday 14th February 10:00 – 10.45 am

Come and celebrate Chinese New Year! Listen to a story, find out about special traditions, play fun games and join in the craft activities.

Saturday 28th February 10:00 – 10.45 am

Listen to 'Pick a story: A Wizard Astronaut Pyramid Adventure' and have fun deciding what happens next... Try out our story dice and make up some short tales of your own.

No boooking required

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Target Games, Swimming*
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until
4.30PM

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please email
holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org





Learn to Ride



The WLSP Learn to Ride and Level 1 programme is a great introduction to cycling for primary aged children.

Available for ages 7+



ABOUT

Our fully qualified and experienced instructors will aim to improve the participants riding ability and overall confidence.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sessions take place on the tennis courts at Burscough Priory Academy. Please access the Main Car Park and make your way to the school's reception where our instructor will be there to greet you.

Please feel free to book multiple sessions and for more practice!

*** A limited number of helmets can be provided, but we encourage you to bring your own if possible - please contact us first before booking if you require a helmet

*** Children must bring their own bike ***

LOCATIONS AND DATES

Burscough Priory Academy,
Friday 20th February 2026

Learn To Ride, 9am - 12pm (3 x 1 hour sessions)
Level 1, 1pm - 2.30pm (£7.50)

£5 PER 1 HOUR SESSION

To book; <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
For more info call: 01704 377982



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